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CHURCH DIARY

St James

Church Services for June are:

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Sunday 28 June

Eucharist at 9.30 am

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Tuesday 2:00 pm, Craft Club

Wednesday 6:00 pm, The Gathering. A meal followed by a short bible study.

All are welcome.

Friday 10:00 am, Prayer Gathering

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. We would be pleased for you to join with us

Judy Land



Photo by Ricky Moss

CHURCH NEWS

Church Article

Having travelled overseas to various countries, for me there is no place like Derbyshire, in particular home here in the Derbyshire Dales and of course Bonsall! We are in the centre of England, not near the coast and sea, but have lovely Dales, streams and rivers. Watching the changing seasons is such a pleasure too.

God is an amazing Creator, providing us with a creation that changes from season to season, with a variety of contrasts and such beauty. Journeys over the moor watching fields, hedges and trees being transformed; thanking God for eyes to see His amazing creation all around. Yellow dandelions that transform into beautiful "parachutes" - hundreds from one flower head that has been so beneficial to a variety of insects!



Into my thoughts came a line from a hymn - "changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise." This is from a well-known hymn - "Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down". Charles Wesley wrote this hymn back in the 1700s and it is often sung at weddings and services today. It sums up God's amazing love for this world and each individual person in the world whatever age they may be. How He comes to transform the lives of all people, people like you and me and our families, with His compassion and love. He simply asks that we put our faith and trust in Jesus, His one and only Son. He then equips us to live for Him, in the ordinary, everyday circumstances of our lives, until one day we shall meet with Him face to face and, as the hymn says, "Cast our crowns before Him, lost in wonder, love and praise." Perhaps you sung the hymn "Love divine" at your wedding? Why not come and join us at The Dale Chapel, The Village Life Church, St James Church? A warm welcome awaits you. You can then sing this hymn and others as we worship God, our amazing Creator, who invites us to know Him personally!

Enjoy June and all the special days we shall celebrate.

Judy Land, Bonsall Dale Chapel

Floodlighting

There are no floodlighting memories now until September

If anyone would like to be included in September, please let me know by the middle of August

You might have noticed that the floodlighting has been changed to LED bulbs which give a different light but will be cheaper to run.

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Bonsall School, Year 6 SATs and celebrations!

Felix, Arne and Zach have just finished their SATs, the assessments completed by Year 6s across the country. These tests covered grammar, spelling, reading and maths. Whilst they were tough, Zach said that it was an enjoyable experience overall. Both Felix and Arne preferred different subjects within the week. Most importantly however, was the party lunch which the Year 5s (with some help from staff) had kindly prepared for them. The Year 6s excitedly donned their new Leavers hoodies with pride, emerged through the sparkly curtain and took the acclaim of the applauding children as they paraded across the playground in celebration.

The post-SATs festivities did not stop there! On Friday they were invited to a celebration event at Whitworth Park, hosted by Rural Derbyshire School Sports Partnership. There were more than 400 Year 6 children attending from schools across North Derbyshire and they had an opportunity to try a number of different sports, such as; boccia, tai-chi, American football, axe-throwing, archery, cricket, handball, hooping and dance. Zach was impressed by the variety of sports available, Arne enjoyed the day, but particularly the ice-cream and Felix channelled his inner-Viking and fully embraced the axe-throwing. And how could they forget the inflatable obstacle course!

Arne, Felix and Zach are looking forward to making the most of their final few weeks at Bonsall School before moving on up to their respective secondary schools.!

Rebecca Smart

And Then a Music Evening...

There will be a good fun Music evening at Bonsall School on Saturday, July 4 starting at 6:30 pm.

The entertainment will be from present pupils, past pupils and those who live locally.

Tickets will be £3 for adults and £1.50 for children (no charge for performers) and can be bought, nearer the time, from Jennie Pugh at Bonsall School. Refreshments will be available.

Come and enjoy the evening! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Staff and PTFA of Bonsall School.

Auction - An Evening of Fun

Bonsall School PTFA would just like to remind everyone of the Auction which, thanks to Paige and Alex, will take place in the King's Head from 7:30pm on Friday 5 June. All money that is raised will be used to buy learning resources for the pupils at Bonsall School.

There are currently 70 + items for sale which are advertised in the **attachment** and for which bids can be made in advance by those who are unable to attend.

In addition, there is a raffle which is currently in the King's Head. The winning ticket for the filled hamper will be drawn at the Auction with the winner, if not present, being contacted after the event.

Members of the PTFA would like to thank Richard and Kath Taylor for their huge support and everyone for their donations. They look forward to seeing as many people as possible at the King's Head.

Any further donations for the auction can be taken to school or brought to the event.

Thank you for your support.

Ann Hamblly

Village Lunch Club

For May the menu started with a tasty chicken and sausage casserole with roast potatoes, cauliflower and Yorkshire puddings. To follow was a treacle tart or an unusual and very delicious apple and marzipan tart, both served with cream. Tea and the answers to the quiz finished the meal.

This month, we will meet on 17 June at 12.30. Like to join us? If you didn't use the sign-in sheet handed round this month, please phone Phil on 01629 826309 and give him your name and details of any allergies you have.

We do provide a take-out service if getting to the village hall is difficult. Hoping for a happy summer!

Jenny March



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Mutterings Mutts of the Month

Hi there, this is Leia she's a 4 year old Lurcher from Uppertown! She's a fun loving but very lazy dog who loves nothing more than snoozing the day away after a quick zoom round the garden! She also loves to chase the cats, George and Patricia around the house! (They're not too keen on this activity it has to be said.)

Here she is posing with the stunning dandelions on Bonsall Moor.

Owner: Siobhan Haymes



Photo by 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

Bonsall Village Hall Quiz Night

On Saturday 25 April, Bonsall Village Hall held a successful Pie and Quiz night. A tasty selection of pies were served from Ginger Butchers with peas and gravy, followed by the quiz. Seven teams competed to see who would be the champions and if the previous winners would retain their crown (they didn't!). Questions had been set by Jon Ogilvie - thank you, Jon - and the compere was Jon Barry, who just about managed to behave himself!

Thank you to all that came and supported the event, we raised £531.61, which goes towards the maintenance and other costs associated with running the Village Hall.

Hazel Baldwin,

Chairwoman on behalf of the management committee.



Bob Spowart gracefully hands over the VH Quiz trophy to Chris Wood, supervised by Dennis the Menace.

Bonsall is Beautiful - BIB

This month I found myself as the "Quizmaster" for the BVH Annual Quiz, ironically raising money to go towards paying for the solar panels on the VH roof! This has to be irony at its best! Firstly I had to instruct all contestants to do a Morgan McWeeny, and lose their mobile phones for an hour, and secondly regarding fire safety, I hoped that everyone's wills were up to date, in case the solar battery situated in the store room blew up!

QUESTION 1 "a hostelry called the "Prancing Pony" features in which history work of 1954?" proved why I hate quizzes, and why I've never answered a

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question correctly- ever! After an hour of questions two of the six teams tied for first place, "The Hill St Blues" and the "Juggernauts", fortunately being a professional quiz master, I had a deciding question in my back pocket. Bob Spowart, last year's winning team Captain, was not in contention, deservedly so in my opinion, as his incomprehensible team name caused me major embarrassment, every time I tried to pronounce it. Cheers Bob. And so to the final question, with everything at stake "in what year was the first copy of the Beano printed? (30 July 1938) Pam Mc Inally and Jaqueline Beardsley looked at each other in sheer, utter disbelief- the Beano and Dennis the Menace was not one of their specialist subjects. Hence the "Juggernauts" came to an abrupt halt. And so the "Hill Street Blues", Jim and Pam Rose, and Chris and Anne Wood were triumphant, only being three years out.

And finally, as I was enjoying my lunch in Bonsall's beautiful church, a parishioner approached me to BEG my help? "The iconic red phone box at the Barley Mow, it needs TLC and needs painting. It needs doing quickly before anyone decides to put a starlink Dish, or solar panel on it's roof!" This sounds like a job for BIB (think Batman music...)

Jon Barry

Co-chairperson of BIB

(Please WhatsApp me on 07866750636 for any support, physical or financial).

Right now, we are working on a community roof top solar scheme. The proposal is to install solar panels on community buildings and farm buildings, in collaboration with the roof top owners, to generate cheap and green electricity. As you may know, we have supported the village hall installation and are working with Study Farm, Manor Farm, Puddle Hill Farm, the church and the school to explore doing the same.

If we can get enough electricity generation going through this scheme, we can open what is called a local energy trading club - this means that excess energy generated from these rooftops can be sold to local residents at a good price. For example, the school might have excess energy to sell at the week-ends whilst Manor Farm would likely have excess energy to sell between milking and other farming activities. In addition to the roof top solar scheme, the feasibility study looked at ground mounted solar (but we didn't yet find a viable site) and wind generation (where we found two non-viable and one viable site). All of the details can be found on our website, along with some FAQs about the feasibility study and future plans.

Bonsall Energy Group is a community benefit society. We are largely volunteers from the village. If you'd like to get involved, please contact us at info@bonsallenergy.group or come along to a meeting and say hi.

Any questions please let me know.

Thanks!

Deena – on behalf of Bonsall Energy Group

Bonsall Energy Group –

Summer 2026 update

Happy summer from all of us at Bonsall Energy Group. There's been quite a lot of chat in Mutterings about the village hall, solar panels and our activities, so probably time for an update!

In case you haven't read previous Mutterings articles or visited our website - bonsallenergy.group - last year we finished a feasibility report looking at which community energy options might work for Bonsall. Community energy is essentially renewable energy that benefits the village (whether that's through money saved on energy bills, a community fund, or by other means). Our research revealed a few potentially viable schemes within the parish, as well as some that weren't viable (mostly due to poor electrical grid infrastructure).

Big Village Clean Up

On the morning of Sunday 7 June there will be a Big Village Clean Up. This is partly to tidy our village before the Arts Festival on 20 & 21 June. It is also to relaunch the idea of tidying a patch near to your house, or any other place you think is overgrown. Bonsall Roadside Clearing, Wilder Bonsall and the Parish Council are all committed to avoiding the use of weedkiller and we have to continue to clear our verges to make this possible.

If you wish to work with others, pick up red bags (for green waste) or borrow tools, please call in to the Community Garden at 10 am. Otherwise, just choose your area and work away. For your safety, hi viz and cones will also be available to collect from the Community Garden.

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If possible, please bring full and part full bags to the park when you have finished on the Sunday. If for any reason you are unable to do this, please contact Loreen (07467 234269) or Jacqueline (07482 831945) and we will arrange to collect them.

Thank you very much. Bonsall is Beautiful!

Loreen Elliott (on behalf of Roadside Clearing)

PLEASE NOTE: All children must be supervised and please think about safety. Bonsall Roadside Clearing are not responsible for any accidents or injuries.

Bonsall Senior Citizens

There will be our usual Summer Outing on Tuesday 4 August so if you are 60+ and would like to join us, we would be pleased to see you. To book your seat, please contact one of the following:

Linda: 07979 613959

Ann Hambly: 07711 483510

Anne Punchard: 07818 329058

Janet: 07971 414724

The coach will leave at:

Town Head: 9:30am

Cross: 9:35

Dale End: 9:40

Top of Clatterway: 9:45

Please let us know by 15 June, and we look forward to seeing you all.

Also, just a couple of reminders:

- we will be having our usual cake stall at the Carnival, so any cakes pasties or bread would be well received;

- the Horticultural Show will take place on Saturday 5 September in the Village Hall where once again we hope to have another professional, enjoyable and successful day and hope to see you all there. Details are included in this issue of Mutterings (see last 2 pages).

And, on behalf of Bonsall Senior Citizens, we would like to say a big thank you to 'Open Gardens' for their generous donation of £250. It is a big help towards their 2 annual outings which they all thoroughly enjoy.

Janet Brown

On behalf of the Bonsall Senior Citizens Committee



Peak District Community Nature Fund

I'm part of the team at the Peak District Foundation and we operate a grant scheme called the Community Nature Fund, which provides grants of up to £5,000 to support community groups in the Peak District National Park who want to create, expand and improve spaces for nature. We're looking for ways to raise the profile of the Fund and make sure that every group that

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might be interested is aware it exists. In that context, we wanted to reach out to your publication. Our next deadline is 5 June, which may be a bit late to promote it this time? But either way, I'd be really grateful for a steer as to whether this is something you'd be interested in including in your publication and, if so, what you would need from us? We also have deadlines on 25 September and 29 January 2027.

You can find more information about the Fund on our website - <https://www.peakdistrictfoundation.org.uk/community-nature-fund/> - but if you need anything else, please just let me know.

Many thanks,
Lucy Newman
Fundraising and Grants Assistant

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(part-time Monday-Thursday)

VILLAGE HISTORY SLOT

After Framework Knitting...

By the end of the 1st World War Framework Knitting was no longer carried out in the village of Bonsall. The Rev. Arthur Copley J.P. born in 1863, was the highly regarded minister of the Queen Street Baptist Church in Ikeston. He was a ferocious advocate for the poor children of the town.

He was a regular guest at week-night Baptist services in Bonsall and around 1915, he and his wife set up a home for poor and delicate children in Bonsall, so the children could benefit from the 'glorious air'. The home made use of a house on Yeoman Street (now known as Weaver's Cottage) and also the 1737 framework knitters' workshop in The Dale where meals were served and the children could play. This arrangement continued until around 1938.

Raising funds had always been difficult and after the Rev. Copley's death, the Nottingham Sunday School Union proposed to open a new home for children in Skegness. It is uncertain if this happened.

(sources: "Bonsall - A Village and Its History" Book and Derbyshire Times)
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Ikeston children's school on Yeoman St.

Photo source Bonsall History Book

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Picture creation by Elisabeth Stoppard

An artistic creation (from an original photograph) of a recent visit to Bonsall by T'Owd Man Morris, a local dance and revelry acoustic band, enjoying the delights of one of our local hostelryes
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Parish Council Report for meeting on 12 May 2026

Annual Parish Meeting

The Chair's Annual Report and the Responsible Finance Officer's Annual Finance report were shared at the meeting. These reports are available on the Parish Council website - <https://bonsall-pc.gov.uk/meetings/annual-parish-meeting>

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Election of the Chair – Cllr. M Harris. Election of the Vice Chair - Cllr. R Grover

General Meeting:

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

Public Speaking: A member of the public requested that the council continued to support the current no spraying policy within the village. This was unanimously agreed.

Matters Outstanding:

Lease arrangements with the Diocese: Cllr. Binns has contacted the land agents and is awaiting a response.

Notice Board Repairs: Cllr. Spowart has removed the noticeboard from the Cross to refurbish it. Cllr. Binns has inspected the noticeboard in Slayey and is in the process of restoring this with new backing timber.

Car Park Sign: Cllr. Grover is in the process of obtaining a new sign.

Netball post on the park: This will be removed before the Arts Trail weekend. Cllr Spowart

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Repair steps between playgrounds:

Cllr. Spowart is in the process of repairing these.

Councillors to establish sites for no parking signs:

It was agreed to replace the missing one adjacent to the fountain at the Cross and to establish fixing points on the congested area on the Clatterway.

Village Matters

Flooding: Awaiting a response from Cllr. Hunter. The Clerk will re-establish the Flood Warden Scheme. Flood sacks are stocked.

Park

Fixing of dog/no camping signs/re-siting of bench/replacement/restoration of portion of fencing/leak in the WC: The dog signs have been affixed around the park. Cllr. Barry will affix the 'no camping' signs. Cllr. Barry will also re-site the bench back into the toddler play area and will replace the small section of fencing to this area which needs restoration.

Cllr. S Smith reported that the leak in the WC was now repaired.

Website: No issues reported

Quarrying: Report on blasting by Ball Eye near to the public footpath. This is ongoing – Cllr. Grover

Roads/Verges/Footpaths: The potholes on the Clatterway were still an issue and no feedback had been received from the County Council in relation to when the work was to be undertaken. The Roadside Clearing team has requested a green material bin be sited on the car park. It was noted that the conditions of the lease would not allow this. The council agreed that the lengthsman would remove any green material that the DDDC would not take. This process will be reviewed by the Council at the end of the year.

Lengthsman Update: The park area will be tidied prior to the Arts Trail.

The Cross: Cllr. S Smith met with the stone mason who will be carrying out the repair within the next week and will give a quote for the full restoration of the rest of the Cross.

Policies:

Strategic Plan: This was adopted.

Churchyard: Arrangements are in hand to remove the 4 dead trees.

Interim Clerk and RFO

Arrangements: Cllrs. Grover and J Smith continue to fulfil these responsibilities and are working together for the council audit. The personnel committee met and the interim clerk will put together a recruitment package for the replacement Clerk/RFO to be brought to the meeting in July 2026.

Assets: The clerk has contacted DDDC in relation to the wells on the Council Asset Register for clarification of wells' ownership and we are awaiting their response.

Dropped Kerb – Clatterway: A dropped kerb has been requested to be sited at the junction with Study Drive

Finance: Cllr Grover reported on the accounts currently. Last year's accounts have been sent to the auditor and the audit is still ongoing.

Planning Applications: The Council had no objection to the following application

Felling of two (2) cherry trees
– 28 High Street, Bonsall

The next Parish Council meeting – 7.30pm on Tuesday 16 June 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 9 June 2026

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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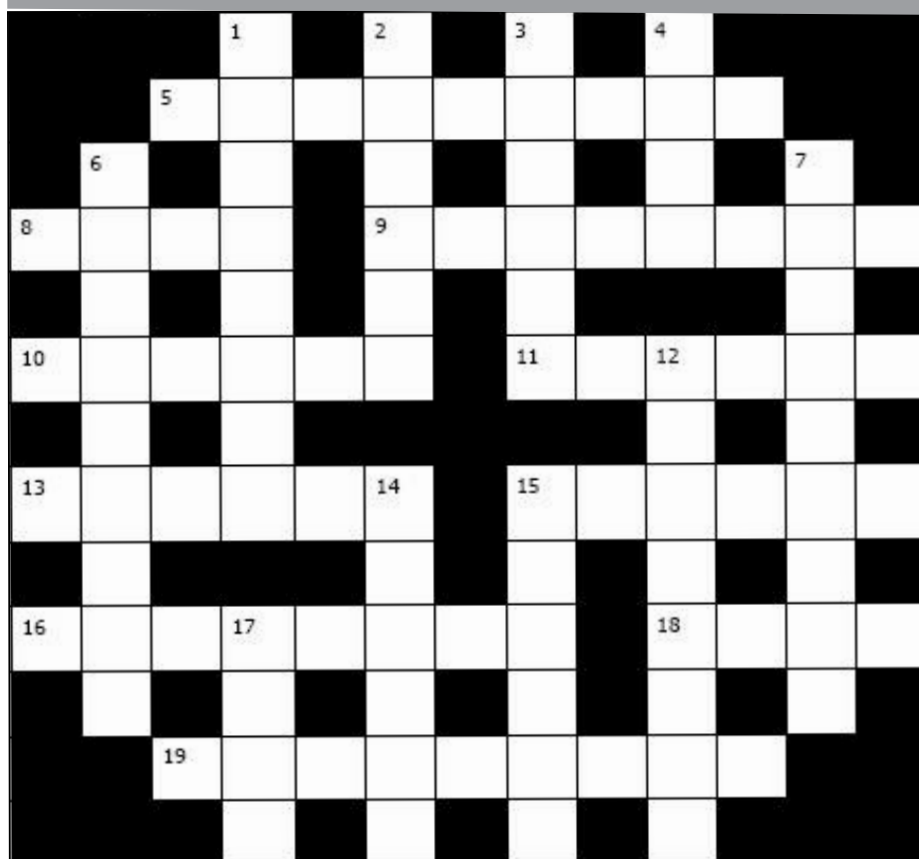


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CROSSWORD #183

by Pam McNally



N.B. References to 9 are for the second word.

Across:

5. Align stem around connective tissues. (9)
8. 9 and what one does with it backwards! (4)
9. Book (second) by Little Richard? (4-4)
10. Endless tragedy about 9. (6)
11. See 15d.
13. 9. Spit on criminal. (6)
15. 9. Gregory, maybe, hesitating. (6)
16. Loveless hole in loft is sporty. (8)
18. The French leave 9 for nail. (4)
19. O.K. American policeman in charge of a gang inside. (9)
(This word is a bit obscure for us Brits, but I actually heard it on an American programme recently!)

Down:

1. Illegitimate – result of carelessness with 9? (8)
2. 9 seen in Oldham, Merseyside. (6)
3. 9. Setter is with doctor – old queen! (6)
4. He uses his 9 – with filly? (4)
6. Can't get enough 9? I ate one in this month at first. (9)
7. Agreement for NZ rugby shirt sponsors to acquire rugby park in Auckland first then Taihape last. (9)
12. 9 with back of sidecar, possibly. (8)
14. No disease these days? Quite good! (3,3)
- 15 & 11ac. 9 that's undersized but powerful. (6,6)
17. Spoils erect 9. (4)

Answers to Crossword no. 182.

Across: 5. Easy Rider. 8. Tart. 9. Horseman. 10. Obtain. 11. Daphne. 13. Jockey. 15. Hooker. 16. Classier. 18. Elon. 19. Suck-holer (honestly, it was the only word that would fit!).
Down: 1. Fastback. 2. Hyphen. 3. Nimrod. 4. Meme. 6. Bamboozle. 7. Launcelot. 12. Protegee. 14. Yoicks. 15. Harlot. 17. Slut.

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SUDOKU by Sarah Smith

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	Alan David	07517 449074
Bonsall Barn Project		
	Liz Stoppard / Mike Susko	823712
Bonsall Camp		
	Matthew Quinn	07988 071682
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	Chris Broome	07900 330209
Church Bell Ringers		
	Melissa Wellbourn Hesp	826303
Church Flood Lighting		
	Di Moor	07432 131808
Carnival Committee		
	Rob Stevenson	07448 875076
History Group		
	Dave Headon	07738 425374
Open Gardens	Ollie Gerrish	824498
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Roadside Clearing		
	Loreen Elliott	07467 234269
School Head	Rebecca Smart	822573
School Toddler Club	Di Moor	07432 131808
School Foundation		
	Norma Rickards (Clerk)	822257
St James		
	Rev Janet Turville	01629 701334
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	Jackie Smith	823544
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	Pastor Matthew Quinn	07988 071682
Village Lunch Club	Ron Addis	826309
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Village Hall

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

- **Village organisations:**
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£25 - one floor; £35 - both floors
- **Village people private hire:**
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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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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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Mr T Taxi	07815689241
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Bonsall Village

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the Fountain Tearooms or

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items below, more information

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Matlock Street

Bakewell DE45 1HD

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Tuesday 9:00 - 5:00 HSBC

Wednesday 9:00 - 5:00 Lloyds

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Friday 9:00 - 5:00 Halifax

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All enquiries 533190. Out of Hours

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Tourist information

Matlock 583388

Matlock Bath 583834

Trading Standards 585858

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The Fountain 10:50am-11:20am Ring:

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Police/Safer Neighbourhoods 101

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matlock.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.

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Wirksworth 823034

DIARY FOR June 2026

Date		Event	Venue
Fri	5	PTFA Auction – An Evening of Fun	King's Head
Sun	7	Big Village Clean Up	
Sun	14	Eucharist at 9.30 am	St James
Tue	16	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wed	17	12.30pm, Village Lunch Club	Village Hall
Thu	18	Deadline for submissions for July Mutterings	
Sat	20	Bonsall Arts Trail 2026	
Sun	21	Bonsall Arts Trail 2026	
Fri	26	10:50-11:20 am Mobile Library	The Fountain
Sun	28	Eucharist at 9.30 am	St James

Future Dates

Sat 4 July PTFA Music Evening

Sat 5 Sept Horticultural Show

Bin Collection Dates

June 2026

Fri 5 Blue & Green Bins and food caddy

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Fri 19 Blue & Green Bins and food caddy

Fri 26 Grey Bins and food caddy



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 SCAN ME

BONSALL HORTICULTURAL SHOW RECIPES

SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER VILLAGE HALL

FRUIT CAKE RECIPE



Ingredients:

340g - mixed fruit
1 - egg
115g - sugar
115g - butter or margarine
230g - self raising flour
115ml - water

Method:

1. Place fruit, sugar, butter or margarine and water in a pan and simmer slowly for 20 minutes.
2. Allow to cool to room temperature, whisk the eggs and fold into the fruit/butter mix then fold in the flour.
3. Turn into a greased 18cm (7") tin.
4. Bake in moderate oven Gas mark 4, 180°C (160°C fan) for approx 50 mins

All-in-one VICTORIA SANDWICH RECIPE

One of the many great recipes in the Wi "Big book of baking"

Ingredients:

175g - half each of softened butter & margarine
175g - caster sugar
175g - self-raising flour
½ tsp - baking powder
3 - eggs
¼ tsp - vanilla extract

TO FINISH

3 tbsp raspberry jam or conserve
caster sugar for dusting

SCAN TO SEE ONLINE



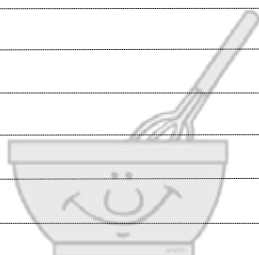
Method:

1. Grease and base line 2 x 18cm (7") tins. Preheat the oven Gas Mark 4/180°C/160°C fan
2. Place the butter/margarine and sugar in a mixing bowl. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour & baking powder. Add to the fat & sugar with the eggs & vanilla extract.
3. Using an electric whisk, begin with it on slow to mix the ingredients & then increase to fast and beat for 2 mins, stopping to scrape down the mixture halfway through.
4. Divide the batter equally between the tins & smooth the surfaces, making a slight dent in the centre of each. Bake for about 25 mins or until the sponges are risen, golden & springy. Remove from the oven and leave in the tin for 5 mins to allow the cakes to settle.
5. Run a knife carefully around the edge of the tin to loosen the cake. Place on a wire rack to cool.
6. Once cooled, spread one of the sponges with jam. Place the other on top and dust the surface with caster sugar.

ENTRY FORM



Class No	No. Entries In Class	Entrants Name	Entry Fee 20p Children FREE	Class No	No. Entries In Class	Entrants Name	Entry Fee 20p Children FREE



Happy baking and good luck

BONSALL HORTICULTURAL SHOW 2026

SATURDAY 5th SEPTEMBER VILLAGE HALL

Class No.

PRODUCE

- 1) 5 - Potatoes - white
- 2) 5 - Potatoes - coloured
- 3) 3 - Beetroot - with tops
- 4) 6 - Runner/French etc Beans - with stalks
- 5) 3 - Onions - from sets - dressed
- 6) 1 - Brassica - Cabbage/Cauliflower etc
- 7) 6 - Tomatoes - with stalks
- 8) 6 - Cherry Tomatoes
- 9) 3 - Carrots - with half tops
- 10) 2 - Leeks
- 11) 1 - Marrow / Pumpkin / Squash etc
- 12) 3 - Courgettes
- 13) 4 - Apples – cooking
- 14) 4 - Apples – dessert
- 15) 6 - Eggs



FLOWERS

- 16) Dahlias - 3
- 17) Sweet Peas - 6+
- 18) Arrangement of cut flowers - mixed varieties
- 19) Roses - 4 blooms
- 20) Any flower - 6 same variety
- 21) Chrysanthemums - 3



ART / HANDICRAFT etc

- 22) Any handmade item
- 23) 1 item Knitting
- 24) 1 item Crochet work



Class No.

ADULT COOKERY

- 25) Fruit Cake - to recipe overleaf
- 26) All-in-one Victoria Sandwich - to recipe overleaf
- 27) Sponge Cake - decorated - any recipe
- 28) 6 Rich Fruit Scones
- 29) 6 Cheese Scones
- 30) 6 Sausage Rolls
- 31) 2 Pasties (Cornish/Cheese etc)
- 32) Savoury Quiche or Flan
- 33) 6 Fancy Cakes
- 34) 3 Sweet Tartlets (Jam/Fruit etc)
- 35) Homemade Jam
- 36) Homemade White Bread - approx 1lb-2lb
- 37) Homemade Wholemeal Bread - approx 1lb-2lb
- 38) Breadmaker Loaf - any size/type
- 39) Bottle of Homemade Wine/Beer/Cider etc
- 40) Homemade Chutney or Pickle



JUNIOR / CHILDRENS CLASSES (Max 15 yrs)

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- 41) Photo of "Any friend" (Human or Animal !)
We can print your picture at the show for **FREE** just bring the file on your mobile etc or email using the QR code before the show
- 42) 6 Fairy Cakes
- 43) Sponge Cake
- 44) Garden or Fun Face on a plate
- 9 yrs & under



- 45) Model - Any Materials inc Lego / Meccano 9 & under
- 46) Model - Any Materials inc Lego / Meccano over 9

ENTRIES 9.15am - 12 noon on the day DOORS OPEN 6pm PRESENTATION OF CUPS 7.15PM AUCTION to FOLLOW
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