



Issue 262

T'Owd Man's

September 2026

Mutterings



BONSALL HAS A ROYALLY GOOD TIME!

Carnival King Finley and his trusty attendants lead the celebrations - another fantastic Carnival week!

Photo by Leigh Pugh



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 September:

Sunday 13 Sept

Eucharist at 9:30 am

Sunday 27 Sept

Eucharist at 9:30 am

On Thursday 17 September there will be a family fun and crafts session for children after school entitled 'Fishers of Men'. There will be drinks and snacks for all. No need to book, just come along.

Wirksworth Team Ministry

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

Bonsall Church Café

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

We offer ham, cheese and hot sausage cobs, home-made soup and cakes all at reasonable prices.

The Wirksworth Team Ministry

Village Life Church (High Street)

Sunday 10:30 am Worship Service

Tuesday 2:00 pm Craft Club

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

Sunday 27 September 10:30 am 'Your Kingdom' Prayer Service. We will be praying for our community, our nation and our world. All are welcome.

Sunday 4 October 10:30 am Harvest Festival. All Age Service, everyone welcome. Followed by a roast dinner.

For more information about the church, or if you need any practical help and support please call on 07988071682 or visit villagelifechurch.uk

Pastor Matthew Quinn

Bonsall Camp Site Manager

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel (The Dale)

Sunday Services are at 6:15 pm.

All are welcome.

Judy Land

CHURCH NEWS

Giving Thanks or having an "Attitude of Gratitude", is something I trust we all do, at all times hopefully, and no doubt in a variety of ways! We may be walking, driving the car, shopping, buying a coffee, dining in a restaurant - it can be so easy to expect a "service to be provided", and yet take the service and servers for granted. "It's their job!"

As a child I was given a Bible, which had been given to my Dad as a child, and then, back in 1956, I received a small book called "Pillows and Prayers", as a Sunday School Prize for attendance. Several of the stories have stayed with me over the years and certainly verses from the Bible to. One story is called "The Golden Key" and opens with the following verse:

"Hearts are like doors, they open with ease, to very, very, little keys. Always remember two of these are "thank you" and "please"!

Life doesn't always turn out as expected and learning to be thankful can be challenging! I always feel as a Christian I should wear a badge "Work in Progress" for I'm sure I am still being moulded and shaped, moment by moment, day by day!

Bible verses that come to mind are:

"Always give thanks to God, the Father, for everything"

Ephesians 5 verse 20

"Do not be anxious about anything but by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God"

Philippians 4 verse 6

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, 1 Thessalonians 5 v 16 - 18; 2 Thessalonians 3 v 3 The Lord is faithful.

We sing a hymn written by Mr T. O. Chisholm -

'Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not, As Thou has been, Thou forever will be. Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness, Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand has provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me."

Well, I can say that God has truly, been faithful to me in all manner of circumstances and situations down the years and so, I commend the Lord

and His Word to you! May you and I continue to learn more about the Lord and put into practice "giving thanks in all circumstances!"

Judy Land

Church Well Dressing

Once again, a big thank you to Fiona Drake who designed yet another stunning picture for the Church Well depicting our Patron Saint St James.

Thanks also to Alan who keeps the frames in good order and Ken who puts the clay on for us.

The men who helped put the frame in place and the ladies who petalled and helped clean the church afterwards; thank you all so much.

The sum of £80 has been taken to Aquabox at Wirksworth.

Di Moor

Village Life Church and Uppertown Well Dressings

A big thank you to all who came to help make these well dressings happen - collecting flowers, puddling etc. We really appreciate your support, time and effort. The three wells raised £60 for Cancer Research UK kids and teens.

Thanks for all of the donations.

Dawn Quinn



OBITUARY

Remembering Linda Cauldwell

May 1952 – Jul 2026

Linda Cauldwell was, in so many ways, part of the fabric of Bonsall. She was born here, lived much of her life here, made friends here, cared for people here, and, above all, loved the people of this village.

Born to Alfred and Meredith Bunting, Linda grew up in Bonsall and always remembered her childhood with great affection. She would often say, "We never had much growing up, but we were happy." Perhaps that simple outlook stayed with her throughout her life. Linda never seemed to need very much to be happy, and she found enormous joy in people, friendship and community.

Linda was an amazing friend.

She had a remarkable ability to make people feel that they belonged. Whether you had known her for ten minutes or ten years, she could make you feel like part of the family. Her door was always open, usually with an invitation to "pop in for a cuppa".

She made friends everywhere. Down at the King's Head, where she was part of the darts team, enjoyed the quizzes and, occasionally, a drink or two. She enjoyed nights out at the Edgefold Club, village events, holidays with friends and countless cups of tea and conversations.

She was also a familiar and much-loved face at Village Life Chapel and the Craft Club in later years. And then, of course, there was Charlie.

Linda's beloved pug was something of a character—perhaps a slightly unruly cannonball of a dog whose breathing could probably be heard from several streets away! But Charlie brought Linda enormous happiness and companionship, particularly in her later years.

Bonsall was not just the place Linda lived. Bonsall was her community, and the place she loved.

She was always looking for ways to contribute and to make Bonsall a better place for the people who lived here.

She gave her time to many aspects of village life, including the Women's Institute, Bonsall Senior Citizens, the Luncheon Club, the Horticultural Show, Harvest Festival auctions and fundraising for village causes. She also

briefly served on the Parish Council.

She was one of those people whose presence could easily be taken for granted because she was simply always there—, at village events, at the chapel, sat in the garden chatting with her neighbours, having a cup of tea, sharing a story or simply saying hello.

And it is often only when someone like that is gone that we realise just how much they were part of the life of a place.

Linda will be greatly missed by her family, her friends, her neighbours and by the wider Bonsall community.

Thank you, Linda, for the friendship, the laughter, the cups of tea, the stories, the kindness and the many ways you cared for the people around you.

Bonsall was a better place because you were here.

Matthew Quinn

Bonsall Camp Site Manager

FLOODLIGHTING

John and Pauline Sewry remember Patrick as a loving brother, uncle and friend, especially his love of fun.

Gordon and Christine Hardy remember Gordon's mum and dad.

Ron and Pam during the second week for their birthdays.

If you would like to be included, e-mail me please.

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Thank you

Di Moor

dimoor2014@yahoo.co.uk

Paul Gould

As most of you may be aware Paul passed away very unexpectedly on the 18th of August.

At the time of writing it is still very early days but we wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for the many cards, flowers and messages we have received.

The love and support shown to us and the outpouring of love for Paul has meant more to us than we can ever express.

LETTERS

Thank you to our wonderful family (too many to name!) who have rallied round and given us so much love, strength and comfort.

Also, a special thank you to Paul Hambly, Richard Taylor and Shane Taylor for their support and kindness while we waited for the ambulance.

Paul was incredibly proud to be from Bonsall - it really is a very special community.

Linda, Amy, Rob, Tom and Chloe x

School Holidays

The school holidays are nearly over and I have been thinking how lucky we are to live in a village like ours where children can play outdoors. We have the park where they can ride their bikes, play football or make dens.

They are free to wander around safely in the knowledge that there is usually someone who knows them and can help if they need it.

There can't be many places left where children have this kind of freedom.

Di Moor

Bonsall Carnival – Thank You!

Another fantastic Bonsall Carnival has come to an end, and we'd like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make it such a memorable week. From taking part in our events and volunteering your time, to sponsoring, donating, spectating and supporting us throughout the week, every contribution played a part in



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making this year's carnival so special. It was wonderful to see the village looking its very best once again.

The colourful bunting, famous knicker lines (which even made the local news!) and creative decorations brought smiles to so many faces and reminded us what a fantastic community we have. With next year marking our 100th Bonsall Carnival, let's make it our biggest display yet. We'd love to see even more knicker lines flying proudly around the village!

A huge thank you also goes to all of our entertainers, sponsors, local businesses, landowners, farmers and everyone who helped behind the scenes. Your generosity and support are what make Bonsall Carnival possible.

Finally, we'd like to thank our small but dedicated committee. Organising a week-long carnival takes months of planning, teamwork and commitment, and every member gives their time voluntarily to make it happen.

We hope everyone enjoyed this year's carnival as much as we enjoyed organising it.

Carnival Finances

We are pleased to report that this year's carnival raised a fantastic £4,197.28 through our events, programme sales, raffles, donations and the continued generosity of our community.

As always, organising the carnival comes with significant costs.

This year's carnival expenditure currently stands at approximately £3,918.66. These figures include insurance, road closures, entertainment, marquee hire, bands, programme printing, the lantern procession materials, waste and recycling, prizes and many other essential costs involved in organising a week-long community carnival. Please note that the cost of this year's fireworks are not included in these figures as the display has been postponed until September.

None of this would be possible without your continued support. Whether you attended an event, bought a programme or raffle ticket, volunteered, donated, sponsored an activity or simply came along to enjoy the festivities, thank you for helping keep this wonderful village tradition alive.

Finally, don't forget that our spectacular **fireworks display has been rescheduled to Friday 18th September** and you'll be able to see the beautiful lantern procession again. We hope you'll come along and help us bring another wonderful Bonsall Carnival to a spectacular close.

Thank you once again for your incredible support, and we look forward to welcoming you back as we celebrate the **100th Bonsall Carnival** next year!

Sarah Smith

Bonsall Carnival Treasurer

Congratulations to all our winners!

Best Dressed Float:

1st: Yellowstone – Bonsall Ranch

2nd: Toy Story

3rd: England Football – Bonsall School Children

Best Fancy Dress (16 & Over):

1st: Steven Smith

2nd: Shane Taylor

3rd: Louise Ward

Best Fancy Dress (15 & Under):

1st: Archie Taylor

2nd: (Joint) Daisy Haynes & Immy Rifkin

Monday Fun Run – 1 Lap:

1st Female: Nancy Dumphy-Wraith

1st Male: Caleb Kern-Lowe

2nd Female: Emily Jones

2nd Male: Oscar Wilson

3rd Female: Olivia Woolley

3rd Male: Alfie Harrison

Monday Fun Run – 2 Laps:

1st Female: Catherine Williams

1st Male: Cam Orr

2nd Female: Rachel Lee

2nd Male: Ben Meakin

3rd Female: Alice Cundy

3rd Male: Robbie Truman

Tuesday 5-A-Side Football:

Adult Winners: The Fat 6

Adult Runners-up: The Kings Head

Child Winners: Santa's Little Helpers

Child Runners-up: Bagelifts

Wednesday – It's A Knockout:

1st: Joskins

2nd: Super Fiasco

3rd: Ram and Dragon

Thursday Treasure Hunt:

Adult Winners: Birchover Bells

Child Winner: Liv Mottershead



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It's a Knockout- Bonsall Carnival 2026

This year's 'It's a Knockout' was a great event.

We had an amazing turn out from teams old and new and lots more spectators. The perfect weather, along with the ice cream van and food available from the Fountain Café (thanks Anne) all went towards making it a great event.

We had 6 teams this year, with a lot of people within those teams being complete newbies to the games.

The competitive spirit was alive and well amongst the new, younger competitors. We may have to invest in VAR for next year!

Our new game, 'The Wheel of Misfortune', went better than hoped and the camouflage material didn't rip and let us down as we had feared!

The relay race finale was the highlight of the games with the race to the end in flippers showing some amazing skills, especially Todd Webster's impressive backflip - not sure the flippers survived it though! Brett Taylor eat your heart out, although as he kept reminding us, he was the oldest player there and still managed an impressive time, if not style, to complete his flipper run.

It was a close fought battle between our top 3 teams. Our winners, 'Joskins', headed up by Nathan Taylor and Sam Land beat our 2nd place team 'Super Fiasco', the Wayne/Osborne family by only 5 points. Who in turn beat our 3rd place team 'Ram and Dragon', headed up by the backflipping Todd Webster and Cam Orr, by only 5 points.

The top three teams were rewarded with prizes of hampers kindly donated by Dave and Laura Rifkin.

The losing three teams were not so lucky as they were given vouchers for Jon Barry's emporium on Bell Lane!

We've had lots of great feedback from everyone saying how much they enjoyed the evening so I'd like to thank all those people without whom it wouldn't have been possible.

Firstly David Allsop and Andy and Rosie Lees for being a brilliant organising team. Along with Dave and Leanne Hicklin for scoring and timing on the night.

Jon Barry, what can I say, brilliant host and rabble rouser! Benji Brownlee for music and sound. Leigh Pugh for photography. Leigh took an amazing 2500 photos! Don't worry we narrowed it down to fit them in The Mutterings!

Sam Land for instigating the Mexican wave and Rachael Richardson for doing an amazing job of going round with bucket and collecting a grand total of £135.99.

And of course, all you team members for your willingness to get wet, gooey, make fools of yourselves, and have FUN.

Thanks, see you next year.

Jayne Allsop
Bonsall Carnival

Bonsall Village Hall - Quotations for Essential Maintenance/Repair Works

Some essential maintenance & repair works are required at the west end of the Village Hall, adjacent to the School Masters House. The Village Hall Management Committee would therefore like to invite anyone within the village, who has the relevant building expertise, to quote for the following work:

Single storey extension roof - remove existing slates & tiling battens, inspect & repair / replace any defective roof timbers, install new insulation, lay new roofing felt on rafters & fix new tiling battens to rafters, replace existing slates & make good all flashings to perimeter of roof.

Main gable end stonework and single storey extension stonework - repoint all open mortar joints, repair all cracked mortar joints, replace cracked central stone mullion to window using similar stone cut to same profile.

If you are interested in quoting for the above work then please contact either:

Hazel Baldwin 07414 845925
Alan David 07517 449074

Bonsall Senior Citizens (Carnival)

We would just like to say a big "Thank you" to all who donated or contributed in any way to the cake stall. It was a huge success again. Special thanks to Rita & Linda's 3 friends Pat, Ann, and Pat who stepped in to do the Tombola



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and Raffle for Linda (who had bought all the tombola prizes previously) and was so looking forward to the day. You all did a superb job & we were all very grateful.

As you know Richard and Kath Taylor opened the Carnival, and it was good to hear Richard give such a warm and fitting tribute to Linda. She will be missed.

And finally, we must thank Richard, Sam & Brett, who put the Gazebo up for us. Without them there would be no cake stall. You are very much appreciated.

Janet Brown

on behalf of the Bonsall Seniors Committee.

Bonsall Senior Citizens (The Outing)

On Tuesday 4 August, we took a coach of people to The Black Country Living Museum at Dudley. It was really interesting and it took us back in time, to the sometimes "Good old Days". The old houses, old shops, old pubs, & lots more. The weather was perfect, & everyone said how much they'd enjoyed it. But before we got off the coach, we all took a moment to remember Linda, who had an input to the days outing and, again, was so looking forward to it.

On the way back we enjoyed a superb carvery at The Cherry Tree Farm at Willington, arriving home about 7:30 pm.

We think a good day was had by all so thank you for coming and hope to see you all again nearer Christmas!

Janet Brown

on behalf of the Bonsall Seniors Committee.

Bonsall Roadside Clearing

Thank you to all those who attended our meeting earlier this month.

We have decided to try to do eight general clearings each year, each focusing on a specific area of the village. The two we have planned to complete before winter are Church Street on Sunday 13 September 10 am - 11:30 am and High Street on Sunday 11 October 10 am - 11:30 am. Any help with these on or before the day is truly appreciated.

Work has continued this month clearing Clatterway and The Dale. Overhanging brambles, nettles and weeds have been cleared.

As always, our aim is to prevent the council using weedkiller to control the roadside vegetation.

Many thanks to all who have helped.

Jacqueline Beardsley

Bonsall Roadside Clearing

Bonsall Village Lunch

Gammon, pineapple and parsley sauce with sweetcorn, green beans, carrots and new potatoes followed by lemon cheesecake and cream. How does

that sound? This was the meal for those who came to the village hall on Wednesday 19 August. Entertainment was provided by the quiz and a very heavy shower of rain!

What will be on the menu next month? Come along on Wednesday 16 September to find out, but first make sure we have your name and phone number! Please call Phil on 01629 826309 to book a place. We need your information by 9 September to allow the cooks to weave their magic!

We need you to give us details of any allergies or food preferences you may have. We do provide a take-out service if getting to the village hall would be difficult for you. See you in September!

Jenny March

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Heritage Open Days at the Framework Knitting Workshop: 19–20 September

If you've ever wondered about the old stone building on The Dale with the long windows and 1737 above the door, wonder no more.

The Bonsall Framework Knitting Workshop is finally ready to welcome visitors again.

Our last known knitter worked here back in 1911. Now, after well over a century of silence, we're taking part in Heritage Open Days, England's largest festival of history and culture, for the very first time.

When:

Saturday 19 September, 10 am–5 pm

Sunday 20 September, 10 am–4 pm

Where:

Yew Tree Farm, The Dale, Bonsall, Matlock, DE4 2AY

The building will be open to view across the weekend.

There's also a small programme of bookable sessions, very limited in numbers due to the size of the building:

Project Talk, the story of the restoration (Sat & Sun, 11 am)

Framework Knitting Demonstration, watch live knitting on our restored 18th-century frame (Sat & Sun, 12:30 pm and 2 pm)

History Talk with Jeanette Moss, the history of framework knitting in Bonsall (Saturday only, 4 pm, at the village hall)

Martin Green, the only known professional framework knitter left in the world - and a huge help to us in sourcing and disassembling our 18th-century machine - will also have handmade items for sale between 12 pm and 4 pm both days.

If you're local, do walk down. It's also about a 10-minute walk from the village car park. If you do need to drive here, please park considerately so cars and tractors can still get through.

Full details and booking for all sessions are on our website: bonsallframeworks.co.uk

Many thanks to all of our neighbours who have put up with banging and



Before restoration, photo by Sam and Adam Hill

building and scaffolding for what seems like a lifetime now!

Sam and Adam Hill

The Bonsall Framework Knitting Workshop is made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Thanks to National Lottery players, we have been able to restore this historic 1737 building and open it up to the public.



The project has also been generously supported by the Historic Houses Foundation.



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Photo by Julie Hamilton

Mutterings Mutt of the Month

Name: Lola

Breed: Labrador

Age: 11

Lola loves her walks around Bonsall. She is a bit of a thief and has been known to eat food not meant for her (namely pork loin for our Christmas lunch).

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PARISH COUNCIL

Bonsall Parish Council News

In line with previous years, the Parish Council did not meet in August. However, we are still working for the village and are available throughout the whole year.

Flooding

I am sure everyone can recall the recent flooding events within the village.

Some work was carried out by the Derbyshire County Council in response to these events and hopefully this will reduce the future problems we may have. However, we need to be prepared for the future, particularly now, due to the drought. The Parish Council has a stock of flood sacks.

I have been in contact with the Environment Agency to re-kindle the Bonsall Flood Warden Scheme and they have sent the following information for me to share.

The Flood Warden role :

"Flood Wardens are volunteers in a community-owned Flood Warden scheme. Their primary purpose is to help their community prepare for, respond to and recover from flooding. This can take many forms, and everybody carries out this role differently depending on their abilities. The Environment Agency and Derbyshire County Council, on behalf of the Derbyshire Local Resilience Forum, provide support to this role in the form of training and guidance for community resilience."

If anyone is interested in helping the vulnerable and others in the village community in the event of flooding, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council for more information.

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Red K6 Telephone Kiosk, Barley Mow

Bonsall Village is lucky to have three K6 telephone boxes sited at The Cross, Slaley and the Barley Mow.

What some of you may not know is that the one of them, the one at the Barley Mow, is a Grade II listed building.

It was listed on 14 December 1995 (list entry number 1117363). It dates from 1935 and was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. On making enquiries into the possible adoption of this kiosk, I was surprised to be informed that Bonsall Parish Council adopted it in January 2009.

The Parish Council unanimously voted to restore this village asset and to this end the outside and inside of the kiosk will be cleared which will give a better picture of what, if any restoration work is required to bring it back to life and ensure that it remains a treasured asset for future generations.

Ideas for use : The other two kiosks house defibrillators, which is not a consideration for this one. So, the question is what would the community like this kiosk to be used for? Some communities use theirs as a book exchange, others as a tourist information centre. It can have many uses. Of note is that electricity is supplied to the kiosk, which is paid for and maintained by BT, If you have any ideas/comments please contact the Clerk to the Council.

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The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at the Village Hall at 7:30 pm Tuesday 15 September 2026

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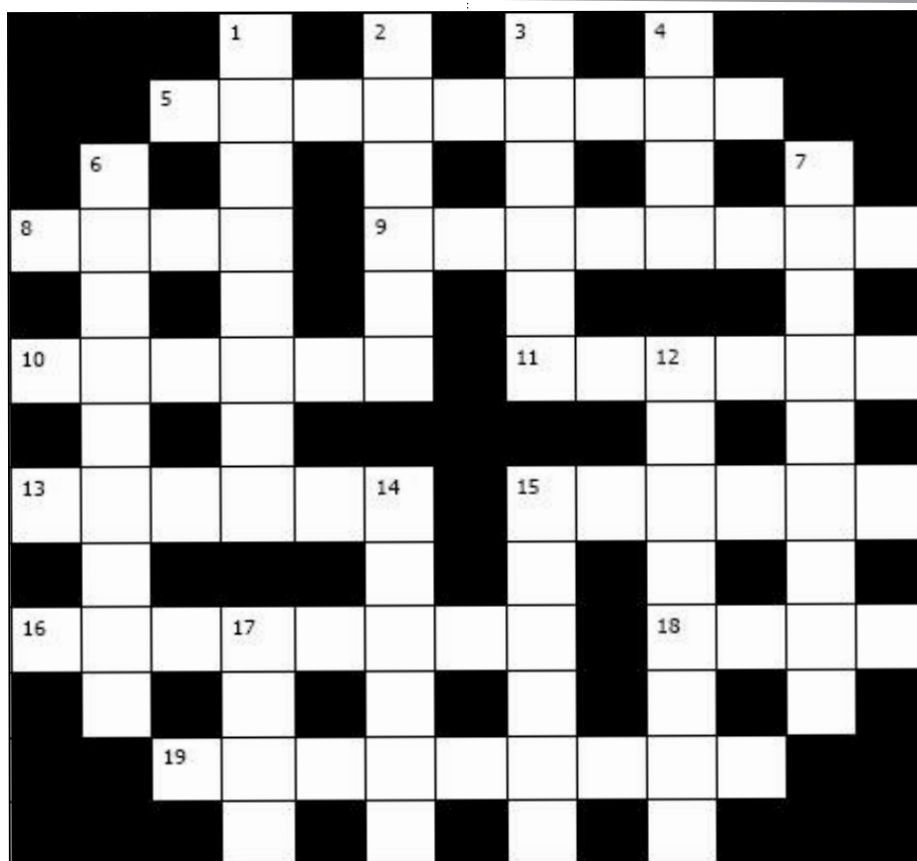
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CROSSWORD #186

by Pam McNally



Across:

5. Comic hero found on the web? (6-3)
8. 5 (2nd part) seen in Wapping, heading west. (4)
9. 5 (2nd part). Older woman has large boobs these days. (8)
10. One duck fought with another duck in this Spanish city. (6)
11. Joint corporation about London university. (6)
13. Not a brave 5 (2nd part) - a little sibling on outskirts of Sydney. (1,5)
15. Snitch flies west to Tanzania for a cake. (6)
16. City I held? Yes! (3,5)
18. Con lieutenant? What an idiot! (4)
19. Mourning cap? The state of one who's lost her 5 (2nd part). (9)

Down:

1. 5s (1st part) who are into Rhythm and Blues? (8)
2. Trouble about a soldier? Go slowly. (6)
3. Happy ending for gas man within? The Gas Man Cometh! (6)
4. 5 (2nd part) who helps. (4)
6. Combine 5 (1st part). (9)
7. Heartless, act natural about 5 (1st part). (9)
12. Screen some up for 5 (1st part). (8)
14. 5 (1st part) who's not brave! (6)
15. 5 (2nd part) that can jump over others. (6)
17. Dribble 13 ac. (4)

Answers to Crossword no. 185

Across: 5. Satyrical. 8 & 9. Moll Flanders. 10. Ordial (there is no such word). 11. Yobbo. 13. Feel up. 15. Patted. 16. Masseuse. 18. Noun. 19. Odographs. **Down:** 1. Callgirl. 2. Eye-ful. 3. Bigamy. 4. Bawd. 6. Courtesan. 7. Erroneous. 12 & 17. Bit on the Side. 14. Plunge. 15. Prefab.



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SUDOKU by Sarah Smith

8		1		5	9			3
						8	6	
7		5	4					9
					3	6		4
			5	8		2		
6			1				9	
9		4	6					1
				4			3	
1		3	8			5		

Aug Sudoku answers

2	7	6	3	1	4	9	5	8
8	5	4	9	6	2	7	1	3
9	1	3	8	7	5	2	6	4
4	6	8	1	2	7	3	9	5
5	9	7	4	3	8	6	2	1
1	3	2	5	9	6	4	8	7
3	2	5	7	8	9	1	4	6
6	4	1	2	5	3	8	7	9
7	8	9	6	4	1	5	3	2

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Tues	15	7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wed	16	12:30 pm Village Lunch Club	Village Hall
Thu	17	Family fun and crafts for children after school entitled 'Fishers of Men'	St James
Fri	18	12:00 noon Deadline for submissions for October 2026 Mutterings	
		Fireworks and Lantern Parade (at dusk)	Village Park
		11:25am – 11:55am Mobile Library (Ring 01629 533444 for info)	The Fountain
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