



Issue 263

T'Owd Man's Mutterings

October 2026



Photos by Candice Dosman



BONSALL FIREWORKS



Delayed but worth the wait!



In folklore T'Owd Man is a spirit that inhabits mines and caves. T'Owd Man of Bonsall is a carved figure of a miner that was taken to Wirksworth when St James church was being refurbished in the 1860s. It was said that strange noises coming from the old Ball Eye mine at the end of Church St. were of T'Owd Man muttering

CHURCH DIARY

St James

Church Services for October are:

Sunday 11 October, Family service for our Harvest Festival at 9.30am.

Sunday 25 October, Eucharist at 9.30am.

We held the second of our family craft sessions after school on 17 September. It was entitled 'Fishers of Men'. Fourteen children made a huge boat, Lego models and decorated paper fishes. They enjoyed a meal of pasta/cheese, pizza, ice cream and ate fish shaped biscuits. Vicar Janet read the story of Jesus and the fishermen Simon, Peter and Andrew. We hope to have another session near Christmas.

Wirksworth Team Ministry

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

Bonsall Church Café

Refreshments are available in church from 12.00pm to 3.00pm 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 10.30am Worship Service

Tuesday 2.00pm Craft Club

Wednesday 6.00pm The Gathering. A meal followed by a short bible study. All are welcome.

Sunday 4 October 10.30am 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)

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 11 October at 6.15pm, speakers Ray and Beryl Briddon.

All other services are at 6.15pm and all are welcome to join with us.

Judy Land

OBITUARY

Jennifer Doxey

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the sudden death of Jennifer Doxey (nee Smith). She passed away peacefully on 13 September aged 83. She had lived in the village all her life, loved her garden and very much enjoyed inviting people into her garden, for the open gardens. A much-loved wife of late Alan, partner of Graham, sister to Barbara, mum to Alison and Tony, mother-in law to David and Dawn, grandma to Thomas and Alistair. She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed, by all her family and friends. Donations in Jen's memory for the Air Ambulance, can be sent to R & K Jepson online: <http://www.jepsonfunerals.co.uk/donations> or cheques payable to 'Jepson Funerals Ltd' may be sent to R & K Jepson, Middleton House, 22 Coldwell Street, Wirksworth, DE4 4FB.

Alison Higgins

FLOODLIGHTING

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

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

October 22nd has special memories of Mum and Dad Seedhouse, also their daughter Margy on her birthday October 1st. They are missed by all their family.

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

Donations to myself (Di Moor) or David Kirkham or on-line to

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Thank you

Di Moor

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LETTERS

Thanks to Candice Dosman

I would like to thank Candice for all of her work as Mutterings Editor over the last 12 months. She will be giving up her role from next month as she has now moved to Cromford. She brought lots of enthusiasm and new ideas. Her suggestion for Mutterings Mutt of the Month has been very welcome by villagers! Wishing Candice and Gary all the best for the future.

Maggie Duggins

Chief Editor Mutterings

Bonsall Horticultural Show

We would like to say a big thank you to all who put amazing entries in the show. A big thanks also to everyone who gave donations or supported us in the evening auction. Although we lacked entries in the produce classes, it sounds as if it has been the same in a lot of other Horticultural Shows due mainly to the weather. We had some delicious cakes and pastries which went very quickly in the auction that followed. We took a moment to remember Linda Cauldwell who passed away recently and had been a stalwart of the show for many years.

Thank you to Findlay the Carnival King for presenting the trophies to the winners and to Jon Barry aka 'Dennis the Menace' for conducting the auction in a way that everything was sold. Also, a very big thank you to The Village Life Church Craft Club for their very generous donation to the Bonsall Seniors Fund. We look forward to seeing you all next year and let's hope we see more children entering along with their other family members.

Janet Brown

On behalf of the Bonsall Seniors Committee

Gary Cain Band

Although Candice and Gary have recently moved from Bonsall to Cromford, it was great to see Gary and his band playing at the Barley Mow at MowFest during August Bank Holiday. We all had a great time! Thankfully, Gary and Candice have said that they will return to the village frequently to continue with the voluntary work that they do and to socialise of course. Hopefully, also more Gary Cain gigs here in the future!

Maggie Duggins



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Bonsall Energy Group

Bonsall Energy Group are happy to share that we have been successful in obtaining a funding grant from the National Lottery Awards for All (England, Environment). We submitted an application to fund a part-time role to help provide project support and bring experience of writing funding applications as we look to progress the work from our feasibility study. We'll shortly share further details about the role and how to apply via our website (<https://bonsallenergy.group/>) and social media channels (including the village Facebook page) so individuals can express an interest in the position. As always, if anyone would like to get involved or just to find out about our work please come along to our monthly meetings. The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 October.

Deena Maggs

Fountain Goodbye

It is with a great deal of sadness that we have made the decision to close the Fountain at the end of September. As many of you will know we have tried for nearly 3 years to sell the business in the hope that our vision for a village tearoom in Bonsall could continue, however the quest for new owners has been unsuccessful. Over the years the costs of running the business – wages, PAYE, pension contributions, food and drink, energy, licences etc have all increased immensely, making the business unsustainable long term, probably deterring potential new owners, and making this decision inevitable.

With a view to Anne being able to step back from the commitment and hard work, daytime and evenings of baking that running the tearooms' demands and join Ade in retirement, the tearooms will close on 27th September and be turned back into residential accommodation in the near future. Personally, Anne would like to thank all of her team members, past and present for making the Fountain the wonderful place it has become, for their unending support and friendship and for putting up with her over the years.

To each and every one of our customers, the words "Thank You" hardly express how grateful we are for your custom and support over the years. Many of you have become close friends as well as familiar welcomed faces, Anne will miss you enormously and looks forward to joining you for a coffee sometime, somewhere.

We plan to remain open up until 27 September, thereafter honouring Bed and Breakfast bookings through October before building work commences in November. Our holiday lets "Cobbles" and "Big Arthur's" will continue to welcome guests to our lovely village.

A little reminder to anyone with outstanding Gift Vouchers, please ensure they are used before 27 September. Once again, a heartfelt and emotional thanks for the last (nearly) 15 years.

Anne and Ade

Nepal Flood Disaster - Fundraising Talk

Chris Broome and Alan David will be giving an illustrated talk in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday 17 October, about the area of Nepal that was devastated by the catastrophic flood that occurred on the 26 August. Chris and Alan travelled along the valley of the Trishuli River, where the flood occurred, in October 2014 when we were on our way to trek in the nearby Langtang region. This region was also severely affected by the major earthquake that occurred in April 2015, just 6 months after we were there. Our Nepalese friend Bijay, who we first met when we were in Nepal in 2014, lost several family members in the flood, when they were on a pilgrimage to Mount Kailash in Tibet. Another family member had a lucky escape from a bus and survived the flood. We are hoping that Bijay will produce a short video about his family members and what happened to them, that we can show as part of our talk.

Chris will also talk about and give a demonstration of the water filters that he and Peter Fox, as volunteers, help assemble at Aquabox in Wirksworth. Over 1500 of these filters have already been sent to the flood disaster area in Nepal and another 1000 are on their way. The main purpose of the talk is to raise some money to help the relatives of Bijay who lost a husband/father in the flood and are now struggling to support their families financially. There will be a £5.00 charge on the door for entry and any donations that people would like to give will be gratefully received. All of the money raised will be sent directly to the affected families through our trusted friend Bijay. There will be a licensed bar at the event. We hope to see you there.

Thanks

Alan David

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Bonsall Fireworks and Lantern Procession

Well, with the deadline for the article being midnight Friday, I guess I have to write the article before the event - two, I suppose, one if it goes well, another just in case it goes less well. I think though I can with confidence write just the "goes well" one because *THIS IS BONSCALL* and every year the volunteers who produce this show pull it out of the bag, and the villagers who come are always the best audience we could ask for. So here goes.

What a stunning lantern parade - the children, the parents who bring the children, the lanterns they produce, the school that hosts the lantern making, the team that constructed the amazing butterfly and flew it so well - just wow, wow, wow! Electrify - oh my goodness, the lights, the rockets, the glamour and the sound they rolled out for us this year is something I for one will play over and over in my imagination for months to come. A big shout out too to those who glue this together: Alan manning the PA with announcements and music, and the stall providers bringing us rides, food and drinks - no small effort there, the event is an hour or two but they work the whole day.

Speaking of no small effort, the whole Carnival (including the delayed fireworks show) is no small effort to put on. It takes a lot of time before and after, a lot of people to put it on and a lot of people to clear it up afterwards. Our fantastic village can only continue to put this carnival on if we all pull together, so please, please, please listen out for our cries for help, come to the meetings and help organise and put on the greatest village show in Derbyshire - keep Bonsall Great!

Addendum: I was right, I didn't need to write the just-in-case article. It was a stunning night. Thank you all, team and audience.

Rob Stevenson
Carnival Chair

The Harvest Auction

The Harvest Auction will be at The King's Head on 11 October at 8.00pm. If anyone has anything for the auction, please let Richard Taylor know if needed for collection, please drop off on the day at The King's Head or bring it with you that evening. Please

support the auction, as everything raised goes to back into the village.

Thank you,

Richard Taylor

The Famous Bonsall Red Phone Box

Like many people I am pleased we still have the iconic red phone boxes in the village, and like most others it is now used for either a book swapping site or to hold invaluable lifesaving equipment. On the open market they fetch thousands of pounds and a lot end up in gardens, perhaps the world's smallest green house, unless you grow tall plants.

To many people they represent a bygone era, being dragged up in Cromford, all my phone calls in the 70s and 80s were made from the 3 now gone red boxes, opposite the market place, top of Mill Road and at the bottom of Hawthorn Drive. Perhaps they might now be seeing out their retirement in a yard at the end of Bell Lane, and trying to explain to my grandson about not having a mobile phone but having to walk in all weathers to make a call to his grandma in Derby when we were "going out" as teenagers with cash is something else.

Yet, not sure how many people are aware of just how famous the red box outside the Barley Mow really is and known about by millions....and no nothing to do with hen racing.

There is a multi-million book selling author called Stephen Booth who has had many of his books adapted for television on Channel 5 under the Cooper and Fry name, they were shown for the first time earlier this year.



Photo by Candice Dosman

He specialises in writing about crime stories in Derbyshire featuring existing places with the two named characters in all of them. In the book Scared to Live, my copy has a picture of a phone box on the cover, is of a murder committed in the Matlock area. Key to all of this being a number of calls traced by the Police to the phone box in Bonsall opposite the Barley Mow and a murder at the farm on Masson Hill, all real places. He even mentions the Barley Mow pub and parts of Bonsall including Salters Lane. The book has sold about a million copies, so the humble red box in the village is famous all over the world.

Mike Howsley



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Muttering's Mutt of the Month

Name: Diesel
Breed: Rottweiler
Age: 3 years old

Diesel is our big, lovable Rottweiler and a very special part of our family. He might look like a big tough lad, but underneath that big Rottweiler exterior is a proper softie! He's loving, loyal, playful and has a personality all of his own. Diesel loves being around his family, getting plenty of fuss and attention, and generally making sure everyone knows he's there! He's not just our dog- he's a huge part of our family and has brought us so many happy memories. He's definitely one of those dogs who leaves a big paw print on your heart. Big dog, big personality, and an even bigger heart!

Benji Brownlee & Claire Duma



Diesel

Photo by Benji Brownlee

Bonsall Roadside Clearing

A big thank you to everyone who helped with roadside clearing along Church Street earlier this month. The monument was tidied and overhanging vegetation was cleared to improve sight lines and give more space to pedestrians negotiating the bend. The woody material removed was added to a dead hedge which provides a safe habitat for all kinds of wildlife, including birds, insects, frogs, hedgehogs and slowworms. Our next roadside clearing will be on Sunday 11 October 10am – 11.30am, when we will be focusing our efforts on High Street. Any help on or before the day is much appreciated.

Jacqueline Beardsley

Bonsall Roadside Clearing



Photos by Jacqueline Beardsley



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Bonsall Village Lunch

Third Wednesday--must be Bonsall Village Lunch!!

September offered up a delicious pork apple and cider stew with mashed potato green beans and broccoli and to follow an "Ann special". (I've called it that because nobody could give me a name for it!) It was mixed berry fruit with cream, yoghurt and sugar topping to go with homemade shortbread. Yum yum but bang went the week's calorie count!! All this with a cup of tea and a Phil generated quiz for £5. Care to join us next month? 21 October at 12.30 in the Village Hall. Please phone through a booking to Phil on 01629826309 by 14 October if you didn't sign up this month. We will need to know of any food problems or preferences you may have. We do provide a take-out service if getting to us is a problem. Happy Autumn,

Jenny March

Poem

Work Will Wait

I should really clean the house.
There's dust on the telly.
Kitchen floor could do with a mop.
Crumbs on the sofa.
The beds un-made.
The Dyson is calling me from under the stairs.
Cobwebs on the ceiling.

There's no end to the list of work I should do.

Then I think about what my Grandad used to say "work is kind, it will always wait".

So it's a no work day for me today.

A day to do as I please.

Work will always wait.

By Alison Higgins

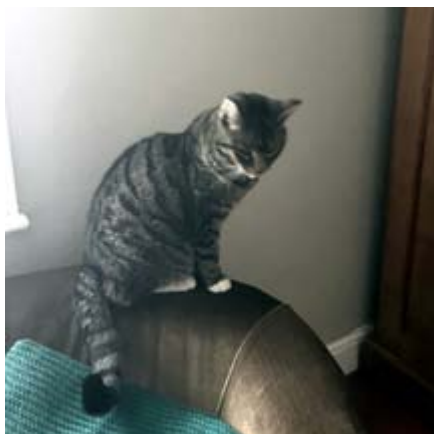
Cat Rehoming

Due to unforeseen circumstances we now need to re house our cat Shadow (Kitty). I found her in a garden at the age of about 3 weeks old, around 10 years ago, and she has been a loving member of our family ever since. Kitty causes us very little trouble other than feeding her twice a day. She is very much an outdoor cat but also likes to be around you when you are in. If you are, or you know of someone looking for a very loving and friendly cat, please call

Mike on 07710629999 as she needs to be rehoused by 7 October at the latest. Thank you.

Mike Williams

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Bonsall Parish Council News

**Report for 15 September
2026 Meeting – full details are
published in the minutes**

Councillor Vacancies – There are currently two vacancies for a Bonsall Parish Councillor. For further information please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Two members of the public attended the meeting to discuss the disposal of weeds and vegetation following roadside clearing by the volunteers. The DDDC had met with the volunteers and agreed to visit Bonsall 4 times per year to remove a total of 30 bags of weeds. It was agreed by the council that 2 green bins would be paid for annually to

facilitate the disposal of the remainder of the vegetation fortnightly.

The Chair announced that, following the recruitment process, Councillor J Smith is appointed Clerk/RFO to the Parish Council with effect from 1 October 2026. It was noted that there would be a transitional handover period of the RFO matters whilst the banking signatory arrangements and other details were finalised. The Council thanked both Richard Grover and Jackie Smith for their RFO and Clerk work during the past 12 months, which had saved the sum of around £12,000 in salary payments.

Outstanding matters from the previous meeting included the restoration of the notice board in Slaley. This has been removed for a full restoration by Cllr. Spowart. The new car park sign is being progressed. The finance officer is purchasing new 'please do not park here' signs to replace the ones which are no longer in situ and for new sites. It was noted that a response had not been received from the land agents in relation to the park lease arrangements and this will be progressed. The lengthsman will clear the verge around the telephone box at the Barley Mow and planters will be sourced for the verge. The inside of the box will be cleared and cleaned, and restoration work will commence if any is required. Suggestions are being sought from village residents as to its future use, one suggestion being installing a book swap facility.

Village Matters

Flooding: The Flooding Officer for Severn Trent left their position prior to the meeting with the Councillors. Their replacement will be asked to contact the Clerk to rearrange the date. The flood sack bin on Yeoman Street is full. A training session is taking place for Flood Wardens on 24 September 2026 at Matlock Town Hall. Two residents of Bonsall have agreed to be Flood Wardens alongside Councillors. The Clerk will advertise for more Flood Wardens to be available to assist in the event of village flooding.

Park Matters

Trees: The ash die back trees adjacent to the roadside in the park were removed before the annual Carnival. The felling licence has not been granted, and the area does not qualify for grant funding. The trees which were highlighted as needing to be removed this year by the surveyor have been removed. More work will be required in the future, and it was agreed that tree spray paint, as used by



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Highways, would be utilised to identify the next phase of trees to be felled.

Dog Fouling: Dog fouling in the toddler play area is becoming a problem. Signs are in place prohibiting dogs in this area. Cllr. Barry will check the locking system on the gates and repair/renew them to keep the area secure. Dog fouling was also a problem on the field. A recent social media post, in which the Bonsall residents were asked for their opinions on how to resolve this matter, suggestions for a dog poo bin on the field, together with a poo bag container were made. The Clerk has contacted the DDDC to ask about the emptying of the bin if installed and a reply is awaited. The Council are in favour of this plan and are awaiting the response from DDDC.

Fencing: Following the risk assessment of the park by the external risk assessor, the Council is addressing the risk identified on the bank by the erection of fencing along the path. This will be paid out of council funds. One quote has been received, and two further ones are being sought.

Swing Chains: These need to be replaced and a grant has been applied for to fund it. If the grant application is not successful, the chains will be purchased from the funds allocated to the playground.

No issues were reported on the Website or Quarrying matters.

Grit Bins: The parish council grit bins will be stocked by the lengthsmen and further grit will be ordered. The Clerk will request that the DCC stock their bins in the village.

The Cross: This is due to be repaired/restored in the coming weeks. Highways have still not replied to our County Councillor in response to his email supporting the parish council and DCC Heritage Officer in requesting the lorry signs at the entrance to the village reviewed, to protect our ancient monument from large lorry damage. The Clerk will write to Highways and if still no response is received, a petition will be raised in the village, and an awareness of this issue will be highlighted elsewhere. The alternative to signage change would be bollards on the road, which the parish council and heritage officer are not in favour of, and it would reduce parking in the area, although it was noted that parking at the memorial was a causation factor in both recent collisions.

Policies: The new Standing Orders were adopted, as were the new Finance Regulations to team with the Standing Orders, and War Memorial Policy.

Churchyard: It was agreed to obtain 3 quotes for tree felling within the churchyard of the trees highlighted in the tree survey as requiring removal, together with the approved reduction of the lime trees.

Assets: The Clerk and RFO will meet next week to update the asset list.

Local Bus Route: The bus stop on Uppertown Lane will not be re-instated by Stagecoach due to difficulties turning round because of parked vehicles. The Clerk has requested of Highways that this bus stop sign be moved or suspend the sign with a notice to avoid members of the public waiting at the stop for a bus which only goes as far as Hollies Garden Centre.

Parking on the car park and field: The field and car park will be open for mourners at the funeral on 23 September 2026 at St. James' Church. This will hopefully avoid parking issues on and around Church Street. Cllr. Barry will steward the car park.

Remembrance Day Arrangements: Cllr. Barry will represent the Council at the service and ceremony this year. As usual, the War Memorial will be tidied and cleared prior to Remembrance Day.

Finance: The external audit was discussed and agreed, and the reports will be placed on the council website later this month. The monthly finance report was produced and agreed and will be placed on the website.

It was agreed that a Finance Committee meeting would take place prior to the next Parish Council meeting which is on Tuesday 20 October 2026. If anyone has any issues to be raised at the meeting, please contact the Clerk by 13 October 2026.

Jackie Smith Clerk/RFO
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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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APOLOGIES

There is no Crossword this month as Pam is unavailable. Hopefully back again next month.

The Editors



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Please call Ruth Headon on 07769 725022 for information about rates
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VILLAGE GROUPS

Allotment Group	Penny Collier	825591
Art Club	Fiona Drake	07776 256314
	Alan David	07517 449074
Bonsall Barn Project		
	Liz Stoppard / Mike Susko	823712
Bonsall Camp		
	Matthew Quinn	07988 071682
Bonsall Energy Group		
	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
Pigeon Club	Gordon Hardy	823549
PTFA	Claire Duma	07880 851083
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
Village Hall Committee		
	Jackie Smith	07771 764366
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

Village Hall

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

- Village organisations:

£15 - one floor; £20 - both floors

- Non-village organisations:

£25 - one floor; £35 - both floors

- Village people private hire:

£30 - one floor; £40 - both floors

- Non-village people private hire:

£45 - one floor; £55 - both floors

For information on sale of alcohol/private bar, use of the Village Hall audio equipment, screening a film, or any other matters, please contact Jackie Smith, 07771 764366. Jaqsm@aol.com

TRAVEL SERVICES

Assisted Travel

Derbyshire Connect transport for shopping, weekdays 9am - 4pm, booked in advance. Tel: 01335 300670 between two and seven days before travel or email: info@ashbournect.org.uk.

Derbyshire Connect Active Travel to healthcare appointments, weekdays 9am - 5pm, booked in advance. Charges vary. Tel: 03333 444125 at least 48 hours in advance or email: office@sdcvs.org.uk

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)

Local Taxi Firms

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Cross Dales Taxis	01629 650025
Maz Taxis	07598161151
Mr T Taxi	07815689241
Yaz Taxi	01629 690091

Train services	0845 7484950
Travel line	0870 6082608

Volunteer Drivers

Loreen	822067
Richard Shipley	259809

RESOURCES

Defibrillator Trained Volunteers

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Bonsall History Publications

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Bakewell Banking Hub Post Office

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Matlock Street

Bakewell DE45 1HD

Monday 9:00 - 5:00 Barclays

Tuesday 9:00 - 5:00 HSBC

Wednesday 9:00 - 5:00 Lloyds

Thursday 9:30 - 4:30 Nat West

Friday 9:00 - 5:00 Halifax

USEFUL NUMBERS

Health

NHS Direct: 111 (incl non-urgent health enquiries)

Pharmacies: Wirksworth Market Place

822607; Peak Pharmacy, Matlock, 57924

Dentists: Matlock: 584746, 55645.

582218, 56558. Steeple Grange: 822172

Doctors: Wirksworth Hannage Brook

822434; Matlock Imperial Road 583465

Hospitals: Chesterfield Royal, Calow

01246 277271; Derby City 01332

340131; Derby Royal 01332 347141;

Whitworth Hospital, Darley Dale 580211.

Derbyshire County Council

www.derbyshire.gov.uk

All enquiries 01629 533190. Out of Hours numbers: 532600 or 'Call Derbyshire' 533190 or text 86555

Derbyshire Dales District Council

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All enquiries 761100

Environmental health 761212

Tourist information

Matlock 583388

Matlock Bath 583834

Trading Standards 585858

Electricity emergencies 0800 0568090

Fire station, Matlock 582849

Gas leaks 0800 111999

Waste Recycling Centre

Harrison Way, Darley Dale

Opening times: Daily 9.30am. to 5:00pm.

Mobile Library

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

01629 533444 as date not available.

Police/Safer Neighbourhoods 101

PCSO: Kirsty.Hunt (Kirsty.Hunt@

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Matlock Bath & Bonsall

matlock.neighbourhoods@derbyshire.

pnn.police.uk.

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

Victim support 825544

Community safety 761101

Swimming & gymnasiums

Matlock, Arc Leisure Centre 581322

Wirksworth Leisure Centre 825717

Vets Matlock 01629 55666

Wirksworth 01629 823034

DIARY FOR October 2026

Date		Event	Venue
Sun	4	10.30am, Harvest Festival	Village Life Church
Sun	11	9.30am, Family Service for Harvest Festival,	St James Church
Sun	11	10:00am Bonsall Roadside Clearing	High Street
Sun	11	6.15pm, Harvest Thanksgiving	Wesleyan Chapel
Sun	11	8:00pm Harvest Auction	Kings Head
Tue	13	7.30pm, Bonsall Energy Group meeting,	Village Hall
Sat	17	7.30pm, Nepal Flood Disaster - Fundraising Talk,	Village Hall
Tue	20	7.30pm, Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wed	21	12.30pm, Village Lunch Club	Village Hall
Thu	22	12 Noon, Deadline for submissions for November Mutterings	
Sun	25	9.30am, Eucharist,	St James Church

Future Dates

Sat 7 Nov Autumn Fair in Village Hall

Bin Collection Dates

October 2026

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