



T'Owd Man's

Mutterings

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Parasol mushrooms in a fairy ring



by Olive Bond



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.



I wonder – are you well prepared for Christmas; are you “fed up” with all the advertising and competition to spend money; are you “counting the pennies”; perhaps you are asking, what is Christmas all about?

In the world's eyes I'm certainly not well prepared for Christmas! However, I do like the three little Aldi Angels – could tell you lots of stories about children and Christmas Nativities, lovely memories! We don't do “presents” as such in our family anymore but we still enjoy Christmas. I've been reminiscing. As children, my dad always insisted that my sister, brother and I hang up stockings on Christmas Eve, that is, we each had one of dad's old socks. On Christmas morning we would open the bulging sock to find all kinds of “treasures”. A shiny red apple, an orange, a sugar mouse, an “unusual” gift – one year my sister and I each had a lump of Blue John, purchased by my dad from a basket of “stones” on sale in Castleton. No it wasn't that we had been naughty girls – that would have been lumps of coal! Just a bit of Derbyshire and I've used that piece of Blue John on several occasions in a variety of ways to good effect. There may have been a sachet of bubble bath (no showers in those days!), a comb and perhaps a few Quality Street chocolates. This tradition continued way beyond our childhood and even when in New Zealand for Christmas 2010 I had a Christmas stocking – a little more up market than an old sock though! Dad's old sock, usually wool and possibly with a darn in the toe or heel; warm socks – the warmth of love in the contents wrapped and ready to be opened. Feel the warmth of God's love demonstrated at that first “Christmas” in a stable in Bethlehem. As John in his Gospel puts it, “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son”, the greatest giver and the greatest gift. God gives wonderful gifts, gifts of His creation, the apple and the orange, each with seeds and the potential to produce more apples and oranges. “God have His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” John 3 v 16. Now that's what I call a real Christmas gift, available all year round, no need to put it away in a drawer or cupboard or give it away to charity!

Sometimes life seems like an old sock that's been darned and doesn't hold its shape like it used to! However, Jesus came that we might have Life, yes Life with a capital L. Knowing Jesus makes all the difference in my life; knowing Him as Saviour, the red apple reminding me of the fruit tasted by Adam and Eve. I'm not perfect and a sinner but God's grace and love are so wonderful – as the song says “Wonderful grace that gives what I don't deserve, pays me what Christ has earned, then lets me go free. Wonderful grace that gives me the time to change, washes away the stains that once covered me... Wonderful love whose power can break every chain, giving us life again and setting us free... and all that I have I lay at the feet of the wonderful Saviour who loves me.” Jesus is also a special Friend and Guide who gives the hope of heaven where all things become new.

The little sugar mouse was so sweet to the taste. David says in Psalm 34 “Taste and see that the Lord is good. Oh, the joys of those who trust in Him!” We trusted our dad and as I look back he never let us down even though we didn't always get what we wanted. Christmas wasn't an extravagant time but we knew love and joy and peace and gained much pleasure in sharing the simple things of family life.

What is Christmas all about? For me it's about believing, believing in a loving heavenly Father who knows just what I need, when I need it; trusting Him and accepting the very best gift anyone can ever receive, the gift of eternal life with God's peace, love and joy – the message of the Angels over 2,000 years ago! Luke 2. I invite you to take stock and celebrate with a real Christmas, a Jesus Christmas, as recorded in the Bible and especially the first chapters of Matthew and Luke's Gospels.

Join with us at the Chapel in the Dale, the Assembly in High Street and at St. James in Church Street; you are all very welcome.

May God give to you and your families, friends and neighbours, His blessings at Christmas and through the coming New Year.

Judy Land

Church Floodlighting

The lighting this month has special memories, especially around the 10th of December of Mary Potter for Stephen, Tricia and family. Nathan and Emily Taylor remember Peter, their uncle and a good friend, around the 16th. David and Julie Allsop call to mind their parents Dennis and Jean, and with their families call them lovingly to mind particularly on the 18th December and 2nd January. Christmas Eve has memories for several families: for Ted Mellors, whose wife Nancy is in his thoughts on her birthday; and for Nellie Hall and her family who call to mind Peter, whose birthday was also the 24th. Connor Fellows is remembered by all his family at this time and on the 24th is in their minds and in their prayers. At Christmas, Alice Land and family lovingly think of Jeff, Annie and Albert. Louis Pearson's family are much in his thoughts at this time of year.

The New Year sees Harold Bunting's life celebrated with fond memories from Dorinda and family. During the second week of January, Norma and Cliff think of Auntie Olive. In the third week of the year, the lighting recalls Granddad Lownds and Harry Ingledew for Margaret Lownds and her family. Also at this time, Gwen and Jack Fellows are in the thoughts of Peter and Wendy. On January 27th the lives of Bill and Winnie Gregory are recalled by Janet, Daphne, Ron and Peter. This month also brings memories of Mum and Dad for the Rickards family. January 20th and February 2nd are days when Richard and Kath Taylor specially remember her parents and brother Keith.

John Sewry

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CHURCH NEWS

The Christmas tree in St. James Church will be decorated on **Saturday December 14** from 2 – 4 pm. Tree decorations and labels for your personal messages are provided at £1.00 each. Please come along and help to dress Bonsall's Christmas Tree of Memories. Refreshments provided.

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Contact Fr. Bernard Needham (582804)

There is a fortnightly newsletter listing ongoing events.
On Sundays breakfast is available in the church hall after the 8.30 Mass and tea/coffee and biscuits after the 10.30 Mass.
All are welcome.

WHAT'S ON

Kings Head

See the pub noticeboard

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Tues 3 8 pm French Night
Fri 6 9 pm Friday Night Music Club
Thur 5 7.30 pm Film Night
Fri 13 9 pm Friday Night Music Club
Fri 20 9 pm Friday Night Music Club
Fri 27 9 pm Open Mic Night



CHURCH DIARY

St James

December

1 9.30 am Sanctuary
8 9.30 am Eucharist
15 11.00 am Morning Worship
19 7.00 pm United Carol Service
22 8.30 am Eucharist
24 6.00 pm Crib Service
25 9.30 am Eucharist, Christmas Morn
29 10.00 am Team Eucharist at St. Mary's, Wirksworth

January

5 9.30 am Morning Worship
12 9.30 am Eucharist
19 11.00 am Morning Worship
26 8.30 am Eucharist

Bonsall Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Our Sunday Services continue to alternate between 2.30 and 6.15 pm commencing **Sunday 1st December** when Judy Land shall be taking the service.

Christmas Open Afternoon Friday
20th December 2.00 – 4.00 pm

Christmas Carol Service 2.30 pm followed with light refreshments

You are all welcome to join with us.

Bonsall AOG Church

Sunday 10:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am UNO Sunday School
6:00 pm A tour of the book of Mark

Tuesday 9:30 am Prayer Meeting
7:00 pm Craft Club

Wednesday 7:30pm House group

Christmas Events

15th December 6.00 pm Folk-style Christmas Carol Service

22nd December 10.30 am Christmas Family Fun

Holiday Tots (ages 0 – 4) and Holiday Kids (ages 4 – 8) will be on **Thursday 2nd January**. The club runs from 10 am to 12. Holiday tots costs £1.00 per family. Holiday kids cost 50p per child (feel free to drop off your children if they are 4+).

LETTERS





Bonsall's Affordable Housing Planned (the story without airbrushing)

In the last issue of Mutterings, Bob Cartwright laid out the plan to put affordable housing in Upper Town. Now before starting my response, I need to say that I am an ardent supporter of affordable housing but it needs to be done without a serious detrimental impact on our village. When you walk up into Upper Town the first thing you see when you get to the end of the Bell Lane path is a field that is integral to what Upper Town is. It means that there are cows that wander past our windows; it puts a green space in the heart of Upper Town. So, first, what is missing from the story Bob is telling you? Affordable housing is not for Bonsall, it is for the Derbyshire Dales area; this means that properties built in Wirksworth, Cromford, Middleton or anywhere else fulfils the same criteria and, I would suggest, there are less environmentally critical areas in The Dales. It could be argued that this could be sacrificed to allow Bonsall residents to remain in the Village. The truth is that anybody who meets the housing criteria in Derbyshire Dales could be accommodated not just Bonsall residents.

We are also told by Bob that the Parish Council has agreed 'in principal' – the truth is that over 40 Upper Town residents went to that meeting, which by the way nobody told us was on, and were highly critical of the building proposals. My understanding was the Parish Council was 'consulted' and did not support this; in fact other sites



in the village were seen as preferable. The next stage was to gauge the level of interest in accommodation and we all had a card with Mutterings to fill in and return. The lack of consultation continues as the results from this have never been published so, as a resident, I have no idea if there is a need or not.

The biggest problem I have is the lack of consultation and accountability from our elected representatives. Apart from some noticeable and outstanding Parish Councillors, there has never been an opportunity for us to express our views on a regular basis as the 'consultations' have occurred before the Parish Council can seek advice. It is interesting that a microbrewery was refused permission; I for one knew nothing about this. Not once have our District Councillors sought our views and, far from being impartial, have supported the proposed building

in Upper Town from the beginning. They have swept aside arguments, including one that the field has never been used for grazing – here's a picture for them. To add insult to injury it appears that the planning process is being foreshortened, I assume to keep the objections down? To use the argument that people don't attend planning meetings is spurious; you can't attend something that you don't know that it is taking place. Can I take this opportunity to ask our District Councillors to declare a longstanding interest in the project to avoid embarrassment further down the line.

So, in short, give people an opportunity to debate with full information on what they are debating and please, please, get our elected representatives to start talking to us.

Trevor Williams



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Response to Bob's November Article

The article written by Bob in November's Mutterings raised a few questions.

"Affordable Housing" seems to have become an irrelevant term nationally as well as locally; as houses have become 'investments' rather than 'homes'. How is 'Affordable housing' applied and enforced locally Bob?

'Affordable housing' is also questionable on building materials – specifically concerning astronomical heating costs. Are these new builds going to be "Passive houses"? That is consuming minimal heating costs. Apparently a 'passive house' costs about £20 a year to heat. These properties cost around £20,000 more than a standard build. Now that would make for real affordable housing as far as energy consumption goes.

I feel some concern that the democratic process is being short changed if officers only deal with planning applications, rather than going to committee. Which is what Bob seems to be suggesting he would prefer to happen in his statement: "This saves the council quite a lot of money and also means that decisions can be expedited."

Bob gives the example of no villagers turning up to raise objections on a recent planning issue. Surely if they had already raised this with Bob, why should they need to turn up? Isn't he the voice of the people he represents?

The officers are employees doing a job and clearly wish they could do it without anyone telling them to do it differently. Can I remind him of the officer's opposition to Bonsall Allotments? The officer opposed this to the extent of stating a legal prerogative that blocked the allotments going ahead. This 'prerogative' when looked into by a barrister from the National Allotments Association was found not to exist!

The officers have no knowledge or interest in the village. The Parish Council, I believe (correct me if I am wrong), have all planning applications passed to them for perusal and their opinion. Unfortunately their opinion has no weight.

As for saving money... the current government's method of getting us out of a hole dug by affluent/gambling bankers has been to make cuts. Cuts, cuts and more cuts. If we continue down this constant hacking at our democratic rights in the interests of 'saving money' what kind of society will we be left to live in?

We now have so many obscenely wealthy individuals in the UK that galleries and museums now have no chance to buy Art and artefacts on the open market. Could we reflect on this profusion of wealth in some strata's of society when considering that a few pence may be saved by reducing our options to make choices?

What price do we put on democracy Bob?

Irene Osborne



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It is a sad fact that many individuals and families struggle in these difficult times to provide for themselves. This can be for a whole host of reasons, including unemployment, family breakup, or simply a struggle with low income.

St. James church has started contributing to a food bank scheme which distributes to people in need within the Matlock area.

We would welcome any donations of nonperishable foodstuffs or small household items, which are collected from the church each week. There is a food bank box which is kept either just inside the church, or when closed, within the porch area.

Alistair Hamilton

Friends Of Gell In Bonsall

Do you have happy memories as a friend of Anthony Gell School – as a past or present student, parent, carer, teacher, governor, visitor or community representative?

We would like you to join us as a Gell Friend.

This new A.G.S. support group brings together old and new friends in cheerful celebration to sustain the spirit of Anthony Gell. But we will also look forward. Initially we plan to raise money to equip the 1965 technology block to modern standards and to contribute to continuing excellence. See the school website

for our full prospectus. Only £10 a year membership: target a thousand members.

Please email roy.pearce@smail.net or phone 01629 822817 for membership prospectus and joining details.

**Frank Roy, Rod Dave,
Bottomley Pearce, Leach Baker**

Watch Out – There Is A Thief About

A villager in The Dale reported to Mutterings Editors (and the police) that an ornamental tree in a large pot was stolen from outside their house one night at the end of October. It was too large to carry far and a vehicle must have been involved. It is some time since Bonsall last saw similar thefts of ornamental stone lions, chimney pots and garden furniture from outside people's houses. With the dark evenings, be on the lookout for people in slow-moving vehicles who may be 'eyeing-up' their next haul and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Editors

Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service

We offer services to Derbyshire Dales Voluntary and Community Groups. If you need free funding advice or help in locating funding sources, contact me or my colleague Sarah Paisley. The CVS offers: practical support (hire of space

within the CVS office which includes use of office facilities, photocopying and laminating, scanning and printing services, loan or hire of display boards, projectors, laptop, camera, flip-chart); help and advice on the roles and responsibilities of management committee members, trustees and directors, legal structures for voluntary and community organisations, researching funding sources and making funding applications, budgeting and financial reporting and recording.

Our Community Development worker works in Wirksworth, Matlock and Bakewell to develop opportunities for children and families such as healthy eating courses, art and craft workshops, children's activities and family sports.

We also run two non-profit making fruit and veg co-ops in Matlock and Wirksworth. We are also developing a new resource for community organisations to get in touch with local businesses that may be able to help with advice, mentoring and support.

If you would like to learn more about our plans contact David Allen on 07553 379153 or 01629 812154 or email enquiries@ddcv.org.uk.

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Carnival

The next meeting of the Carnival Committee will be on Tuesday 14th January at 7.30 pm in the Kings Head. We are looking for new ideas for Carnival Week and new people to help out – either during Carnival Week itself or occasionally throughout the year depending on what time you can afford.

Please get in touch if you think you could offer some help and ideas. Happy Christmas.

Hazel 824724

Lunch Club

There will be no December lunch but all the Team wish their diners much happiness at Christmas and in the New Year and look forward to seeing them again on Wednesday 29th January 2014 (1 pm Village Hall).

Ron Addis, Brenda Greaves, Anne Hambley, Doro MacGinnis, Jenny March, Derek & Jean Robertson, Pat Spencer, Derek Robertson

Mothers Union

We would like to thank Michael and everyone who contributed to the Harvest Auction at the King's Head for the donation of £145 and those who came to the Weleda Evening at Town Head Farmhouse when we raised £179 from treatments, raffle and commission

on the products. This amount is almost half the fees due in February for Rachel's university fees.

We have a Scottish Barn Dance planned for Saturday February 8th in the School Hall, for which tickets will be available after Christmas and an Italian themed evening in the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd of March.

We will be having our Christmas Party at the King's Head on January 8th when you are very welcome to join us.

There will be Soup and Surprise Pudding in the Village Hall on Wednesday January 8th for anyone who would like to join us at 1 pm.

I think most people in Bonsall now know that any fundraising events we advertise are all to fund the education of Rachel and Rita in Uganda. The money is sent through Western Uniion and goes direct to Peace who has opened bank accounts for each of them. We have been out there twice and they have become very much a part of our lives, as we have theirs.

Di Moor

World War One Commemorations

As 2014 will mark 100 years from the start of WW1 we hope to stage events in the village which will commemorate this and acknowledge the contribution of the people of Bonsall who served in whatever capacity, including those who

maintained the home front. Please come along to a meeting at the Kings Head on Thursday 12th December with your ideas of how we can best do this.

Brenda Greaves

Hi everyone,

Bonsall Toddlers will be closed on December 26th and 2nd January 2014 for the Christmas holidays. We will be re-opening on Thursday 9th January 2014 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm. If you have never been before, why not try coming in the New Year.

Merry Christmas.

Dawn Quinn

Bonsall Village Hall Autumn Fair – Saturday 2nd November

Thanks to everybody who contributed to the above fair, including stall holders, people who made donations of money or gifts/items for sale/raffle prizes and contributors.

The contributors include all those who purchased lucky whisky squares from me prior to the fair, raising £151. In total with squares sold on the day the squares raised £176.

The 3 winners were Mick Astbury (Whisky), Pat Slack (Cognac) and Mr. and Mrs. Hanby, Ember Lane (Vodka).

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The attendance at the fair was quite disappointing. However, the useful overall amount of £435.00 was raised. To be able to keep down the rented hire costs we need to do much better than this!

Leigh Johnson

Village Hall Committee Treasurer and Trustee

Foster care

We need more homes for children in care in Derbyshire. That's why we've launched a countywide campaign to help us find foster carers and adoptive parents. We currently have around 630 children in our care and they all need stable, secure and happy homes whether it's for a short length of time or longer term. You might have considered fostering in the past but have not taken the first steps. We know that there are some common misconceptions around fostering and if any of these myths have stopped you from fostering before, please think again:

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I don't own my own home: You don't need to own your own home to foster. As long as each child can have their own bedroom you can foster.

I'm single: Our foster carers may be single, married, in a civil partnership or living with a partner.

I haven't worked with children or young people: We offer training, support and development so you're ready for the rewards and challenges fostering brings. If you haven't worked with children we only ask that you've got some experience caring for them through family or volunteering.

I'd love to foster but I work: There are different types of fostering available such as short-break foster care. So you can still foster while working.

To find out more information about fostering visit www.derbyshire.gov.uk/adoptionandfostering

Alternatively you can Call Derbyshire on 0800 083 77 44.

Ian Thomas

Strategic Director for Children and Younger Adults

Poachers, Poultry Shows and Poverty

The new Bonsall history book will be on sale during December/January. It has grown from the first edition to 460 pages with over 100 new photos and new sections on work and leisure in Bonsall, prominent houses in the village and World War I. Here are a few quotes to whet your appetite:

Poachers

"(Some) Bonsall men, including Joshua Wigley, Joseph Prince, Job Bunting and Charles Fearn, were at different times committed to hard labour at Derby County Gaol for poaching rabbits, hares and pheasants. In the first half of the nineteenth century, landowners asserted their rights to their property and, as they were also magistrates, they ensured that transgressors were properly punished. The perpetrators seem to have been relatively few in number and the offence seems to have run in families, with the keepers and the poachers knowing each other well. For example, in 1863, PC Jeffries on his beat at 3.30 in the morning of the 30th May, saw William Cottrell 'knowing him to be a poacher' and searched him. He found one rabbit and three nets and a dog in his possession."

Poultry Shows

"The Pigeon Club and Horticultural Show ... have an illustrious past, holding large nationally important events in the later part of the nineteenth century. The first Bonsall Poultry Show was in 1883, 'for the exhibition of poultry, pigeon rabbits and canaries' at the Drill Hall, with 250 entries in 30 classes. The second show was in February 1884, but 'owing to some mismanagement, catalogues were not procurable and many visitors had to leave disappointed and uninformed as to who were the exhibitors of the successful birds'. A number of Bonsall's inhabitants also celebrated too freely and were dealt with at the Petty Sessions for drunkenness. For the third show, with 618 entries, a tent was erected alongside the Drill Hall and a class for cats was introduced. By the fourth show in 1886, with a marquee on an adjoining field, there were nearly 700 entries. In 1887 the show's title changed to 'Bonsall and West Derbyshire Poultry, Rabbits, Pigeons and Cage Bird Fanciers Association' and had 761 entries in 66 classes, with judges from Leeds and Birmingham."

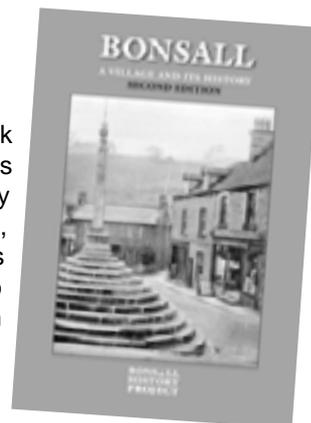
Poverty

"Framework knitters worked very long hours, sometimes up to eighteen hours per day, to increase their output.

The depression in the hosiery industry and the very poor incomes of framework knitters prompted a government commission in 1840 to advise them: '... to flee from the trade and to beware of leading their children into it'. A frameknitter named John Thurman, with his wife and seven children, knitted plain hose. He said: 'The boy and me make four dozen of them in a week; then I have to pay 2s. 3d. frame rent for the two frames; ... 2s. for seaming; .. 71/2d. for needles; ... 4d. per week for candles; .. 2d. for oil; ... coal 1/3d. per week; then I have to buy wrenches, hammers, keys and everything of that sort'. This gave him an income of £1 2s. 3d. per week with expenses of 9s. 71/2 d., leaving the family of nine only 12s. 71/2 d. per week (£28 today) for food and clothing. Others were much worse off, including a family of six living off 3s. 6d. per week (£7.70). John Thurman continued: 'The whole nine of us lie in two beds and ... we have one blanket for both', and 'When Monday morning comes I have not got 6d to buy a loaf with and there is nothing in the house. Then whatever few garments we have we pledge them into the (pawnbrokers) shop to get a bit of bread to go on with during the week sometimes it lasts to Thursday dinner time and then we have to go without until Saturday, when we get our things again'"

We will have a limited print run of 80 paperbacks (£15 each) and 30 hardback copies (£25 each). Please contact Peter Greaves (822374), Peter Fellows (825267) or Mike Lynch (820096) to reserve your copy. Alternatively (and for overseas buyers) you can email peter.fellows@bonsallhistory.org.uk or peter.greaves@bonsallhistory.org.uk with your order, or visit the Bonsall History Group website shop at www.bonsallhistory.org.uk.

Peter Fellows





Parish council report

Bonsall Parish Council met on 19th November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

DCC Cllr Irene Ratcliffe had submitted a report to Bonsall Parish Council and states that she has arranged for cutting back to take place in The Dale and Slaley, please do keep us informed.

DDDC Cllr Bob Carwright reported that Gulley cleaning has been requested.

Consultation to change Derbyshire Fire Service

All Councillors urged people to make themselves aware of the consultation on the proposed changes to the Fire Service, if you can visit the Derbyshire Fire Service website and read about the proposals to merge Wirksworth and Matlock Fire Stations you will also find a link to participate in the consultation. If you would like a copy of the documents, please contact The Clerk.

Christmas Tree Festival

Councillors were delighted to hear that volunteers and festive souls are coming forward to set up decorations for their parts of the village. A chance to talk about different ideas if you meet in The Kings Head on Monday December 9th at 8 pm. If you can make that, please do contact The Clerk if you would like to be involved. We are still seeking volunteers for Uppertown, Town Head, High Street and Church Street.

Road Sign on Clatterway

A priority warning sign has been requested for the top of Clatterway, it's suggested that, because there are so many people coming into the village now due to the successful businesses some drivers might not be aware of

how blind the slight bend is at the top. We will need to provide evidence to Derbyshire County Council so if you've had any near misses, or wish to put forward any experience, again please contact The Clerk either on 820947 or via email bonsallclerk@gmail.com

Similar problems are being reported on Salters Lane, please do keep The Clerk informed if you have any concerns.

Memorial Benches

No benches have been requested so far, Bonsall Parish Council are keen to install some additional seating in the village and have money to do this. If there is a location you think could be improved by adding a Bench, please contact The Clerk.

There were some reports of broken street lights and potholes, Bonsall Parish Council wanted to take this opportunity to remind all residents that it's not necessary to wait for a Council meeting to report these faults, you can go directly to the Derbyshire County Council website and report them to Call Derbyshire, you can email them: contactcentre@derbyshire.gov.uk or you can phone the hotline on 01629 533190. Please do get in touch with them if you have problems with highways or broken lights – it will make sure the problem is dealt with much more quickly.

The next meeting of Bonsall Pariah Council will be held on Tuesday 17th December in The Village Hall, all welcome.

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 direct:

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Cllr Colette Dewhurst, The Barley Mow, The Dale, Bonsall. T 825685

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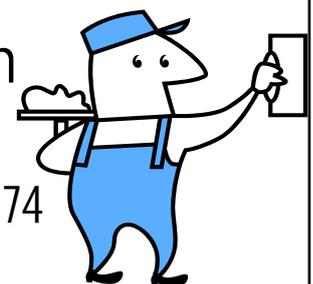
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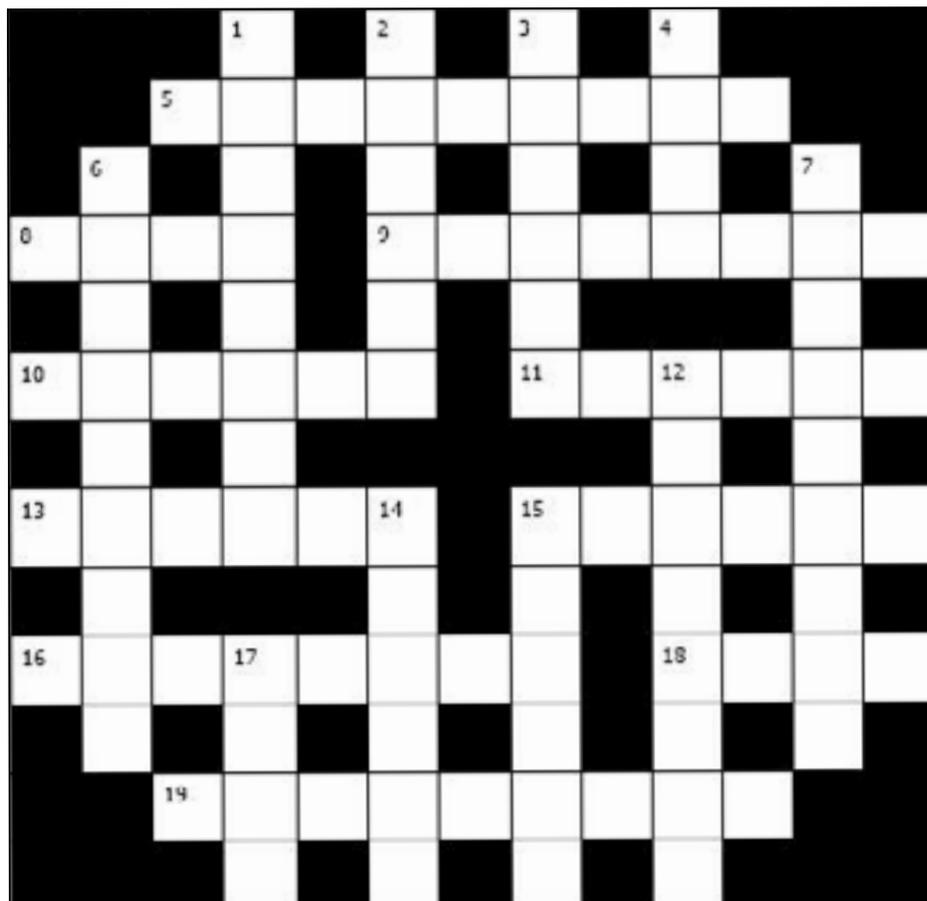
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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD No 46



Across

5. I'm clothed in dapper, loose type of legwear? No! (9)
8. Injure two thousand on both sides of road. (4)
9. Royal marines wear two articles on left shoulder initially. They'll certainly need these in 2. (8)
10. Blue streak you might see in 2. (6)
11. King is falling over, going downhill in 2. (6)
13. Fall over sheep hugging horse?! (4,2)
15. Join nurse on table? (6)
16. Testing idiot? Jock's agreeing. (8)
18. Going west, got sun? No! Got this instead!
19. Kit joins homeless Dylan on this day in 2. (9)

Down

1. Place to get on? Yes, if clever, backed by the best. (4-4)
2. Bury wife first - now? Yes! (6)
3. Hurries - has couple of seconds to surround rising ocean. (6)
4. Maps out unwanted correspondence. (4)
6. Seen in 2, jar of stock, unloved, curdled. (4,5)
7. Weapon found in Quisling's hotel. (9)
12. Hebridean, for example, is the French chap;.....(8)
14.a man who sounds as though he could give you a boost. (6)
15. Crews have energy but rubbish sight! (6)
17. Hurt a revolutionary? (4)

Please drop off solutions to the Old Rectory by **7th January**.
First correct answers pulled out of a hat gets 2 bottle of wine.

Answers to Crossword no. 45.

Across: 5. President. 8. Ford. 9. Coolidge. 10. Astern. 11. Starry. 13. Avatar. 15. Hoover. 16. Algernon. 18. Them. 19. Jefferson (jeers around ff = very loud + on = about). Down: 1. Gradient. 2. Ash can. 3. Odious (ious = bills). 4. Anti. 6. Roosevelt (roo = little bounder). 7. Aggrieved. 12. Adoption. 14. Run off. 15. Hungry. 17. Ewer.

Brain Teaser

A man has a job that means he has to work eight days and then rest on the ninth day. If he starts work on a Monday, what day of the week will he rest the twelfth time?



VILLAGE GROUPS & RESOURCES

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Jain Holmes 825933

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07988071682

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Mellissa Welbourne 826303

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Peter Greaves 822374

Bonsall Map Wendy Bullar 825267

Bonsall Pensioners Fund Ron Brown

822153

Bonsall Riders Club

Jane Williams 825632

Carnival Committee

Hazel Baldwin 824724

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Chris Broome 824512

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Karen or Jayne 07909 937371

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Hayley Capewell 0777 3149935

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School Foundation

Clerk, Norma Rickards 822257

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For bookings, contact **Moira Angus** 823382

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