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“Take from our souls the strain and stress....”

There is growing concern about the effect of increasing stress levels on people in Western society.

The demands of the workplace trespass more and more upon people's private lives. The weekend is being whittled away for many – and Sundays, once an oasis of rest in the days when the Church still had authority in the land, are now virtually like Saturdays or even weekdays for millions. Mobile phone calls from bosses and customers, I'm told, and the demands of “e-traffic” make it hard for employees and business-people alike to relax.

I, personal, feel enormous sympathy for our teachers who are hardly expected to have a private life any more. Last week, the Chief Inspector of Schools was addressing the problem of the high number of teachers dropping out of the profession after just four years. Do the powers that be blame themselves? Oh no – the Inspector blames teacher-training colleges for not preparing them properly to deal with “challenging children”. The Education Minister Mr. Gove's latest bright idea is to talk of cutting teachers' lunch hours to 20 minutes! My wife, Kate, until she retired a couple of years ago, very often worked a twelve hour day – spending ten of those hours in the school building. She wasn't even quite a full-time teacher! Most of her colleagues did likewise.

In marriages and other relationships now, it is very common for both partners to have to go out to work and be subject to this stress. In a recent radio programme, a psychiatrist who deals with severe nervous breakdowns, was explaining that a few years ago, breakdowns in men were less common – in a ratio of one man to four women. Now there is a ratio of two men to four women. Particularly vulnerable, he thought, are men who try to excel at everything – once it was enough to do so at work as a provider – now many feel that society expects them to do so in a domestic setting as well.

Interestingly, a Dr Davies recently presented new research to the British Psychological Society's annual conference. He has found that people with faith who regularly attend religious services report lower levels

of stress than their fellow workers. This will come as no surprise to many of us.

You may remember a verse of the hymn “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” (sung to the tune, “Repton”) which goes:

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

If, when feeling under pressure, one were to sit quietly, with eyes closed, and say this verse over to oneself and to God, it would make a marvellous meditation and prayer.

Peace be with you!

**Richard Benson,
Vicar of the White Peak Group of Parishes**

BIGGHARTS-

January has been a busy month with 2 competition, Hockey and Netball. On 6th the following children represented Biggin and Hartington as BIGGHARTS in Hockey – Tom Wager, Josh Wright, Jacob Blackwell, George Wigham, Oliver McCurrach and Harriet Pearson. They drew with Kniveton 2-2 and won against Hulland 1-0; Goal scorers were Oliver McCurrach and Tom Wager, who also was awarded the “**Star Player Certificate**”.

On the 13th we played Netball- this was for years 3 and 4- we won 2 games and lost 2 . The children participating- George Wigham,(who was awarded the “**Star Player Certificate**”) Josh Wright, Harriet Pearson, Abigail McCurrach, Annabelle Garlick, Jasmine Leslie, Jacob Adams.

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HARTINGTON NEWS

Congratulations- To Mr Ron Riley who had his 90th Birthday on Monday 13th January

Congratulations –To Mrs Ruth Prime who celebrates her 90th Birthday. Ruth will be “at home” in Ivy Cottage, on her 90th Birthday on Friday 14th March and Saturday 15th March between 2pm and 5pm and would be delighted to welcome any visitors to help her celebrate with tea and cake..... BUT no presents please.
Rachel

Hartington Light-up- On a wet and windy Saturday-December 14th- Manifold Valley Bygones Group valiantly weathered the wind and rain with their various engines. The Village Christmas tree lights were duly “turned on” by the Chair of the Parish Council, Mr David Annat in front of a small but brave crowd. Thank you to all who supported the event.

Village Hall News

In December 2013, we held our first Christmas Tree Festival. Eighteen Christmas trees were decorated by village groups & businesses and over the Friday evening & Saturday a great number of villagers and visitors came to appreciate them all. Mince pies were served with mulled wine, tea & coffee, whilst we were entertained by Philip Goodwin on the keyboard and jokes & sketches by James Galloway-Booth & Keith Hawley on the Friday evening. Overall, nearly £400 was raised, all going towards the Village Hall restoration fund. Thank you to all the volunteers and Christmas tree contributors who helped to make this such a successful event.

In addition, a small group of volunteers have been working on a leaflet promoting Hartington as a one-stop wedding destination and the Village Hall as a venue for wedding receptions. We would like to invite local businesses and producers, who would like us to send out their promotional materials (to prospective hirers of the Hall or just those people enquiring about Hartington as a wedding destination) to contact Janet Bray on 01298 84417 & we will incorporate that material in our Information Pack and on our soon to-be- launched website.

Hartington School- On Friday 17th January a special assembly was held to celebrate the Achievements of the Children in participating in the British Heart Foundation (BHF) Sponsored Swim

The grand total of £1235.50 was raised by Mr John Dean, Maddie and Alice Wager. The trophy, which Hartington School has now won for 3 consecutive years, was presented by Sophie Jardine from the BHF in the presence of Chair of Governors, Mr and Mrs Dean and Mrs Broomhead who was representing HYPAC, who also raised £332.50.

Several pupils are participating in the BIGGHARTS events at QEGS during the term- see the reports from BIGGHARTS.

WE are also joining with Biggin School to access a dance programme provided by a specialist member of staff from QEGS. We are delighted to be working with Derby County Football In the Community again for both the delivery of Curriculum work as well as a 5 weeks of an after school activity club where pupils from Biggin will be joining us A special programme entitled “ 5-60- Healthy Life styles” has started a 10 week programme.

Later this term as part of our topic on “Romans” we will be visiting Buxton Museum. Lastly we plan to take part in an anti-litter initiative through the “Let’s Lose Litter campaign”

Community Lunches- Please see the invitation on the front of this edition. The children and all staff of the School really hope that you will come along and enjoy an excellent meal and spend some time with the children. The first one- February 14th – look forward to seeing you there.

ST Giles Church Family Services- Mrs Sarah Lacey – Ten years ago Sarah Lacey and Margaret Partridge initiated the first Family Services at St Giles Church. They have evolved and grown to what we now have. Sadly –no longer to be. I know that the many people who have attended these services through the years have enjoyed them very much and would like to say thank you. A message from the Church Wardens- On the retirement of Sarah from these duties, Howard and I would like to thank her very much for all her hard work. **Celia Critchlow and Howard Kilner**

Hartington Graveyard Update –

Since last January, the Parish Council have been working with Derbyshire Dales District Council and the Church authorities in Derby to set out the additional burial spaces ready for consecration. Although we were able to identify some 28 new burial spaces, there was some concern that further space would be required for cremations where ashes

could be interred. The new burial spaces have all been cleared and a further plot made available making 29 new plots.

In the process of marking out the new plots we were able to set out a further 48 spaces for cremations. So there are now almost 80 new plots in total, available for burials and cremations and we hope to arrange the formal consecration of these later this year subject to the availability of The Bishop to carry out the ceremony.

The District Council have also confirmed that they are willing to spend some of the allocated money they have for carrying out the necessary investigations in the adjacent field to see if it will be possible to extend the burial ground for future use.
Chris Dullage

Oddfellows 60's and 70's Dance- April 12th – Tickets available soon- please put it in your diary. Look forward to seeing you there for another great night

Hartington Sports Committee- Beetle Drive/Pie and Pea Supper- February 21st 7pm- Please come and support this event as it will raise funds for the Hartington Sports which will return to the Village this year on September 14th

L'Eroica Vintage Cycle Event- On January 6th, in the Beresford tea rooms village businesses and Parish Council Chair met again with the L'Eroica Vintage Cycle race organisers to progress plans for this international event on June 22nd Hartington

Community Group (HCG)- AGM and planning meeting- February 12th -7pm- This is an open meeting where we will discuss how we can work together to make the many community events for 2014 a great success. If you would like to be involved please come along

Dog Fouling –Hallbank – This has started again. It may be visitors or local people- who ever –please, please desist-it is such a health hazard to our community and the gentleman who keeps our verges and greens so neat and tidy, as well as being such an eyesore in our lovely village. There is a dog waste bin on the green in front of the church. Thank you.

British Legion- The first Sunday of the month sees the ever popular Quiz Night and on the third Sunday it will be the Bingo session.

The Rooke- Will re-open on Wednesday February 12th

Biggin and Hartington Scouts

Hi folks. Just a quick note from Biggin and Hartington Cubs and Scouts. We hope all our friends out there had a good Christmas and we wish everyone all the best in 2014. As we enter the new year once more our thoughts turn to the competitions we will be entering and the camps yet to come so although we do not have much to report at this time the group would like to thank the support we have had from the community especially donations from Cotterill Farm cottages, Ray and Caroline Cork and Biggin Charities. All the best **Jill Colin and Alan**

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2015 Calendar

Hartington Village Hall committee are producing a calendar for 2015 that incorporates photos of our village and surrounding countryside.

Now is the time to bring out your cameras or mobile phones and start snapping or perhaps you already have photos that you think might be suitable. Ideally we would like photos that represent the seasons or for example events such as the Oddfellows during Well dressing.

Please send in printed A5 photos to Sue at the Post Office saving your images as jpegs. This will ensure a high level of reproduction if selected for the calendar. You can send in as many as you want but only one image will be chosen per person.

We will be shortlisting by the 27th April and the judging will take place shortly afterwards. We would like the calendar to be produced by 23rd May in readiness for the Flower festival and all the tourists it brings. All profits will go towards improvements for the Village Hall. A display of all the photographs submitted will be on show during the Flower festival. Happy snapping!

From the Diary

FEBRUARY	5 th -Parish Council – Bakehouse - 7.30 10 th - Village hall Committee meeting- 6pm –British Legion 12 th HCG –AGM and General meeting- 7pm Bakehouse 21 st Hartington Sports –Beetle Drive/Pir & Pea supper- 7pm – Village Hall
MARCH	12 th Parish Council – Bakehouse 7.30pm 19 th –Parochial Church Council AGM 26 th School Governors meeting- School 7pm

BIGGIN NEWS

Biggin WI-The AGM was held in November when Jenny Gill as Treasurer reported another successful year financially. President Mary thanked everyone for their help but especially Joan for her various fund-raising events and to Hazel for her varied and entertaining programme. After the conclusion of business a supper of baked potatoes followed by scrumptious sweets and the odd celebratory toast to the future of the WI, were enjoyed. The officers for next year are- President- Mary Fentem, Vice President- Lynn Jinks, Treasurer- Sandra Lovatt, Secretary- Jennie Gill, Programme-Hazel Salt, Press-Jen Brindley New members are always welcome.

Jen Brindley

Bobbie Rowbottom-Back in November friends met in the Waterloo to say goodbye to Bobbie who is moving from the area. Bobbie has been invaluable both as a member of the WI, and as the treasurer of the PCC. She will be greatly missed by both. Her new venture in Norfolk sounds really exciting and we all wish her well. Our loss is their gain. Thanks for everything. **Biggin WI and Biggin PCC**

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and send my thanks for all the lovely cards and good wishes, received from friends and villagers of Biggin. Also the surprise gift I received from the village hall committee, on my last bingo evening, it was very sparkly and pretty and much appreciated. Last but not least the gift from St. Thomas PCC, a very kind gesture to treat myself with. I have finally settled in Norfolk in my new job and new home in the watermill. **Bobbie Rowbottom**

Red frog Fashions Charity Fashion Show at Biggin village hall on Tuesday the 11th February 2014 from 7.00 pm. All funds raised will go to Women v Cancer. Entrance £3.00 per person and tickets can be purchased from Sandra on 84434.

St Thomas Church- After a few programming hiccups Christmas at Church turned out to be at least as busy as usual. Church was packed for the Carol Service, which was held in the afternoon, with all the children dressed in their party outfits in readiness for their annual Christmas party at the village hall which followed. Mulled wine and Mince pies were served.

Carols followed on Christmas morning with a good attendance of “yearly friends” staying over from Biggin Hall joining the congregation. This was followed by the Benefice service at the end of the month.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to clean and decorate the church and to the volunteer “brass cleaners” Many hands do help to make that work a little lighter. **David Brindley**

St Thomas Church Christmas Gift Day Appeal- Thank you to those who returned the envelopes or gave donations. We raised £201.50p which is greatly appreciated. **Kay, Rita and PCC**

Biggin School Christmas Concert- Well Done to Mrs Gosney and her team and especially the children for yet another splendid Christmas concert. A really entertaining evening and a good start to Christmas. **Kay and Rita**

Biggin C of E Primary

The run up to Christmas was a very busy time for all associated with school. We went to Hartington School to join them for a production of the ‘Snow Queen’ performed by a small theatre company. Apart from being hugely enjoyable, this was a great insight into how a cast of 3 could play so many different parts. The speed of the costume changes particularly impressed the children.

All the children created Christmas decorations to enable us to take part in the Christmas tree festival at church. This presented a wonderful backdrop to the Carol service, in which the children performed a

selection of songs. Mrs Gosney accompanied the service by playing the organ.

The Christmas production of 'The Bossy Christmas Fairy' was a roaring success and many comments were received regarding the outstanding quality of the children's singing. A particularly impressive achievement given that the vast majority of the children are KS1. An enjoyable violin performance was given by many of the children, ably led by Claire Kilner. Claire also performed a piece of music composed by a Year 4 pupil, which left the audience spellbound. The progress and commitment shown by the children is a testament to Claire's dedication and enthusiasm. A huge vote of thanks to Claire from all of us.

Joining our children together with children from Hartington school to form the 'BiggHarts' team, enables the children to take part in a wider range of

primary sports events at QEGS. So far this term we have taken part in Hockey and Netball, with Multi-skills and Gymnastics coming up in the next few weeks.

We are continuing to provide a joint after-school club with Hartington, which this term takes place at Hartington school taught by Derby County sports coaches. These additional sports opportunities are being funded by Primary School Sports funding from the Government.

This term we are undertaking the exciting topics of Inventions and Space.

We will also have a whole school RE week learning about Hinduism, incorporating a trip to the Derby Open Centre.

EARL STERNDALE NEWS

Our Christmas Market seems way back now, but it was a very enjoyable afternoon. With late sales, the profit was £159.47.

Raffle prize winners were:

- 1st Julie Jenkins-Biscuits.
- 2nd Derek Watson-Nivea for men.
- 3rd Tracey Critchlow-Bag.
- 4th Richard Benson-Scarf.
- 5th Dorothy Naylor-Smellies.
- 6th Wendy Wilton-Perfume.
- 7th Pat Paterson-Scales
- 8th Carol 85418-Chocs.
- 9th Bel Kerr-Umbrella.
- 10th Jenny Mellor-Diary.

The Christmas Raffle was drawn following the Children's Christmas Service. Prizes won were:

- 1st £50 Voucher-Tompy 83469.
- 2nd Theatre Token-Bess Adams.
- 3rd Whiskey-Yvonne Broady.
- 4th Sandwich Toaster-LozCheshire Cheese.
- 5th Shortbreads-Mary Stubbs.
- 6th Handbag-R T Mycock.
- 7th Bottle Wine-Mary Wheeldon.
- 8th 2 picture frames-S Critchlow.
- 9th Oil of evening primrose-Stella Buxton.
- 10th Old Spice-Rymer.
- 11th Luxury bath kit-D Wheeldon.
- 12th Umbrella-Jody c/o Bardell.
- 13th Eclairs-Mrs Dawn Stephens.
- 14th Scarf-P Storer.

15th Reed Diffuser-Carol 85418.

We say a big 'Thank You' to all who helped with these events, giving prizes and selling tickets, with a special mention to John Bardell for his fantastic ticket sales, Thank you John. The profit from which was £350.00 after taking off the 1st prize.

A belated 'Thank you' to all who helped out on the Harvest weekend, to Kevin, Lynne, Debbie and Philip at the Harvest Sale and to the school and parents, for their gifts of produce.

Our next event will be the May Market, held over the late bank holiday, 24th, 25th and 26th May'14, when we hope to have the usual stalls of handmade items and homemade goodies

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There was no let-up in calls during December with calls to Hartington, Parsley Hey, Butterton, Warslow, Leek, Reapsmoor, Hulme End and several calls to Longnor.

It has been a very busy 2013 for Flash & Longnor overall. Not only have we dealt with more calls than any other year but we have also ended the year with 52.3% duty coverage for the period. This should provide great peace of mind to the local community knowing that 1 hour in 2 was covered by our group alone.

In particular the Group would like to thank the main Responders active during the year. Adam Rowbottom committed to 2,776.75 hours in 11 months (nearly 60 hours a week!) Darren Barlow completed 1,308.25 hours (25 hours per week!). Caroline Green started with the group at the end of July and achieved 263.75 hours by the end of December. Finally Nettie Cook achieved a further 206 hours for the period.

Please remember guys all this is done on a voluntary basis and all concerned have full time jobs and families to look after when they are not responding.

A further thank you is extended to not only the kind and generous folk in and around the community that donated to us this year, but also to those that held Fund Raising Events for us also including the Winking Man and Manifold Inn.

Should you wish to donate (bearing in mind we are totally dependent on donations) then please visit our website <http://www.falfr.org.uk/contact-us/> drop us a line and we will sort something out. We can now claim gift aid on personal contributions and can also accept payments direct to our bank by standing order. Very soon we will also be accepting donations via our "Mydonate" page.

Longnor Players Presents..... The Witches

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Date	Biggin	Earl Sterndale	Hartington	Readings
February 2 nd The Presentation (Candlemas) (Gold / White)	11.15 am Holy Communion	11.15 am Holy Communion	8.00 am 1662 Holy Communion	Malachi 3 : 1 – 5 Luke 2 : 22 - 40
February 9 th 4 th before Lent (Green)			10.00 am Holy Communion	1 st Corinthians 2 : 1 – 12 Matthew 5 : 13 – 20
February 16 th 3 rd before Lent (Green)	11.30 am Morning Worship	11.15 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm BCP Holy Communion and MAP	<u>Ecclesiasticus</u> 15 : 15 – end Matthew 5 : 21 - 37
February 23 rd 2 nd before Lent (Green)			10.00 am Holy Communion	Romans 8 : 18 – 25 Matthew 6 : 25 – 34
March 2 nd Next before Lent (Green)	11.30 am Holy Communion	11.15 am Holy Communion	8.00 am 1662 Holy Communion	2 nd Peter 1 : 16 – end Matthew 17 : 1 – 9
March 5 th Ash Wednesday (Purple)	Joint Group Service for ASH WEDNESDAY at Hartington at 7.30 pm.			
March (Purple/Lent Array)			10.00 am Holy Communion	Genesis 2 : 15 – 17 ; 3 : 1 – 7 Matthew 4 : 1 - 11
March 16 th (Purple/Lent Array)	11.30 am Morning Worship	11.15 am Holy Communion	6.30 pm Evensong	Romans 4 : 1 – 5; 13 – 17 John 3 : 1 - 17
March 23 rd (Purple/ Lent Array)			10.00 am Holy Communion	Exodus 17 : 1 – 7 John 4 : 5 – 42 (Omit vv 31 – 38?)
March 30 th (Purple/ Lent Array)	11.30 am Mothering Service	11.15 am Mothering Service	10.00 am Mothering Service	1 st Samuel 1 : 20 – end John 19 : 25b - 27
April 6 th (Purple/ Lent Array)	11.30 am Holy Communion	11.15 am Holy Communion	8.00 am 1662 Holy Communion	Ezekiel 37 : 1 – 14 John 11 : 1 - 45

Hartington Family Services

For some time now, Sarah Lacey has been providing a Family Service at Hartington on one Sunday per month. This arrangement has now come to an end and we are very grateful indeed to Sarah for her efforts. Well done Sarah! It may be possible to resume such services at a later date. Is it something YOU could do with some support? Let me know if you think it is.

The Vicar

White Peak Group Registers

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