

News And Views



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Hartington Farm Shop and Café

Mr Walter Ellis who came to Hartington in the mid 1920's constructed the building, which now houses the Farm Shop and Café. It is said; he arrived pushing an ancient, broken down taxi. He established a haulage business with a Mr. Yates, acquiring some ex- World War One Maudsley Army wagons, one of which still had shrapnel damage from the Western Front. To house the Lorries, he built Ellis Garage in 1928. The gable end was inscribed "W J Ellis Haulage Contractor". A feature of the early years was the transportation of stone from local quarries to Manchester. The company was nationalised in 1948 becoming the British Road Service- BRS- having played an important role during World War 2 taking Tarmac out of Hartshead Quarry to the aerodromes in Lincolnshire for runway building and repairs.

The first drivers of the Lorries (according to Ron Riley in his account- Alcocks Lamp) were Len Bunting, Bill Shipley, Harry Jones and Harry Broomhead. Other local men also drove including David Partridge, the mechanics included Arthur Tress, Hughie and Charlie Cope and Jack Ellis. Later the building was taken over by corn merchants "Criddle Albion" of Horwich End based in the Stockport Area.

In 1967, it became "Hartdale Motors"- Mr Eddie Mollatt started his own garage business. The photos below shows the front of the business during a heavy snowfall.



In 1980 Hartdale Motors moved to the current premise at the start of Dig Street by the pond, it became "Rookes Pottery".

Eventually the premise became a Café, firstly run by Jonathan and Jess Hind and then Caroline Stone. In August 2018 Ian & Marion Shaw with their 4 daughters; Joanne, Hollie, Megan and Bethany took the business on as the Hartington Farm Shop and Café.

At the rear there is a Sculpture workshop, which meets on a Monday, 10-4pm, and has produced many fine pieces of work including the sculpture of St Giles over the church door and the piece depicting the Duke of Devonshire on horseback by the Lychgate.

The current owners aim is to host more family events. They will hold two wreath making workshop shops- Monday 2nd / Tuesday 10th December. "Tea with Santa"- Friday 13th Saturday 14th December. Look out for information about a Burns night in January



What's On

Hartington

Sun December 1 st	British Legion, Quiz 8pm
Mon December 2 nd	Farm Shop – Christmas Wreath Workshop
Wed December 4 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Bakehouse
Wed December 4 th	Informal Flora- Village Hall 1-3pm
Wed December 4 th	Hartington Sings- Village Hall 5-6pm
Thurs December 5 th	Body Shop Party -6.30-10pm Charles Cotton
Fri December 6 th	Manifold Valley Bygones- Christmas Party British Legion
Sat December 7 th	Lantern Making- 11-3pm – Village hall
Sun December 8 th	Carols by Candlelight- 8pm British Legion
Wed December 11 th	Village Hall 5 th Lottery draw Village hall 8.30 approx.
Wed December 11 th	Hartington Sings- Village Hall 5-6pm
Fri December 13 th	Celebration Worship 11am Church followed by Community Lunch 12am
Sat December 14 th	Christmas in Hartington, Lantern Walk, Advent Windows, etc see posters
Sat December 14 th	Eclectic Duo 9pm British Legion
Tues December 17 th	RSG Christmas Lunch at Farm Shop 12 noon
Tues December 17 th	School Nativity 6pm –Church- Festive Food and Prize Draw at School 7pm
Fri December 20 th	Charles Cotton 5pm Carols and advent window light up
Sun December 22 nd	British Legion Christmas Quiz 8pm
Tues December 24 th	British Legion Christmas Eve Buffet
Wed December 25 th	British Legion Christmas Day opening- 11am-2pm
Thurs December 26 th	British Legion – Dominoes Knockout 8.30pm
Tues December 31 st	British Legion New Years Eve Party with “Johnny P” guitarist and singer

Biggin

Sun December 1 st	Warslow Silver Band 5.30 Village Hall
Mon December 2 nd	Hartington Nether Quarter PC meeting – Village Hall
Wed December 4 th	Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Fri December 6 th	Christingle Service 9am Church
Sat December 14 th	Disco Night at the Waterloo Inn
Sun December 15 th	Carols, Candles, Mincepies –Church 6.30pm
Tues January 1 st	Whisky and Shortbread Waterloo Inn
Thurs January 23 rd	Burns Night Quiz Waterloo Inn 8pm
Every Thursday	Village Hall- Bingo 7pm

Earl Sterndale

Mon December 2 nd	Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council
Tues December 10 th	Christingle Methodist Chapel
Sat December 14 th	Christmas Market 10-6pm Church
Sun December 15 th	Christmas Market 10-6pm and Church Carol Service 3pm
Thurs December 19 th	School Carol Service 2pm and 6pm in Church
Sun December 22 nd	Carols by Candlelight 6pm Methodist Chapel
Mon December 23 rd	Family Bingo 7.30pm in Church
Mon January 27 th	Family Bingo 7.30pm in Church

“Vicar” Letter-

Winter, as a certain TV programme was fond of saying, is coming! Some might even say it has definitely arrived. No wonder so many cultures and religions have festivals of light with their promise of better things to come. Everyone needs something to look forward to at the darkest, coldest and possibly wettest time of year.

Advent is a season of expectation with the light and warmth of Christmas soon to come. The Church of England invites us to join in its “Follow the Star Campaign” to celebrate Christmas. Churches are being encouraged to put up stars as a reminder that we should be like the wise men and shepherds who found Christ in a stable. There is an app that can be downloaded that offers a reflection for each of the twelve days of Christmas with a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and a challenge to reflect or act differently.

It is a wonderful time in the Church calendar where Christians share the Good News of the birth of Jesus. Each Christmas we are reminded that God gave us all the gift of joy, love and a new life with its possibility for change, for ourselves and the world around us. Christmas is the light in the darkness.

Yet many of us get lost in a sea of planning and to-do lists. Christmas does not happen by itself. Other people are sad, lonely or in financial difficulty. Despite the Christmas adverts, it can be the most difficult time of year. The Follow the Star Campaign invites us to be like a light in the darkness. As Archbishop John Sentamu says, we can all make a difference and we can all make better things happen. Sharing the joy of Christmas could be as simple as checking on an elderly neighbour or putting something in the food bank next time you are passing.

Wishing everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Julia Hewgill

Tales from the Field

Wintry fields and only the bravest of animals venturing out of the barn. My chickens spend their days poking their head out of their baby barn coop deciding whether a dash to the other side of the garden is worth the effort just to get a treat. With this cold weather brings the threat of the chicken killers, namely the Biggin urban legend stoat and this years’ new threat “the Biggin fox”. Now, as an incomer to Biggin who lived in city suburbia for many years, since moving here, 11 years ago, I have not actually seen a fox. In the city, I saw a fox every week usually prowling in my garden after the pet rabbit or rummaging in rubbish bags that had been left out. I remember even having the much-loved pet hamster “hobo” dug up the day after his very elaborate and well-attended funeral. In Biggin, I have not seen one at all but have heard neighbourhood fox stories a plenty. I am now looking out for him! I have been reliably told there has been a sighting over the road and one of my neighbour’s lovely fancy hens has mysteriously disappeared. Not to be outdone, my friendly farmer chipped in with “ye olde tale” of a rather exciting night time vigil awaiting sly old Mr Fox resulted in him shooting not only Mr Fox but 5 more of his merry band of fox friends. All this in just one night! His escapades where unappreciated by Mrs Farmer who apparently jumped a mile after every shot was fired thinking Mr Farmer had gone berserk with his gun. It must have sounded like the “Gun fight at the OK Corral” had come to Biggin that night.



Then there is also the “how to discourage a fox legends” the old morbid favourite of “tying dead birds to the fence” This, I would willingly do as the jackdaws drive me crazy with their persistence in getting back into my chimney, despite it being capped. Then I had to knock down an internal wall to get their ridiculous nest out of my chimney to enable me to line it for a wood burner...but that is another story...

Since the fox stories started doing the rounds, my lovely man says it is like sleeping with “Zebedee” when I jump out of bed at the slightest garden noise to check my hens. I have now purchased a new fangled electric coop door closer to ensure when I am working late my “ladies” are firmly locked into the coop before Mr Fox comes a visiting. Now I just dash home to check that the ridiculously expensive door has actually closed. I do not trust it to close without guillotining a dozy hen. As pointed out by my rather sensible teenage daughter, I may as well have saved the money and just close it myself if I am going to watch it close.

Thank heavens for all my hen helpers. Sensible teenage daughter, my 2 little hen keepers next door who keep a daily check with binoculars when I am

gallivanting about. Between the electric door, dead offerings, my hen helpers and all my neighbourly fox alerts this “hen keeping malarkey” is turning into a village affair in fact we are like a hen protection vigilante group!

Hartington Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The Practice is privileged to have a long established and very successful Patient’s Group. The Group is a registered charity, which was initially set up in 1989 to provide medical or nursing equipment that was not easily available on the NHS, to improve the health and quality of life of Hartington Surgery patients.

Funding is provided solely by patient donations, often given in memory of a loved one who received care and support from the Practice.

The Surgery would like to pass on sincere thanks for these charitable donations, without which the Patient’s Group could not offer its valuable support.

In more recent times, the Group has also taken on the role of a “discussion forum” to exchange ideas and suggestions to improve service provision.

The Practice aims to use this constructive ‘patient led’ advice and feedback to prepare an action plan for future Practice improvements.

If you would like to be involved, or if you have any queries about the PPG please contact the Surgery or come along to the next meeting at Hartington Surgery which will be in May 2020- please look out for notices

New members of all ages are welcome – please come along.



Hartington Sings.....

If you pop into the village hall on Wednesdays between 5pm and 6pm, you would be welcome to join Hartington Sings which started at the beginning of November as a trial run. It’s open to everyone, all ages and all villages, no prior experience necessary, just come along and sing. (Primary school age, please bring a parent or carer). So far between 20 and 25 of us ranging from 7 years to 80+ years have had lots of fun singing carols and Christmas songs. If you’re lucky, you may hear us performing over Christmas! We anticipate continuing next year – look out for information on the village website and on posters. There will be a small charge for sessions in future to cover costs of music and hiring the village hall.

For further info, if you need it: liz.hitch@btinternet.com



Hartington News

Hartington Community Group- Small Grants Applications – The HCG wish to alert the community that we have accumulated some funds which we would like to invest in community groups, which operate in Hartington. You may be aware that HCG does have a Small Grant application process and application form which would enable groups to apply

for support during the HCG financial year (February20- January21) for up to £100. There is a list of 22 groups who are registered with HCG, the application form and criteria will soon be available via a link on the Hartington Community web page, or you can obtain a copy from Liz Hitch- HCG Secretary or Liz Broomhead- HCG Chair.

Harvest Festivals, Battleback Concert and Remembrance Services- Good things happen in 3's. It is a joy to write the words, "a good attendance", which is what we had for three of our annual autumn events. Firstly, Harvest Festival and the "Pie 'n Pea supper". Thank you to all who helped make that a happy and inclusive evening. We had a beautifully made Harvest loaf that was presented during the church service (thank you Gary) and was shared amongst us at the supper after the Grace had been said. The church service was well attended; it was a pleasure to welcome some visitors who joined us for the service and the meal afterwards. Thank you to everyone who helped, especially the young HYPAC leaders who helped look after everyone in the Village Hall by waiting on tables so well. Thank you to all who donated Raffle prizes, helped clear up afterwards and made it the enjoyable community night it was. Donations received allowed HCG, once it had paid all costs to bank £101 which it will invest in future community activities

We donated goods this year's Harvest gifts to the Ashbourne food bank who were very grateful for your generous donations; they were much appreciated and needed.

Our 7th R.B.L. "Battle Back" concert was such a good night. I would like to thank everyone for their support from the wonderful Warslow Silver Band, in top form, to Brad and Val on the door and everybody in between. This year you have helped raise over £ 850.00p, for the essential work that is carried out at the "Battle Back" H.Q. at Lilleshall, in Shropshire. Chris Joynson, their recovery ops manager, came, joined us, and made a brief and very informative presentation to us at the beginning of the evening, which helped bring home how important the support work carried out at Lilleshall is to our ex-service men and women. He has just sent an email to me expressing his thanks for all that Hartington does to help him on his work, he had a wonderful evening with everyone. A huge thank you from me to each one of you for your support.

Sunday 10th November, Remembrance Sunday-situation normal, Reg Graham was well enough to lead the parade from the R.B.L. club up to church, I and many others, were very pleased that he was able to do so, thank you Reg. Thank you to Harold and Jen, Andrew and Mandy for laying on the very welcome soup and cheese after the service too. Things don't just happen and a lot of hard work is involved I know, so, thank you to everybody for making things go so well at all 3 events.

Finally, a personal thank you to the children and staff at our village school. I had the pleasure to attend a short remembrance service prepared by the children on the 11th November. It was all it should be, meaningful, thoughtfully delivered, and full of sincerity. It made me proud. Sarah

Cheese and Wine Evening- Charles Cotton Hotel –Friday 18th October. This was organised by Hartington PCC as a fund raising event for St. Giles Church – Kitchen and toilets appeal. Alan Salt entertained a full house with his expert knowledge on cheese presented in a humorous style. The wines, sourced by Sarah Lacey, complemented the cheese and the evening. It was a lovely evening hosted by Steve at the Charles Cotton- a big thank you to him and his staff for their support. A total of £650 was raised.

Hartington Lottery Draw - Our October winners were David and Norma Twigg, long time members of the Wednesday Social Dance Club. (Number 56). Our November winner is Caroline Kirkham of Newhaven Lodge Farm, Hartington (Number 84).

The December draw for £500 will be made during the Wednesday Social Dance Club at the Village Hall on Wednesday December 11th.

Hartington Village Hall Update. We have been busy over September and October with not only familiar groups such as Badminton, Pilates and the Wednesday Social Dance Club using the Hall, but new activities are appearing as well. The Lego series of activities using 'WeDo Robotics' proved very successful. A new 'Singing Group' started up on Wednesday 6th November with free introductory sessions through to Christmas each Wednesday early evening between 5-6.00 pm. All are welcome. New members are always welcome at all our user groups. Our calendar can be viewed at <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/calendar/> . Please note in particular the following: Saturday 7th December 11.00 – 4.00 Lantern Making – all welcome. Saturday 7th December 6.30 – 11.30 Saturday Dance. Saturday 14th December from 4.00 Lantern Parade and Community festivities.

By the time you read this, the result of our planning application to replace the main Hall roof will have been announced and hopefully we can get on with completing this major project.

Rural Social Group (RSG) - Continues to go from Strength to strength, we regularly have 20-25 people attending, enjoying tea, coffee and wonderful homemade cakes. The quality of speakers throughout the year has been outstanding and we have already

finalised an exciting programme for 2020. The final session in December will be our Christmas lunch at the Farm Shop on December 17th. Before that, we are privileged to welcome Hardyal Dhindsa the Police and Crime Commissioner

Hartington C of E Primary School - Yet again **Macmillan Coffee Morning** coincided with SUD (Stand Up Derbyshire Day) so to raise money for Macmillan the children came to school wearing sports clothes and undertook sports activities throughout the day. To be slightly different we had a Macmillan Afternoon Tea where family, friends, Governors and members of the community were invited to have afternoon tea and play bingo. The event was very well attended on an extremely wet afternoon. The event was organised as a tribute to Bel Kerr who has recently moved into a care home. She has been the organiser of the Macmillan Coffee Morning in Hartington for many years and holds the charity very close to her heart. We were extremely delighted to announce the final total raised was £245.00

Ashbourne Food bank - Our pupils have been busy gathering food and refreshments as part of their harvest festival celebrations to pass on to Ashbourne Food Bank. The schoolchildren visited the food bank last month to learn more about the work that is carried out there and how important it is to local people. Then, following a special Harvest Service in St Giles Church the hampers of food will be delivered to the food bank. In previous years, the donations for Harvest have been handed out to elderly residents of the village but this year it was decided the charity would be a worthy recipient of the hampers. Following a visit to the food bank, the secretary of the PCC quoted 'A small school teaching everyone that we can all love our neighbour in a big way!'

White Hall - On Monday 14th October the year 6 pupils travelled to White Hall out door centre to join Biggin, Parwich and Monyash pupils for a three-day residential visit. They experienced stream scrambling, canoeing, night walks, zip wires, mountain biking, rope courses and climbing walls. The pupils had a wonderful, but tiring time working collaboratively with others to develop communication, language and problem solving skills, raise self-esteem and self-worth.

On Thursday 24th October, we were pleased to welcome a special visitor, Archdeacon of Chesterfield, the Venerable Carol Coslitt, who spent a very enjoyable time singing songs with the children and telling stories too. The children all joined in with their customary enthusiasm and their singing was, as always, lovely. This was, a good thing, because I know

how well the children can sing and how welcoming they can be to visitors and Archdeacon Carol had once been a Choir Director and knew a good song when she heard one! The children did themselves and the school proud, as usual.

Clothes collection- Fire Fighter Charity raised £87 for PTA/School & £23.20 for the Fire Fighters Charity

Other activities we have been involved in include:- "Children in Need" – children will raise funds by wearing pyjamas and staging various activities. The PTA held their Christmas Market in school + Walking Treasure Hunt on November 30th. The AAA programme goes from strength to strength, the final activity for this year will be the lantern making on December 6th in the village hall 1-3pm, as we have done for many years we will be decorating the Village hall in time for the Hartington Social Dance Groups Christmas party, this year on December 11th. The Christmas Community Lunch, costing £4, will be on Friday December 13th 12 noon-booking is essential.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Nativity in church at 6pm on 17th December, followed by Seasonal Stew and Homemade Baps 7:30 in school - Ticket only event. On 18th December, we will visit the Buxton Opera House for the annual Pantomime

On Friday 20th December, the Childrens Carol Service will be held in school at 11am, followed by the school Christmas Party and a visit from Santa. Finally, our Christingle Service will be held in Epiphany during January date and time tbc. Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and good wishes for the New Year. Tracy Blackwell

Shoe Box Christmas Appeal- HARC- Homeless and Rootless at Christmas – The Charles Cotton Hotel is staging this appeal- please see their facebook for details of what can be donated. Donations please by 15th December

Christmas in Hartington and Tombola Support - The key focus for 2019, alongside the Church Services, will be a new initiative- "Advent Windows" which has replaced the "Christmas Tree festival" which we have run for several years. The response from the community has been excellent, Stuart has masterminded a programme of "light ups" and a map to show where they all are. The information of all of this will be on websites and facebook as well as hard copies available in local shops. The very popular Lantern Making, led by Helen Debes will be staged in the village hall on Saturday December 7th - 11-4pm- all welcome; please come and make your lantern ready for the Lantern Walk the following Saturday 14th. This will start from Church at 4pm and

follow a route around the first fourteen advent windows, culminating at the Village Tree on the green at 5pm approximately. The Chair of the Parish Council, Mr David Annat, will switch on the tree lights after which we will follow the lanterns to the village hall. Here we can enjoy Carols – supported by the new group “Hartington Sings”, refreshments and mulled wine culminating in a visit from Father Christmas with a small gift for our senior members of the community and of course children who come to help. On both the 7th and 14th we will be staging our Christmas Tombola- as in previous years please support this by leaving a small gift in the box in Sue

Peach’s shop. All proceeds raised by these events will be shared between the Church and Hartington Primary School

Christmas Tombola

Christmas festivities in Hartington would not be complete without the Tombola. In past years your generosity has made this a great success so we appeal, once again, for contributions towards the prizes. Gifts may be left at Sue’s Newsagent or the Village Stores.

Many Thanks.

Biggin News

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council- Mowing at Biggin and Heathcote

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council will shortly be seeking tenders for a mowing contract (April to October 2020). An advertisement, with details, will appear on the parish council’s website after 2nd December parish council meeting. In the meantime, if you are interested in this vacancy please send contact details to the clerk via the parish council’s website, <https://www.hartingtonnetherquarterpc.co.uk/>. Thank you S Hampson, Clerk Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council

Biggin PCC- A huge thank you to everyone involved in the harvest supper, which raised in excess of £700.00. It is very much appreciated. Thank you also to everyone who has placed flowers on the altar this year in memory of a loved one. If you would like to put flowers on the altar in memory of someone special, the calendar for 2020 is at the back of the church as are forms for memorial panes. Donation boxes for the High Peak food bank can now be found in the church and at school. We are looking forward to welcoming the children of Biggin School for their Christingle Service on Friday 6th of December. The church will be open on Friday 13th if you would like to decorate a window for Christmas. The carol service will take place on 15th December at 6.30pm. A nativity tableau will form part of the service. Children are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds or wise men so that they can join in with the service.

Biggin Village Hall - Every Thursday there is PRIZE BINGO: doors open at 7, play starts at 7:30. A full set of cards is only £4 – you can have more – play for half house and full house. Then there is the Flyer for the cash accumulator, added to every week until it is won! A fun game evening for everyone. Why not give it a try?

A busy month in October saw three local events at the hall, all very successful: Country and Western Night in aid of the Biggin Community Project; Pea and Pie Supper with an auction of produce and raffle in aid of St. Thomas’ church; and the Charity Fashion Show, run by Sandra in aid of local charities.

Up Coming Events- **Christmas, tree and lights** will be up in the pinfold by the time you read this. Lights funded by the Parish Council, tree donated to the Village Hall.

Sunday 1 December, 5:30pm: Warslow Silver Band Christmas Carols - a terrific success last year, another show was a must. Demand for tickets is already high and the specialists on the committee will have to repeat last year’s logistical exercise to fit everyone in. Tickets from committee members.

Wednesday 4 December evening: Biggin Senior Citizen's Christmas Party. Provided by the village hall committee by invitation to all those qualifying. Please let us know if you passed that significant milestone this year! (Mel Wilton 07989 195858) Advance notice of another Live and Local presentation: **Friday 27 March 2020: Twisted Tales** - brings you a trilogy of surprising stories focusing on the macabre and mysterious: get ready for an anarchic night of hilariously dark theatre!

Children at Biggin C of E Primary School have been enjoying a lively and fun-filled Autumn term. Our Space topic was very exciting and included a wonderful whole school trip to the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry which inspired everyone. We have been learning about the Solar System, producing amazing artwork and firing rockets into the sky!

Since the summer Key Stage 2 have been visiting Biggin Hall each month, taking our learning outdoors into their fabulous garden. This has been a brilliant

way to learn about the science of plants and observe subtle seasonal changes. We are so grateful to Annie and Lisa for all these lovely experiences in the autumn sunshine.

We've enjoyed some special times in Church too, this term including celebrating Harvest Festival, creating striking artwork for Remembrance and holding our school collective act of worship in the Church to remember and pray for peace. We are now looking forward to celebrating Christingle and of course all the Christmas festivities.

Last year we visited Tissington Hall to explore the Peter Pan story. This was such a special treat seeing each room beautifully decorated with scenes from the story and everyone in school produced such amazing creative writing afterwards. Shortly we'll be on a return visit and hope to be just as inspired as well as learning about a thriving local business.

Also at the end of November, Key Stage 2 will be visiting Eyam Parish Centre to join lots of other primary schools in a RE Conference to hear first-hand from children in Key Stage 3 about how they celebrate their different faiths including Christianity. We're hoping to combine this with a tour of Eyam to consolidate our local history topic on the Great Plague and keeping our fingers crossed for more sunshine to keep learning while we are out and about!

Huge congratulations to Erynn Wilton, Jack Leslie and Joseph Kirkham who, on Sunday 29th September, entered the Scout 'Rampage' Challenge 2019 at Drumhill. They completed 8 different challenges, which included, Axe Throwing, Fire

Lighting, Pioneering, Geocaching, Abseiling, Mental Challenge, First Aid and Archery. During the Archery they were the only team to score maximum 10's in Archery. The day was extremely wet, but they plodded on. Every other team had 6 people but our group of 3 absolutely "smashed it"; and out of 24 teams in total they came in at a FANTASTIC 8th place. Well done to you all.

Biggin WI – At the October meeting we had a lovely time going back through the history of Biggin courtesy of Eileen and Joan who brought in their many photos and clipping from newspapers etc. This prompted many of us to reminisce about the people and places we remember in Biggin. Members were reminded about the AGM next month and the bring and buy and the Christmas outing to the Duke of York

November meeting - This month we hold our AGM, Sandra explained that although the bank balance was quite healthy we still need to raise money next year as speakers and outing were continuing to rise in cost. Mary thanked everyone for their continued support and presented Hazel with a small gift of thanks for all her hard work as booking secretary. She has now officially retired from this post but will hopefully still help out.

Julia gave a brief outline of all the speakers' competitions and outing we have had this year and a brief account of the following years programme. All the committee were re-elected for another year. This was followed by supper, which everyone had contributed to, then the raffle and bring and buy brought the evening to a close. Sandra Lovatt

Earl Sterndale News

The funeral service for the late John Frederick Turner, took place at Earl Sterndale Church on Tuesday 5th November 2019. John passed away on the 22nd of October, aged 84 years. The service was conducted by Revd. Ossie Post, followed by burial in the churchyard. Our thoughts are with Philip, David, and all the family at this sad time. We would also like to say thank you for the donations given to church in memory of John.

The Parish Council of Hartington Middle Quarter met on 9th September. Discussion followed regarding maintenance of the churchyard and the increase in vehicles speeding through the village and the state of the roads in general.

In October, the council gave support to the committee endeavouring to secure the future of Pomeroy War Memorial Village Hall. The committee are anxious to

hear from anyone with memories or old photos of events held in the hall or with ideas for its future use.

On Remembrance Sunday a wreath was laid at the war memorial on behalf of the village and a short act of remembrance was held.

The next meeting of the council is on the evening of Monday 2nd December.

In November, **Buxton Rotary Club** were assisted by pupils of **Earl Sterndale school** in planting 1000 purple crocuses on the village green to highlight the campaign 'End Polio Now'.

Earl Sterndale Church Harvest Celebrations. Thank you to our friends from the Benefice for joining us for our Sunday Harvest Service. A special day! Our first Reformation Anniversary. Thank you also to our school children, for sharing their harvest celebrations; A celebration dance, by the whole

school, music from the school band, a reception class procession of fancy dress fruits and garden scarecrows (delightful). The children read and sang beautifully, as always. Thank you to Kevin Kirkham, (auctioneer) and all who came to our harvest sale, to join in the fun, we raised a super £304. Our Family Bingo Nights are proving popular. We are starting the mince pies early! Monday 25th November 7.30pm Monday 23rd December 7.30pm.

Earl Sterndale Christmas Market Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th December 10am to 6pm each day. Christmas Tree Festival, Refreshments, Christmas Raffle. Stalls are £5 each. If you would like one, please contact Jay Jay on 07736158363.

Methodist Chapel- Following the act of Remembrance at the war memorial on November 10th, refreshments were served in the chapel and a collection made for those affected by the flooding in Matlock. We were delighted that the community volunteers working in the churchyard joined us at the war memorial.

Messy Church took place on November 6th and our next children's event is the Christingle service on Tuesday December 10th. The children create their own Christingle which tells the meaning of Christmas. There is a magical moment when all the candles are lit and the lights put out. Sunday December 22nd our

annual Carols by Candlelight service at 6.00 pm followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Earl Sterndale CE Primary School We have a few forthcoming Christmas events:

Christmas Shopping Night in school – Friday 6th December – 7-9pm

Our Christmas Shopping Night is open to all. There will be lots of stalls selling jewellery, Body Shop products, Usborne Books, candles, crafts and cakes. There will also be refreshments and a raffle!

Christmas Nativity – Thursday 19th December – 2pm and 6pm

All are welcome to our Christmas Concert, which will be held in St. Michael & All Angels Church, Earl Sterndale. This year promises to be another musical bonanza including our traditional 12 Days of Christmas and some fabulous musical surprises.

New LA Governor

We are currently looking for a new Local Authority Governor to join our Governing Body. Ideally, this would be someone from the local community or from a local business who has an interest in contributing towards the governance of the school. We are particularly interested in applicants with either Finance or HR knowledge, but all applicants are welcome! Please call the school office (01298 83263) to have a chat if you are interested.

Pomeroy Do you remember Pomeroy War Memorial Hall in better times?

A meeting was held at the Duke of York, Pomeroy on Wed 16th October regarding Pomeroy War Memorial Hall. The Hall, on the main A515 at Pomeroy was built to commemorate those who served in the First World War and was built by public agreement with contributions from the people of Earl Sterndale Parish and the surrounding community. The hall was very successful, certainly up until the outbreak of World War Two, but has not been a community hall for many years and is currently used for storage by a local drama group.



The meeting was well attended and amongst those present were past committee members, current and former residents, descendants of the original Trustees plus members of Buxton Drama League, Parish Councils and a local history group. A special thanks to Helena Stubbs from Rural Action Derbyshire.

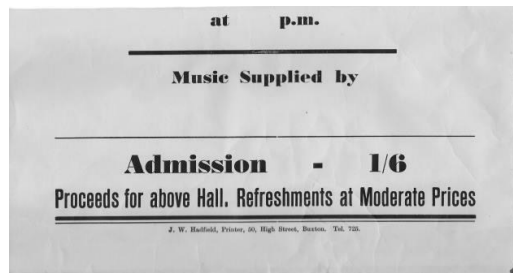
The meeting commenced with a history and background of the Hall, followed by an update on the current situation from Buxton Drama League and information from Helena who advises on the use of village halls.

We are hoping you can help us find out a little more about Pomeroy War Memorial Hall. If you have any photos, stories or memories of the hall we would love to hear from you.

Maybe someone you know was involved in the building of the hall in 1921? Or maybe they went to the dances or children's parties at the Hall. Were you one of the children who attended Sunday School at Pomeroy? Perhaps you know about the Home Guard using the Hall in the war. Have you been to a function or whist drive at Pomeroy Hall? Do you remember their famous Christmas raffle? Were you one of the band members who used the Hall for music practice?



Whatever your connection with the Hall, no matter when it was or how big or small your involvement, we would love to hear from you.



To share your memories or photos, or for more information, please email jod1@talktalk.net or visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroywarhall>

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Services for Sundays and Other Major Festivals

Date	Biggin	Earl Sterndale	Hartington		Chelmorton	Monyash	Taddington
1 st December	11.15am Morning Worship		10.00am Morning Praise		10.00am Family Service	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
8 th December			10.00am Holy Communion			9.30 Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
15 th December	6.30pm Carol Service	3.00pm Carol Service	10.00am Family Service		3.00pm Carol Service	6.30pm Carol Service	6.30pm Carol Service
22 nd December			6.30pm Carols by Candlelight		6.30pm Evensong with Monyash	6.30pm Evensong at Chelmorton	10.00am Holy Communion
24 th December			4.00pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass			6.30pm 1 st Eucharist of Christmas	6.30pm 1 st Eucharist of Christmas
25 th December	11.00am Holy Communion		9.30am Christmas Service		10.00am Family Service 10.45am Holy Communion		
29 th December	10.00am Joint Benefice Chelmorton	10.00am Joint Benefice Chelmorton	10.00am Joint Benefice Chelmorton		10.00am Joint Benefice Chelmorton	10.00am Joint Benefice at Chelmorton	10.00am Joint Benefice at Chelmorton
5 th January			10.00am Morning Praise		10.00am Family Service	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
12 th January			10.00am Holy Communion			6.30pm Evensong or Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
19 th January	11.15am Holy Communion	3.00pm Family Service	10.00am Family Service		10.00am Family Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
26 th January	10.00am Joint Benefice Taddington	10.00am Joint Benefice Taddington	10.00am Joint Benefice Taddington		10.00am Joint Benefice Taddington	10.00am Joint Benefice Taddington	10.00am Joint Benefice Taddington

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