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The feature for this edition is BIGGIN HALL. The recorded history is extensive going back to records in the Domesday Book of 1062 when it belonged to the Norman baron, Henry de Ferrers. There is so much of interest it is not possible to include it all in this one item. We intend to give you a flavour of the key milestones.

Around 1475 the chief landowning family of Biggin was called Dakeyn (sometimes 'Dekyn' or 'Dawkyn' in records]. The Dakeyns may have been here from as early as 1432. They were to remain for a further



two hundred years, until the death of Catherine Dakeyn in 1636. Richard's great grandson, Robert, is described in 1503 as 'of Bygging, Co. Derby, yoman'. Yeomen were the backbone of middle England: conservative farmers and freemen', fiercely proud of their independence from feudal servitude. A yeoman had his own servants, was addressed as 'Master', his wife being called Mistress'. From these terms derive the modern 'Mr.' and 'Mrs.'

Robert Dakeyn, 'yeoman', and his wife, Agnes, lived at Biggin Grange, a few yards from the present Biggin Hall. Nothing now remains above ground of that medieval grange. Their son John Dakeyn and his family occupied at least four houses in the village. It is said that his

daughter-in-law, Katherine [*nee* Leslie] attended Mary, Queen of Scots, at her execution, but there is no truth to the story. On the day in question, Katherine was almost certainly at Biggin, raising her five children.

The house is listed Grade II* by English Heritage as a 'dwelling of architectural and/or historic interest'. The star suffix denotes a particularly fine example of a building within its class and is applied to less than three percent of listed buildings. The house dates from about 1620, it was altered in the 1670s, again in the Victorian era and restored by the present owner in the last quarter of the twentieth century. It has a wealth of period features including some fine mullioned windows [long blocked up and hidden from view as a result of the infamous Window Tax] a baffle entrance, stone-flagged floors and a tall projecting turret staircase to the rear. To the north there is a corner lead gutter with a hopper head of 1743. The fireplace lintel is dated 1672.

At what date the Hall was acquired by the Gould family of Pilsbury Grange is uncertain, she died in 1777, her will left £240 each [about £22,000 in modern money] to her four daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, Hannah and Ellen, and her only son, Richard Gould. At this time the Hall was the home of the Goulds' steward-cum-bailiff, Henry Patterson, who took control of the agricultural side of estate life. He was responsible for the whole village; supervising the crops, ploughing, marling, carting and seeding. The neatness of the hedges and the cleanliness of the ditches both came under his charge, as did the condition of the craftsmens' tools, the many implements of husbandry, and the looms and spinning wheels of the women.

In 1836 Pilsbury Grange was inhabited by the widowed Margaret Gould The Hall was accommodating some of her agricultural workers and the family of one of her gamekeepers, William Broad. *Kelly's Directory of the County of Derbyshire 1857* states that 'the Grange and Hall are now extensive farms'. Alice lived at the Hall with her four sons, John 33, Richard 23, Mark 18 and Edmund 15, all of whom helped around the farm.

Alice lived at Biggin Hall until her death in 1887, aged ninety. Her sons, John and Richard, neither of whom ever married, continued to farm from here for many years more. John died in 1906 aged eighty-seven. The 1911 census, showed that Richard was eighty-three, being cared for by his widowed niece, Thomasina Ratcliffe. The house had ten rooms including a bathroom but excluding any closets, lobbies or outbuildings. He died here about 1916 and was succeeded by John Fletcher whose eldest son was still farming here in 1941. He was succeeded by his son Bill, who retired in 1974, and sold the house, farm buildings and 47 acres of land by auction. At that time half of the house had been closed off, and the Fletchers lived in one room on the first floor and one on the ground.

James and Maria Moffett bought it, planning to make it a family home, but soon found that there was far more work needed than they had hoped: woodworm had seriously damaged much of the timber. Over the years the building was re-roofed, joists and floors replaced, and the whole building rewired and re-plumbed. To help with the finances Maria started to take in paying guests in 1980, and the hospitality business has built up over the years since then. They have three daughters, the eldest of whom, Maddy, an experienced event rider and qualified riding instructor, runs an equestrian facility adjoining the hotel.

Biggin Hall Hotel now has 21 en suite bedrooms. The operations manager Andy Mellor has raised the standards of service, to an AA three star hotel. The kitchen team, led by head chef Mark Wilton, has achieved an AA rosette for culinary excellence. The continued success of the hotel depends on the quality of the housekeeping team and the ability of the front of house staff to provide friendly and attentive service in a relaxed atmosphere.

What's On

Hartington

Sun February 2 nd	British Legion, Quiz 8pm
Tues February 4 th	VE weekend planning meeting Bakehouse 2pm
Wed February 12 th	Hartington Community Group AGM-Bakehouse-
Wed February 12 th	Village Hall 6 th Lottery draw Village hall 8.30 approx.
Sun February 16 th	British Legion Quiz 8pm
Fri February 14 th	Community Lunch- Hartington School 12 noon
Tues February 25 th	Rural Social Group Village Hall 2-4pm
Wed March 4 th	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Bakehouse
Wed March 4 th	Informal Flora- Village Hall 1-3pm
Sat March 14 th	Boiler Bash & Rob's 70 th Village Hall 8pm till late
Wed March 18 th	Informal Flora- Village Hall 1-3pm
Wed March 18 th	Hartington PCC annual Parish meeting Bakehouse 7pm
Tues March 24 th	Rural Social Group Village Hall 2-4pm
Wed March 25 th	Lent Lunch 12-2pm Village Hall

Biggin

Every Thursday Family Bingo- Village Hall- 7pm for 7.30pm start

Mon February 3 rd	Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council Meeting- Village Hall 7.30pm
Mon 10 th February	Biggin WI- Village Hall
Fri March 27 th	Live and Local- Twisted Tales- Village Hall 7.30pm

Earl Sterndale

Wed February 5 th	Coffee Morning- Methodist Chapel 10.30-12 noon
Mon February 24 th	Family Bingo 7.30 in Church
Wed March 4 th	Coffee Morning- Methodist Chapel 10.30-12 noon
Monday March 9 th	Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council Meeting- Methodist Chapel 7.30pm
Monday 23 rd March	Family Bingo 7.30 in Church

“Vicar” Letter - Well Christmas is over & the New Year hurries on apace!

So now that the hustle & bustle, the last minute presents shopping & feverish preparations are behind us, you might care to read the following passage that David Race introduced us to at a service held on the Sunday before Christmas Day. He prefaced it by saying that it was written on a card he received and he was glad he had read it in advance of noting the author. **So cast aside your pre-conceptions & read on:-**

“The Son of God” by Geoffrey Archer

He was born in a barn, his father a carpenter, & his mother a decent woman, but they were of no significance & certainly couldn't have afforded to give the boy a private education.

Yet, as teenager, he was arguing the toss with his elders and betters in the council chambers.

He never got a proper job, just roamed around the countryside, unshaven, & living off bread & water & the occasional fish, whilst offering his opinions to those who cared to listen.

He became the manager of a football team known as the Disciples, not one of them a star, in fact the 12th man rather let the side down by accepting a transfer fee of 30 pieces of silver to play for the opposition.

The authorities eventually arrested him as a rabble-rouser, but couldn't decide what to charge him with, other than the fact that he claimed he was the Son of God.

They strung him up with a couple of criminals, and when he finally gave up the ghost, rather assumed that would be the last they'd hear of him.

The Disciples were relegated at the end of the season, in fact the captain denied, on more than one occasion that he'd ever been a member of His team.

When He died at the age of 33, there were no obituaries in the local press reporting his achievements, no glossy supplements highlighting his colourful career, no radio programmes to discuss his legacy, and no box sets recording any of his miracles.

But then, He'd never relied on focus groups to advise him on current trends, or advertising gurus to spend millions promoting his brand, or spin doctors to sharpen his image, & he didn't require social media to keep his followers up to date, so you could be forgiven for assuming he'd be forgotten in a few days.

So how can one explain that over 2000 years later, Jesus Christ is still the best-known celebrity on earth?

Could it just be that He was the Son of God?

Food for thought as this season of the Epiphany is followed by Lent & Easter? **Helen**

It's nearly that time of year again – a quick preview!!

Yes, it's soup & buns, cheese, fruit and a good old chinwag. It can only mean one thing!

LENT LUNCHESES 2020

Date	Time	Location
Wed. 4 th March	12.30 p.m.	Taddington Church Vestry
Wed. 11 th March	12.30 p.m.	Monyash Church Lady Chapel
Wed 18 th March	12.30 p.m.	Chelmorton Institute
Wed 25 th March	12.30 p.m.	Hartington Village Hall

Put the date in your diary and if you can donate time to help, soup, buns, cheese or fruit please contact your village organiser, Olwen Kirkwood, Helen Cullen, Irene Otty, Sarah Lacey

All proceeds go to those in need.

Hartington Surgery- The 2020 meetings of the Patient Group will be held at the surgery on Monday 18th May at 7.30pm and Monday 9th November at 7.30pm.

PLEASE EMAIL, WHERE POSSIBLE, ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE BY Mar 15th to
liz@broomhead.net or give to Margaret Partridge or Liz Broomhead.

Tales from the Fields

As the New Year begins, I am filled with hopes and dreams for the year ahead and spend some time reflecting on the previous years, happy and sad moments, trying to feel at peace with decisions made and learn from the lessons every year brings. I try to focus on just one thing to change in my life for the year ahead and with the climate crisis getting worse 2020 this will be my year for lowering my impact on our beautiful planet by being a little more self-sufficient.

So, my "veg plot" planning has begun and I have poured over my seed catalogues with renewed enthusiasm. A target of not only growing all my own salad, my triumph of 2019, but most of my vegetables too. I dream of a large walk in greenhouse but "Ye Olde Biggin stories of greenhouses taking themselves off across the fields to Hartington in the wind" has worried me into settling for a small cupboard style plastic greenhouse crammed full of trays to start off seedlings.

Sadly, not big enough to allow larger plants to live a charmed life out of the Biggin wind. My excitement at choosing seeds, is only outweighed, by the delight of the box full of seeds arriving. Then I work on my companion planting system, I love this style of planting as it allows me to grow organically, planting harmoniously to reduce pests. This produces vegetables, salad and edible flowers without the need for chemicals.

I choose to "block plant" rather than rows to help them survive the infamous Biggin wind. Cauliflowers grow alongside nasturtiums that add a burst of colour to my salads. Peas and beans scramble over a frame made from my old heating system pipes with rosemary growing underneath to help with pest control. Colourful mixed planting displays make the beds interesting to look at as well as producing baskets of edible goodies. It is becoming apparent my current collection of raised beds, planters and pots will not be big enough to grow my abundance of seedlings so onto my current mission...

I have begun harassing my lovely neighbours for pallets, old scaffolding boards, old animal feeders and drinkers that I can use to grow my rather ambitious collection of edible plants! So, if you see me dragging a pallet along the road ...just smile indulgently ...it's probably on its way to be transformed into a weird and wonderful planter. Sera Preston

Widening Participation and Going Down Under

As I am writing, I have just finished my first term of my second year at the University of Bristol. It has been another busy term, partly due to my involvement with the University of Bristol's 93% Club. The student-run society exists because it has been recognised that Bristol attracts a high proportion of students from private school backgrounds – with only 65.9% of students admitted in the 2017-18 academic year coming from state schools, despite the fact that the majority of British children are state-educated. This creates a climate of disparity regarding wealth, as well as in accessible guidance and opportunities available post-university. Thus, the society aims to encourage more opportunities for students irrespective of background, with the ambition to improve experience and maximise achievements.

As a committee member for the society, this has involved helping to create a 'family scheme' for students to minimise isolation at university, facilitating employment and networking opportunities/ workshops with external guests, and organising social events for members, ranging from relaxed pub quizzes to fun bar crawls. Another aspect of my role has been as an outreach officer on the committee, which has involved working on widening participation initiatives in the Bristol community. This has included organising a charity mingle with local representatives to highlight educational volunteering opportunities in Bristol, and running a university access session at a local refugee centre, with more plans to continue next term.

Speaking of next term - in February I will be travelling to Australia to complete an exchange semester abroad at the University of Sydney until July. I was selected for this opportunity in December 2018, so it has been a long time coming!

Going to study in Sydney will be a fantastic opportunity in many ways. Firstly, from an academic perspective – the University of Sydney is a prestigious institution, and was ranked fourth in the world in the 2020 QS Graduate Employability Rankings, and offers a variety of modules not available in the UK, ranging from 'Popular protests in Australia to 'The changing history, culture and changing technologies of espionage and surveillance'.

I believe that experiencing university in a foreign country will undoubtedly offer new perspectives on global challenges and will be an intellectually stimulating opportunity that will benefit me both during and post-university. Of course, it is also exciting from a travelling point of view – the University of Sydney is located in the heart of vibrant Sydney, and I already have a handful of activities planned, including trips to Port Stephens and the Hunter Valley Region, and will be organising more once the semester starts. It will certainly be a very different experience from my home life in Hartington, although I am not sure whether my parents are offended or relieved that I have decided to venture to the other side of the world!

Alice Bassett- previous member of Hartington Primary and Queen Elizabeth Schools and a Promotional member of HYPAC.



Hartington Sings.....

Come and join us!

Weds 26th Feb to Weds 6th May excl. Easter hols. 5pm to 6pm at Hartington Village Hall.

£10 (£5 U18) total for 9 sessions (to cover costs of village hall hire & music).

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). We hope to be performing at the VE75 celebrations on Bank Holiday weekend 8th to 10th May.

Contact Liz Hitch 687148 liz.hitch@btinternet.com



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Informal Flora. The dates for the Spring 2020 course are as follows- Wednesday 4th 18th March, 1st 15th 29th April, and 13th May, Please let Linda (07757844977) or Sarah(01298 84319) know if you are hoping to attend, so that we supply sufficient materials/ flowers for you. Hartington Village Hall. 1pm to 3pm - £10 per person .

Tea, coffee, cake and lots of chat, same as usual! We look forward to seeing you, plus anyone who has not been before. All welcome. Linda and Sarah.

Hartington Christmas Lantern Parade, Advent windows and Christmas in the Village Hall 2019

A change for the better in the weather meant that the lantern parade was very well supported this year with around 40 lanterns being paraded around the village on a route taking in the first 14 Hartington Advent Windows 2019. The crowds congregated in the

Church to view the spectacular Advent Window in the Church, and to sing a couple of verses of Whilst Shepherds Watched. The parade departed with over 60 villagers and locals alike, and attracted more people as the lanterns paraded through the village.

Stops were made to view the Advent windows with a special stop at Stanner Cottage where the throng sang “In the bleak midwinter”, the favourite carol of the Fisher family to welcome the newest arrival to the village, their son Daniel.

As well as the advent windows the other displays were taken in, particularly the very creative display at Hartdale Motors of Father Christmas on a motorbike with Rudolph in a sidecar. Rudolph’s antlers are made of spanners!

The finale of the parade was around the Christmas Tree where the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr David Annat, thanked Andrew Barker of Pikehall for the donation of a tree, Richard Sherratt and Brian

Broomhead for the transportation and positioning of the tree, and Sue and Roland Tacey at Corner House for powering the tree lights.

The crowd then descended on the Village Hall for Carols and warm drink and food. The event in the Village Hall raised a total of £640 to be donated equally to the School and St Giles Church.

Many thanks to those involved in helping to make this a success, from the original planning, to lantern making and marshalling the parade and finally those cooking and leading the carols at the village hall event. **LATEST NEWS: the advent windows feature on the last page of The February Derbyshire Life-Sir Richard Fitzherbert a Baronets Diary**

British Heart Foundation acknowledgement of donation by Anna Wardle Those who were in the village hall on December 14th will remember Anna handing a cheque for the BHF to John Dean. Anna was doing this in memory of her father. With Sue, her mum, she was able to donate this as gift aid so it realised the grand total of £950.95. John has received from the BHF a letter and certificate for both Sue and Anna in acknowledgement. A suitable time and place will be found to present this. Well done Anna you should be very proud.

Hartington Community Group HCG AGM February 12th 6pm Bakehouse. This meeting is open to all member of the community, please come and hear about the events planned for 2020. As well as the annual calendar of activities, there are several exciting new ventures being organised for the community. Many of them are promoted in this edition of News and Views, to name two:

- “Boiler Bash” with Robs 70th Birthday Party and Disco- a key fund raiser for the village halls next project- new heating system;
- VE Celebration weekend- May 8-11th see next item.

At this meeting the accounts will be presented. The HCG bank account is comprised of 4 funds- Village Trail Donations, News and Views, John Bob Sherratt Diary and a General Fund. In the last edition the HCG small Grant process and application form was promoted and we have had 4 applications which will be reviewed at this meeting. All funds held by HCG is for the community so please come and see what is happening.

VE Day Celebration weekend May 8th-11th An initial meeting was held before Christmas to gather ideas and start the “ball rolling”. Some of the activities

suggested include, the official Royal British Legion Programme on May 8th focused on the British Legion, War Memorial and Church; Flower Festival in Church; WW2 Party with the “Sweethearts”- in the Village hall organised by Harold and Jen. “War time Pizza night” in the Charles Cotton, Hartington Singers, History Displays, “VE day who lived in my house Village Trail”, Street Party and much more.

The next meeting to progress the plans is at 2pm on February 4th in the Bakehouse. We are applying for some small grants to support the activities HOWEVER people are the most important resource whether they help with flowers, baking, marshalling, providing the memories, decorating etc... and above all attending and enjoying the events. If you have time please come along to this meeting add your ideas and help in a little way. If you can't come to the meeting BUT would like to offer a little help or ideas please contact Liz Broomhead 687263 or email liz@broomhead.net

“Who lived in Our House on VE Day 1945?” project. This will be part of the village VE celebrations and it is hoped that it will be of interest to the community as well as visitors. Hartington History Group is already researching the history of the houses in the village so this project, with your help, will support that. The idea is not to restricted to domestic dwellings and farms, but be extended to local businesses and public houses. The overall aim is to produce a WW2 Village Trail following locations throughout the village, particularly on VE Day 1945. The format and map of the village is yet to be determined, Whatever the outcome it cannot be realised without YOU!

At this time all we need to know is who is interested in being part of this exciting opportunity and help us to capture memories before they disappear forever. Maybe your family lived in the house, or even you did. Have you moved into the house since the end of WW2 and are really interested to know who lived there?. Who they were? What is their story? What did they do? Were they working the land or in the military or Home Guard? Of your house, how has it changed since 1945? If the answer to these questions is yes then please contact Liz Broomhead 687263 or liz@broomhead.net to register your interest. She will then share this with the History Group.

We can then provide you with some simple guidelines on what is required- what is the information that is needed whether it is hand written or electronic, photographs, possible interviews with people who were just children at the time. The History group has a wealth of information and photographs which might

be of help. We can arrange access to the bakehouse where this is stored

There is a draft plan with dates by which we need to have reached certain milestones and we are looking to access a small grant which will help with the professional production of the material which will be used in the VE DAY Celebration Weekend Village Trail. The Rural Social Group meetings on Tuesday February 25th and March 24th will be focused very much on this project- people will be on hand to help if needed, so please come along if you can. Material gathered needs to go to production so will need to be completed by early April, the sooner the better. **FIRST STEP** –register your interest with Liz who will then engage with the History Group.

Hartington Village Hall Winter has been a busy period for the Hall with numerous events being held including a successful lantern making workshop, and carols performed by the recently formed Hartington Singers. For future events then look at the online calendar at <http://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/calendar>

We now have planning permission for a new roof for the Village Hall though are still in discussions with Peak Park Planning about the specific tile that will be used. We are still hoping for a late March/early April start with hopefully drier and warmer weather. After initially being advised in November to use a natural product, such as slate or a clay tile, which would be too heavy for our roof structure planners have now accepted the need for a lightweight fibre cement tile. So we are now advised to lodge a Section 73 application to vary the imposed condition to use a slate. Frustrating in the extreme as it now seems we will hopefully get approval for what we initially applied for.

Our Management Group made up of Trustees and representatives of community groups are now looking into options to improve the heating system. While we will again be applying for grants we will need to raise some funds ourselves, and will start with hosting Rob Tenty's Birthday Bash on 14th March, when Rob intends to donate all profits to our 'Boiler Appeal' (see separate article).

We are looking for one or two additions to our Management Group. We meet 4 times a year. If interested then have a word with Liz Broomhead, our Secretary.

Rural Social Group We had a delightful Xmas Lunch at the Farm Shop which was attended by over 30 people. Our next three meetings are on the last Tuesday of each month starting at 2.00 : 28th January,

25th February and 24th March. In addition to copious amounts of homemade cake, tea and coffee and a programme of guest speakers we will be making available a new form of support. Members of Digital Hartington will be offering any support to members of our community who would like to advance their IT skills, overcome a technical issue, or simply ask a question. Members of the group could bring along their own laptop, mobile phone or iPad or there will be a couple of devices available to illustrate an action. It could be that we can help with actions such as a Skype conversation with a relative or friend, or setting up online shopping. We will probably be looking to include such support from about 3.30. New members are always welcome.

Hartington Village Hall Lottery Winners:

Our December winner was Janet Oliver, while Keith Quine was our January winner. All profits from the lottery are helping to fund our replacement of the Main Hall roof. While over £20,000 has been secured in grant awards, most organisations require an element of match funding so all who have contributed to the lottery have been key to our fund raising. Our next two draws will be 12th February and 11th March, both during the Wednesday Social Dance Club.

PCC St Giles Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

This meeting is open to all lay people whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll and will be held on March 18th, 2020, at 7pm in the Bakehouse. The above meeting will be followed by a PCC meeting. All members of the PCC are asked to let me know if they are unable to attend. Sarah Lacey Secretary to the PCC. Enclosed with this edition is a brief but important survey as the PCC is working hard to identify and apply for Grants to support improvements to the facilities of the church. Please take the few moments it will take to complete this survey and put this in a box available in the Post Office. Your support in doing this is critical in enabling the PCC to be able to apply for financial support. Thank you in anticipation of your support

HYPAC – This will be a very special term for HYPAC as we have been invited to be part of a national pilot project "Sports Cadets." This project is being delivered by the Youth Sports Trust (YST) based at Loughborough University. Basically, they will provide training, resources and clothing for six supporting parents and ten young leaders aged between 13-18years of age. This will enable HYPAC to fully expand its mission statement which is "To Provide Activities for Young People by Young People". This is a very exciting and challenging opportunity for the

young people of Hartington, Biggin and the surrounding areas. We look forward to updating you in the next edition.

Hartington C of E Primary School: Another busy term is already in progress. We look forward to supporting HYPAC as well as the many PE and Sporting opportunities on offer throughout the term. We have reaffirmed our commitment to the Change for Life Programme (C4L) by sending the Years 4 and 5 to the training session at QEG on the 21st January. Swimming sessions for the whole school will commence every Thursday afternoon for 15 weeks at The Arc in Matlock. BiggHarts (Hartington and Biggin children) are enjoying the opportunities to participate in the festivals and competitions made available by QEGS. We are delighted to welcome this term, David Lydford who will be delivering Lego Sessions to support the IT aspects of the National Curriculum.

We are also pleased to be able to welcome back Rachel Wilkes from Music Partnership to deliver the music Curriculum to the whole school on Friday afternoons.

A key aspect of our school life is focused on working with the community, especially the older members. We have now completed the pilot stage with the Youth Sports Trust (YST) and the Active Across Ages (AAA) project. The children have demonstrated their amazing capacity to engage with the “Silver Sports” these wonderful moments have been captured on a video which is accessible by visiting the school website. Please take a moment to view this exceptional video. Community Lunches, alongside the celebration assemblies in Church, will be on Friday February 14th and April 3rd.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who donated gifts for the Christmas Festival Tombola – it was a great success with more wonderful gifts than ever. Special thanks to Sue (Peach) and to the Village Stores for allowing us to leave a box for donations in their shops.

Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy 2020. See you next year.

Biggin News

Biggin PCC-Many thanks to everyone involved with the candlelit carol service and decorating the Church for Christmas. If you would like a memorial pane please contact Julia as the glazier will need to be informed by the end of February at the latest. Panes are £100 including listing in a memorial book. Forms can be found at the back of the church as can the flower rota for the altar. This year we will be developing as a Fair trade Church and an Eco Church as well as starting to apply for grants to improve St Thomas's facilities. If you would like to be involved please contact Julia at stthomasbiggin@gmail.com.

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's won! A fun game evening for everyone. Why not give it a try?

The village **Christmas tree and lights** in the pinfold was as great success, with lights funded by the parish council, tree and set up donated to the village hall. That has set a benchmark for next year!

The Brass band concert was again a sell out and enjoyed by all. The parish senior citizen's party, which

is sponsored and run by the Village Hall Committee with delicious food supplied by Biggin Hall Hotel was attended by nearly 50 parishioners and partners and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Our next “Live and Local” presentation, **Friday 27 March 2020 at 7:30: 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! This is live professional theatre in the village hall, always a brilliant occasion. If you've not yet come along to one of these events, you're missing out on a rare treat.

WATERLOO INN A Happy New Year from all of us at the Waterloo Inn. We are still planning for this year's events but certain dates have already been arranged; Wine Tasting Evening in Feb/Mar (date to be confirmed)

Gold Top on Saturday April 4th Memphis Flash 'Elvis' Tribute Saturday 11th April 9pm start

Rose Devine with 1940/50 music with fancy dress optional to celebrate VE Day Saturday 9th May starts at 9pm.

The Waterloo Fun Day is going to be on Saturday 15th August 12-4 pm. If you wish to have a stall (£5:00 to go to charity) please contact Stevie on

01298 84284. We are also in search of loads of old crockery.

We thank all our customers for supporting us. Debs and Steve Thomas

Biggin WI December meeting. This month we had our Christmas meal at the Duke of York. We all enjoyed it and had a lovely day thanks to Bridget, Gary Jo and all the staff there. The January meeting has been cancelled so we will be meeting again in February when the subscriptions will be collected.

Biggin C of E Primary School Children enjoyed a fabulous run up to Christmas. Key Stage 2 visited Eyam to consolidate their learning about The Great Plague. This was a really interesting trip, especially when we went into the church and saw the memorials to the plague victims and the stained glass window. While we were there, we saw the magnificent village cake that was to be raffled off shortly afterwards. In the afternoon we joined other primary schools to hear about practising other faiths from Key Stage 3 children from Derby. We learnt about the Christian, Hindu, Sikh and Muslim faiths. It is especially moving for our children to hear from older children about what their faith means to them.

Last year we started a new tradition visiting Tissington Hall in the lead up to Christmas. This year the theme was 'Star of Wonder'. All the children loved exploring the hall with each room's theme based on a Christmas song or carol. We can't wait to see next year's theme which is Mary Poppins.

We had a special assembly at the beginning of December. Mrs Ironmonger from the Rotary Association came to talk to us about their mission to eradicate polio. The symbol of their work is the crocus and to raise awareness of this the school planted the 800 crocus bulbs, which had been donated to us by the Rotary Club, near the Village Hall. It felt really special to give back to our local community in this way.

Christmas celebrations continued apace with a wonderful trip to the pantomime, Cinderella, at the Buxton Opera House, a Carols, Candles and Mince Pies service in St Thomas' Church and of course our very own special Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall. All of these lovely events highlighted the closeness of school, church and the village community. Overall the main highlight was the spectacular Christmas production, 'Lights, Camel, Action!' Thank you to everyone who came along, supported school and made such lovely comments.

Our New Year has started with a topic on Aspirations where we have been learning about different careers.

Children have written letters to people in the wider community and further afield to come and talk to us over the next few months about their jobs and the special skills and knowledge they have.

This week children researched and voted for their preferred charity to support this year. This will be in addition to the donations we give to Macmillan, The British Legion and Buxton and High Peak Food Banks. I am pleased to say that the children have decided to support the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Children have become increasingly interested in issues surrounding climate change and damage to animal habitats and it makes us proud to see their determination to raise awareness and support these important global issues as well as develop their roles as citizens of the future.

Also linked to the environment is our continuing work at Biggin Hall learning about plants and nature. Our annual Big Schools' Birdwatch event will happen at the end of the month and we are also supporting the work of the Woodland Trust by planting trees in the school grounds, churchyard and around the village. This week children have started an after-school photography club, maths challenge club and represented school and Biggharts in sporting festivals at QEGS.

What a joyful and exciting place Biggin C of E Primary School is!

Biggin Celebrates VE Day

Raising funds for the VE Day celebrations

Sunday 8 March: Car treasure hunt, setting off from the Waterloo Inn at 11am. £5 per car

In May:

Scarecrow competition 1940's themed:

Judging to take place on Thursday 7th May and the winner announced on Friday 8th May during the celebrations in the village hall

Friday 8th May: Walking treasure hunt/Fun and games on the field/Afternoon tea/Refreshments/Slide show/Entertainment

Saturday 9th May: Evening entertainment at the Waterloo Inn with 1940's singer 'Rose Devine'

Sunday 10th May: Car Treasure Hunt from the Waterloo Inn

Keep up to date: Check out the fundraising events in the coming months, look out for posters

Keep up to date with the 'Biggin Celebrations for VE Day' Facebook page

If you want to help with anything (very tall people needed for putting up bunting) please contact Pete Tapping on 0775 2463918

Earl Sterndale News

Earl Sterndale Chapel On Wednesday February 5th and March 4th the regular community coffee mornings will be held from 10.30-12 noon

The Christingle service was enjoyed by all the schoolchildren, teachers and some parents with younger siblings. The Methodist Chapel arranged it and invited Sarah Lacey from Hartington and Archdeacon Carol from Chesterfield to join us. They assisted Rev Parker and Deacon Lorraine Brown with the celebration. The Carols by Candlelight was well attended and was a wonderful start to the Christmas festivities. A donation from the collection was sent to Shelter for the work they carry out to help the homeless. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Earl Sterndale School Nativity A wonderful musical performance, the children performed really well and it was easy to see they enjoyed every moment. In the afternoon and evening, our church was filled with parents, grandparents and friends. The School Nativity is always a very special service in Earl Sterndale, thank you children, teachers, staff and especially their music teacher.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs N Mellor on winning the Disney Flower Festival Quiz Competition. Thank you for donating your prize of £20 back to the church fund. The final takings for the 2019 Flower Festival are now, £1245.00p

Christmas Market Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas market and Carol Service. Christmas market takings came to £508.56p Special thanks to our helpers who put up trees, donated raffle prizes, made cakes, mince pies and helped serve refreshments.

Bingo Our Christmas Bingo nights have been well attended, each one has been very festive and very enjoyable. Thank you to Jay Jay for all the work and time you give, you always make everyone feel welcome.

Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council The next meeting is on Monday 9th March at 7.30 in the Methodist Chapel. We are still short of members and anyone interested in joining is encouraged to contact the clerk on 01538 386634 or pat.sutton@hotmail.co.uk The council are happy to promote an exhibition on Pomeroy War Memorial Hall being held at The Duke of York, Pomeroy from January 20th

The emergency services have expressed concern regarding parking in Earl Sterndale, in particular Dale View, such that emergency vehicles may not be able to pass through. Would residents and visitors please be aware and park with consideration.

Earl Sterndale CE Primary School Pie and Pea Fundraising Night in school – Saturday 8th February

We are having a Pie and Peas Fundraising Night in school on Saturday 8th February. All are welcome. The ticket price includes a pie and peas supper (pies supplied by J.W. Ash, the butchers in Leek) and a tea/coffee. There will also be a cake stall, a bar, a fun quiz, a raffle and the lolly stick game.

Tickets are £6 for adults and £4 for children (aged 4-12). Under 4s are free. A vegetarian option can be available – please inform us of any dietary requirements when booking tickets. Doors will open at 5:00pm and food will be served between 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

Tickets need to be booked in advance via the school office (01298 83263) by no later than Friday 31st January. We can also provide a home delivery service on the night if you would like an evening free of cooking at home. Again, please call the school office to book.

New LA Governor We are still 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're interested

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Date	Biggin	Earl Sterndale	Hartington	Chelmorton	Monyash	Taddington
2 nd February			10.00am Morning Praise	10.00am Family Service	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
9 th February			10.00am Holy Communion		6.30pm Evensong/ Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
16 th February	11.15am Holy Communion	3.00pm Family Service	10.00am Family Service	10.00am Family Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
23 rd February	10.00am Joint Benefice Monyash	10.00am Joint Benefice Monyash	10.00am Joint Benefice Monyash	10.00am Joint Benefice Monyash	10.00am Joint Benefice Monyash	10.00am Joint Benefice Monyash
Ash Wednesday 26 th February	7.30pm Joint Benefice Hartington	7.30pm Joint Benefice Hartington	7.30pm Joint Benefice Hartington	7.30pm Joint Benefice Hartington	7.30pm Joint Benefice Hartington	7.30pm Joint Benefice Hartington
1 st March	11.15am Morning Worship		10.00am Morning Praise	10.00am Family Service	10.00am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
8 th March			10.00am Holy Communion		6.30pm Evensong/Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
15 th March	11.15am Holy Communion	3.00pm Family Service	10.00am Family Service	10.00am Family Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	10.00am Holy Communion
22 nd March	11.15am Mothering Sunday Service	3.00pm Mothering Sunday Service	10.00am Mothering Sunday Service	10.00am Mothering Sunday Service	9.30am Mothering Sunday Service	10.00am Mothering Sunday Service
29 th March	10.00am Joint Benefice Chelmorton	10.00am Joint Benefice Chelmorton	10.00am Joint Benefice Chelmorton	10.00am Joint Benefice Chelmorton	10.00am Joint Benefice Chelmorton	10.00am Joint Benefice Chelmorton

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WEDNESDAY	CLOSED	CLOSED
THURSDAY	11.30 – 1.30	6.00 – 9.00
FRIDAY	11.30 – 1.30	6.00 – 9.00
SATURDAY	11.30 – 1.30	6.00 – 9.00
SUNDAY	CLOSED	CLOSED

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