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Earl Sterndale Chapel

In 1787 John Wesley visited Longnor and many were converted to Methodism. Two of these visited Earl Sterndale weekly to hold prayer meetings and Rowland Heathcote was one of these converted. He opened his farm for regular worship; by 1789 preachers were coming weekly from Burslem and a class of 11 members was established under the leadership of Heathcote. On his death in 1820 he left an annuity of £100 to pay for food and lodging for visiting preachers.

Thomas Johnson, a miller from Glutton Bridge, bought "100 sq yds, more or less, being part of a garden", from



John Bagshaw of Chapel Cottages- the cost £7 -10 shillings. A Wesleyan Chapel was built on this site in 1850 – one of the trustees, William Johnson, left £200 when he died in 1876. Miss Moreton of Buxton conducted a week of revival services, also attended by William Edge (praying Billy) of Ladmanlow. To quote him -"I went on Friday night with my concertina to have a good open air mission. I walked 5 miles each way and took half a dozen unsaved young men with me. They all got saved"

In 1917, due to the irregular attendance of the harmonium player, they were asked to resign and Miss Stone was appointed. She retired in 1977 after 70 years as caretaker.

A quote for £8 to install electricity in 1932 was rejected; electricity eventually installed in 1947. Records show, in 1932, the Sunday School teacher and organist was Mrs Wain. A lady of great repute, well known in the area for her kindness and described as "Having a heart of gold". In 1942-45 the chapel was used as a First Aid station. In 1950 the Centenary Celebrations were held Rev'd J Swarbrick (former Sunday school pupil) was the guest speaker. Attendance was good and the grand total of £27-2-2d was raised. In 1970, Mrs Wain suggested the pews should be removed to accommodate the large numbers at Sunday school. This took place in 1975, the floor was levelled and a kitchen and toilets were built.

Life today supporting worship and the Community. It is proud of its multi-purpose function, letting fees supporting the maintenance.

Worship- Sunday services, shared with Hollinsclough, are held alternate weeks, "Messy Church" is held monthly with the help of Deacon Lorraine Brown. The theme is illustrated by the children's art and craft which is displayed around the wall. Every December the schoolchildren and staff enjoy a Christingle Service. **Community and Visitors**- A wide range of activities put this chapel at the heart of the Community. Parish Council Meetings, Polling Station, Fund Raising events and parties are accommodated. The Wednesday walkers are able to access the toilets and facilities and it is used by the Bullock Smithy Scouts Hike from Hazel Grove as an annual stopover checkpoint. The monthly Wednesday coffee morning 10.30-12 is very popular.



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"Vicars Letter" In early December (seems ages ago now) I had the pleasure of attending a Christingle at Earl Sterndale Methodist chapel. Whilst there, apart from having a lovely time, I met their Methodist deacon Lorraine, we hit it off and started making plans to do more church events together. The first event was going to be a combined Mothering Sunday service on March 22nd in St Michael and All Angels church. We had a jolly working lunch (Brierlow Bar bookstore is very handy!) putting our heads together and finalising plans for this first event. We wanted to do a really good job and were looking forward to it. being the start of, hopefully, other opportunities to share Gods mission within our church communities. However, Covid 19, nasty, unfriendly virus that it is, has put a temporary stop to our activities, very sad, but necessary at this time of writing. I look forward to picking up where, somewhat abruptly, we have left off and I know our village communities will all be looking out for each other at this time of trial. We hope you might like the following little prayer, "Loving God who holds us all in His hands, speak to us this day and draw the circle of your care around us all." Sarah

Hartington Wakes Sports & Country Show – The committee would like to inform everyone that this years' show has been postponed until September 2021, this will have no effect on our social gatherings with the Beetle Drive on the 14th February and our annual Dinner Dance in September which will be a Black Tie Ball held in the Village Hall. Please be assured that the show will be back in force next year! The committee is looking for new members and a new Secretary is needed, as Sarah Bates is due to retire from this role after this year. Anyone who is interested please contact Sarah: srhbates362@gmail.com or Anna: annawardle23@gmail.com

Thank you- I am sure everyone would wish to say **THANK YOU** to Sarah and Anna for the tremendous work they have done with the committee to bring the show back to Hartington with such success. It thoroughly deserves the title of one of the best shows in Derbyshire. Looking forward to 2021.

Tales from the Fields



As winter draws to a close, signs of spring are everywhere. Early lambs have appeared in the fields, the daffodils are flowering and brightening the paths and gardens. Winters can be long here and over the five years I've lived here I've become some what of a prepper, not because I think the end of the world is nigh, but because since moving to a small derbyshire village I face an hours round trip if I've ran out of something at 6pm. so I now obsessively freeze things. I batch cooking to save time. I cook simple meals like cottage pie, soups, chilli etc in a huge pot, (like I'm feeding five thousand not just a small family) its then sealed into reusable plastic freezer tubs so I have homemade midweek evening meal in minutes. I freeze

everything, milk, eggs, butter. If There's too much of something and it may go to waste, its put in the freezer.

When the first wave of corvid-19 panic buying fever took hold of the world I felt calmly prepared, in fact my teenage daughter suggested, our whole village would probably survive isolation on our freezer food alone!

That's how living rurally and becoming more environmentally aware has changed me, I grow veg/salad myself and I am now more considerate in my shopping choices, I buy locally produced meat/produce whenever possible and I use it completely without any waste. Years ago, this was the norm yet in the UK alone we bin 10.2 million tons of food, that's around 1/3 of all food bought. Not just a waste of food but a waste of money!

An example of new found thrifty save the world ways is my chicken and vegetables for Sunday dinner- it will also make the Monday leftovers chicken pie, and the bones will be used to make the stock for gravy, leftover

vegetables are whizzed up and made into veggie burgers so there is virtually no waste, the chicken [and my usually homegrown] vegetable lived a good life and they were all treated with respect by using it all.

I have experienced first hand how long it takes to raise a free range chicken for the table and witness daily how hard local farmers work to care for the animals that becomes the meat on our plates. Produce bought from local companies means I support my local economy and if I've grown the veg myself. I've not only saved money but ensured freshness. These small things minimise my impact on our world through a smaller carbon footprint.

So, with signs of spring everywhere it feels like the world is waking up, let's all try to make a few positive changes to take care of our beautiful earth.

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St Giles Church, Hartington Survey of the Community by PCC. The purpose of the survey was to gauge support within the community for three possible projects relating to the church building which the PCC had identified. These projects were intended to make the church more welcoming, both for Sunday worship and for village events. The projects identified were: Installing a toilet; Improved kitchen facilities; Improvements to the heating system. There were 24 returns and the results are as follows

Toilet	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	2	3	1	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	1	1	3	53
Kitchen	1	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	54
Heating	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	37

(1= most important, 3 least) heating is felt to be the most important, some of the comments emphasised this-

- Heating would provide a more welcoming environment, which in turn may encourage donations. If chosen, the system proposed should be as environmentally friendly as possible. Running cost would also be a big consideration
 - Toilet important. Village hall for other use.
 - Many people find it difficult to have to go down to the village hall for its facilities e.g. at a funeral
 - Welcome young people to a warm church
 - More welcoming yes but will more locals come?
- To encourage use, heating is important. A kitchen would allow hot drinks etc. Although a toilet is important, there are alternative facilities around until money allows a later construction.

The PCC would like to thank those who took the time to complete a form and return it. Some years ago, the PCC commissioned a consultant to look at the heating, produce an outline scheme and gave us a cost estimate of around £40,000. The PCC did not pursue it at the time as it was concerned about the roof repairs, which it felt had to be a priority. The scheme was based on a similar scheme installed in Ashbourne Church, which was very successful and could be controlled from home. As the initial survey has already been done, this could be up and running fairly quickly once sufficient funds have been raised. Next steps - The PCC will be organising Fund Raising events to access the finances required. It will also investigate grants, which may be available and this survey will help with the application process. Your support is always much appreciated and essential to realise the improvements to our church.

VE commemoration in Hartington May 8-11th – Well this is what we had planned!! It is highly unlikely to happen at this time BUT what we are thinking is having a VC (Victory over Coronavirus) Day when it is safe to do so. At the heart of it all was to be the "Royal British Legion" and their National Commemoration Programme. This may no longer happen. Alongside this the Community Group, Village hall and businesses had put together an exciting programme

for village folk and visitors alike. There are lots of ways you can get involved- a little or a lot it is up to you... So...

On Friday 8th May – we would have held a parade from the British Legion to the War Memorial; "Hartington Sings" a presentation of 1940's songs on the Village Green. At the Charles Cotton Hotel we were to hold a War Time Pizza with 40's live music and a WW2 Tank- If you arrive dressed in 40's outfit

then a discount on your pizza. To set the scene for the holiday weekend, especially for the street party on Sunday 10th around the pump and village greens. We have bunting to decorate the houses and businesses, particularly around the Market Square and pond for when we are able to stage the celebrations. When the time comes if you would like help to access Bunting please contact Jen Ball at the Legion on 01298 84657. If you would like help in putting the bunting up - please contact the Legion. We may still organize "The Big Village Party" to be held in the Village Hall, 8 until late. Again, "40's" dress will be much appreciated and there will be entertainment across the decades with a focus on the "40's". CALLING ALL BAKERS! WAR TIME **BAKE OFF! PRIZES.** The judging will take place at the Street Party on the greens on Sunday afternoon -2-4pm – Details of the "Bake Off" will be in the next edition. We will still be presenting commemoration mugs from the Parish Council to the children of the village before the summer holidays. We were also planning a Flower Festival over the four days, an informative exhibition of historical material showing village life in the 1940s, and a new World War 2- "who lived in our house" walking trail through the village. We have secured grants to support our community celebrations. We will keep the community informed through this publication and by social media as our plans become firmer. So, something to look forward to.....

Hartington Village Hall Lottery: We are delighted that both our February and March winners of our lottery in support of a new roof are lifelong residents of Hartington. Kath Bassett, Digmer Farm, was our February winner while Marion Gibbs, Hall Bank, was our March winner. Our next two draws take place on Wednesday 8th April and Wednesday 13th May.

Hartington Village Hall: regular readers will know that we first applied for planning permission to replace our leaking roof back in August. After various delays the outcome of our Section 73 application to use lightweight tiles (Etex Eternit Rivendale slate) has now been granted. Ashbrook Roofing of Darley Dale are our chosen contractor and we are, weather permitting, looking to an early April start. We are so very grateful to all members of the community who have supported us in this venture, be it through buying a lottery ticket, attending one or more fund raising events, local businesses who donated auction items, hosted events (Charles Cotton Hotel) or simply by giving us the encouragement to persevere.

We have recently acquired a sound system for the Hall, courtesy of Adie Crowe. His extremely generous donation of a professional sound system was tried out at our February Rural Social Group meeting, where the guest speaker from the Air Ambulance Service, Pete Corbett, clearly went down well with the group. A total of £292.95 was donated to the Air Ambulance – a fantastic total. If that can be the impact of a great new sound system then we can look forward to it's use at all future meetings and concerts.

Future Rural Social Group meetings are threatened by the risks associated with coronavirus. We have cancelled the meeting scheduled for 24th March (Role of Women on the land during WW2), while those on 28th April (the ever popular Alan Salt on cheese making), and 26th May (Derbyshire Scam watch) are under review. We will confirm decisions through the village websites and social media. A new feature of future meetings will be members of Digital Hartington being available to advise individuals on issues to do with use of laptops, iPads or mobile phones.

Not content with getting a new roof we are also planning to replace our ancient heating system. This initiative was launched at Rob Tenty's birthday party/Boiler Bash on 14th March. A very large attendance was entertained by three DJs, including Rob. An auction and two raffles were exceptionally well supported, both in terms of donations from 17 local and regional organisations and individuals, as well as by the enthusiastic party-goers. A total of £2500 was raised towards the new heating system, which will cost in the region of £15K. All connected to the Hall are most grateful to Rob and Kate Tenty for their drive and energy in organising a great night. We also want to thank the amazing DJ's alongside Rob, namely DJ Dom from "No way Back" and DJ Jodie, "Abba Queen of Biggin". A great example of having a load of fun while supporting a worthy cause. Thanks also to all from the community who came and gave so generously, to Jill for running the bar, Liz and Fiona for raffle sales, and so many others who assisted at some stage of the event.

Several regular groups that use the Hall such as Badminton and Pilates have suspended activity for the foreseeable future. We will keep access to the Village Hall under review. Any enquiries should be directed through the normal booking system bookings@hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk

or <u>secretary@hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk</u> or Tel 07763 727671.

Digital Hartington – The village of Hartington continues to have an active digital footprint with increased numbers signing up to join the Hartington Community Group Facebook page. The website, www.hartingtonvillage.com, keeps villagers up to date with events around the village, and beyond, being posted on the website Calendar and to the website itself. The website posts are linked directly to the Hartington Village Facebook page and are then being shared to the Hartington Community Group Facebook page.

The Digital Team has been active at the Rural Social Group supporting villagers with their computing issues and hope to be able to widen this offering when Malcolm and Adrian have completed the training provided by Rural Action Derbyshire.

Hartington C of E Primary School. On Wednesday 11th March KS2 children joined with Elton Primary School to visit the Magna Science Adventure Centre in Sheffield. The visit was used as a spring board into the science topic for the term. On their return the staff and children were buzzing about the content of the day. The whole school continue to develop their partnership work with the PDNPA with

the Ambassador Schools Project, with its focus being embedded in the World National Parks of which we are lucky enough to live in. The breadth of work the children undertook was presented to guests and representatives of the PDNPA on March 31st.

Several years ago the school created, with the Peak Park, the Village Trail which is available for visitors in all business outlets and local holiday lets and farms. The funds collected in the donation boxes from the village trail are banked in the Hartington Community Group (HCG) accounts, some of which have been used for various community projects. Recently the school requested £500 from these funds to support the building of a raised garden bed as part of the school's link to the community gardening projects. As part of this project an outdoor reflection area with seating will also be created. We are very grateful to The PDNPA and HCG for agreeing to support this important initiative.

We had hoped to share with you plans in place for April and May, but that will not now be possible. As soon as things are back to "normal" we will promote our activities to the community.

Biggin News

Biggin VE Day Celebrations - Well this is what we have planned for May 7th to 10th At the time of writing it looks likely to be postponed to a future date. Bunting throughout the village put up in April and a "Scarecrow competition" 1940's May. Judging themed in will take on Thursday and the winner announced on during the celebrations in the village hall on Friday. On Thursday: Biggin School afternoon tea and singalong 2 - 3:30 pm. Friday: A walking treasure hunt from Biggin Village Hall will travel through the village. In the Village Hall, Afternoon Tea/Refreshments

/Licensed bar with a 1940's singalong and music with a slideshow and in the evening 'Front Covers' band – evening entertainment and buffet. Saturday: Fun and Games for all the family on the Football field and Village Hall. Sunday: Car Treasure Hunt from the Waterloo Inn and a BBQ. Keep up to date with the 'Biggin Celebrations for VE Day' Facebook page. If you want to help with anything or have any other questions (very tall people needed for putting up bunting) please contact Pete Tapping on 0775 2463918

Biggin WI- The March meeting was the first time we had been together this year due to the bad weather. After the business had been conducted and the subs collected for the coming year we welcomed Carol from "Biggin Vintage". She gave us a talk about how she had become involved in antiques and auctioneering. Members brought items to meeting for Carol to demonstrate how an auction was conducted. There was some lively bidding and all the items were sold, making a welcome boost for our funds. Sandra thanked Carol for the evenings' entertainment saying how much we had enjoyed it. Biggin WI meets in Biggin village hall on the second Monday of the month at 7.30. Everyone is welcome to come along and see what it involves. For information speak to Sandra, Julia or Mary.

Biggin School There have been very exciting things happening at Biggin C of E Primary School since the start of 2020. At the beginning of January we held Aspirations Week which looked at our future hopes and dreams and encouraged us to explore what jobs we might hope to have one day. We learned about lots of different careers and the knowledge and skills they require. We decided to write to lots of different people locally, including some of our friends and family

members to invite them to come and talk to us about their working lives. We plan to hold these talks over the coming months, all being well. First of all, Charlotte Coles came to tell us about her role as a Veterinary Nurse. She showed us plenty of examples where she had helped sick animals get better and described what a normal day at work was like. She brought an amazing collection of interesting items for us to explore including animals' teeth, a model of an eye and even a horse's leg in sections. She discussed her route into Veterinary medicine and has inspired a lot of us to think about future careers in animal welfare. Thank you, Charlotte!

This week, we were treated to a very wonderful talk from a very experienced, retired scientist, Mr Thompson. He told us all about his work over many years, developing new ideas and teaching other scientists. He patiently explained some of his many inventions and developments including the use of ultrasound, work on liquids and materials and his special idea to use printed fluorescent stripes on stamps to aid sorting the post. He answered all of our questions with very careful explanations and was a complete joy to listen to. Mr Thompson (a.k.a. the

Bunting's grandad) then showed us some science videos he had made at home. We look forward to seeing more of those! Thank you so much, Mr Thompson.

We always have good afterschool clubs and this term is no exception. Photography Club have been learning how to take excellent portrait photographs and taking pictures of objects from unusual angles. At this time we are making pinhole cameras and next we'll be exploring the old technique of cyanotype photography

Also in the Arts, we had a fantastic afternoon of potato printing with the team from Biggin Hall Garden. This was a brilliant opportunity to explore and play with a new technique and experiment with surprising and delightful results. There was an enormous amount of energy in the room and everyone was amazed a humble plant such as the potato could be used to produce such interesting artwork. This will continue to be an important part of our science and art curriculum going forward. As you will understand future activities are on hold- we look forward to getting back to normality and working together with our community.

Earl Sterndale News

Earl Sterndale Church- During the first two months of 2020 our church has been re-plastered. Once again, we are ready for services and community activities. We are very grateful to the plastering team from "Paul Rumbellows Plastering" who have done an excellent job. Our thanks also go to the ladies and gentleman who helped with vestry work, clearing the church, mopping and dusting. We still need to raise funds for future work so the PCC is researching grants as well as organising fund raising events. The first of these was the February Family Bingo; it was lovely to see so many people attending and it raised £75; a good community event, thank you to Jay Jay. We enjoyed our first family service of 2020 on March 15th 7.30pm Family Bingo in Church. Many events have had to be cancelled but we are still hoping that there will be a May Market 12-4pm in Church on Monday May 25th To book a table, cost £5, contact Angela on 01298 83447. We would like to say thank you to the family of the late John Turner, for the additional donation they have sent in remembrance of John. Thank you to Mr and Mrs N Mellor for their kind donation of £50 for the restoration fund of the church. Lastly looking forward to the summerAugust Bank Holiday Flower Festival- the first planning meeting will be in June- watch this space.

Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council. At the recent meeting, grants were made towards the Pomeroy Memorial Village Hall, and towards the renovation of Earl Sterndale church and maintenance of the churchyard. Two men from the parish have volunteered to fill the vacancies on the council, Mr Alex Holland and Mr Ben Mycock. The bus shelter is looking smart once more, having had the ivy cut back thanks to the efforts of Mr Steve Mansfield to whom the council are most grateful. The next meeting will be on Monday June 8th at 7.30 pm.

Earl Sterndale C of E Primary School - 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 our Chair of Governors (Lynne Hodgkinson – 0797 473 5656), if you are interested or would like to find out more.

Services for Sundays and Other Major Festivals

Archbishops of Canterbury and York have suspended all acts of Christian worship within our churches. Our churches may remain open for people to enter and use as individuals. Priests remain on duty to pray for their parishes and communities on our behalf. Mothering Sunday service is therefore cancelled, as are all others until further notice.

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Baptism----: on 8. 03. 2020. Edward Joshua Hicks. Funeral----: on 26. 02. 2020. John Charles Howard.



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