

# News And Views



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## Pomeroy and Pomeroy War Memorial Hall

### Why Pomeroy?

The name comes from Herbert Reginald Pomeroy Lomas, owner of the Buxton Hydro Hotel. HRP Lomas also owned Street House Farm (opposite Pomeroy Memorial Hall) which supplied fresh produce to the hotel.

The area became known as Pomeroy after HRP built cottages for his farm workers, opposite the Duke of York pub. The stone inscription reads "Pomeroy Cottages 1903."



Hall photo ©John Kingsland

### And the Memorial Hall?

Pomeroy War Memorial Hall was built in remembrance of local men who served and died in the First World War 1914-18. HRP Lomas gave a generous cheque to start the Memorial Hall Fund in 1920.

Donations were received from residents and local businesses – the Duke of York at Pomeroy and the Bull i'th' Thorn Inn down the road held collections and fundraisers.



HRP Lomas photo  
©Peter Lomas

The idea of a memorial combined with a village hall came from Thomas Clifford Bailey. This project was close to his heart. Mr Bailey was farm manager at Street House Farm and one of his farmhands, John Briddon, was killed in the war.

John Briddon served with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Grenadier Guards. He was killed in action on 16<sup>th</sup> November 1915 aged 32.

William Bennett, a delver at Sterndale Moor quarry was killed on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1915.

Frederick William Shimwell of Dowlow Lime, Sterndale Moor died 9<sup>th</sup> May 1915.

Levi Wilcox tar pouter at the Lime Works, had been a boarder at 8 Pomeroy Cottages. Died 9<sup>th</sup> May 1915.

The original plan was to commemorate the fallen from Pomeroy and Sterndale Moor Cottages. In fact, these men plus others are listed on the War Memorial in Earl Sterndale.

The Vicar of Earl Sterndale, Rev Thomas Pearce was president of the project. Charles Melland (left) of Great Low Farm gave the land and stone for building the Hall. Moses Harrison of Street Farm dressed the stone and Fred Robinson, a wheel-wright from Chelmorton did all the joinery. Their names along with other trustees can be



seen on the foundation stones of the hall. Later the Duke of Devonshire donated the land next to the hall for recreation.

The hall was opened on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1921.

### What Then?

The hall was used for whist drives, parties and Sunday school until World War Two, when it was requisitioned for use by the Home Guard. Functions resumed in 1945.



During the 1960's a series of whist drives were held to raise funds to renovate Pomeroy Memorial Hall. Additional fundraising came from "bring and buy sales", coffee evenings and Christmas raffles.

The hall always had a small hard standing at the side, but this was extended in 1967 to make a bigger car park. By the early 1970's, the hall was connected to mains water and electricity supplies.

By the end of the 1980's the hall was not being used as a village hall.

Alternative uses and users were sought to no avail. The hall is currently used for storage.

### And Now?



The hall has been neglected for the last 30 years. We would love to see it brought back into community use.

We now have Trustees and a Committee. We are working on viable options for the future of the hall. If you have any ideas on what the hall could be used for, or if you can help us with funding/fundraising we would love to hear from you!

### Appeal for info:

We would love to find out more about the fallen from World War One, especially the people mentioned in the article above. Maybe you are a relative or recognise some of the names? If you are able to help us with any research on these men and their families we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch below.

### The Pomeroy Trust

Email: [pomeroywmh@talktalk.net](mailto:pomeroywmh@talktalk.net)

Find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall](https://www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall)

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### The 100 Club

We still have some numbers available in our 100 club:

The first winner of our 100 club is H Birds who won £25 with number 14. If you would like to join our 100 club you can contribute towards the up-keep of and progress with the hall and maybe win a prize! Numbers are drawn on the last day of every month starting from September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020 and costs just £12 a year per number. If you're interested in joining the 100 club, please contact Jenny Cooper on 07791 337323 or Rebekah Dicken by email: [bekdicken@gmail.com](mailto:bekdicken@gmail.com). Money can be paid via cheque to "The Pomeroy Trust" or by bank transfer to The Pomeroy Trust, account number: 92302254, sort code 60-04-18, with the reference "100 Club."

Funding progress:

We have been busy finding funding for a full feasibility study which will assess the current state of the hall and potential future uses as well as continuing to seek professional advice. We would like to thank David Chapman who has been able to increase the grant from the Derbyshire Dales District Council Local Project Fund to £700, and Councillor Simon Spencer who was able to grant us £1000 from the Derbyshire County Council Community Leadership Scheme. We are waiting to hear about other grant applications so we will hopefully have some more good news to share with you in the next "News and Views."

For any other information about Pomeroy War Memorial Hall please see our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall> or email: [pomeroywmh@talktalk.net](mailto:pomeroywmh@talktalk.net)

## **Vicar Letter**

Hello everyone, take a moment and let us think about time. For some it rushes by, for others it can hang very heavy and for a great many of us, we spend a lot of it looking for it! The Preacher in the book of Ecclesiastes, Ch 3, v 1 to 8, allows time for everything, but it is an allowance. There you will read that there is a time for this and a time for that, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to speak, a time to keep silence, are some examples. October 25th happens to be Bible Sunday, perhaps those words from Ecclesiastes might encourage you to pick up your own bible and look them up. Even if it is just because you recognise them as a song from several years ago called, 'Turn, Turn, Turn,' by the Byrds! One has to agree, there is a proper time for everything, but sometimes people feel unable to speak out about something, perhaps a wrong - doing, and keep quiet instead. As a parish safe-guarding officer, that worries me. During the weeks of lock down and I expect in the run - up to Christmas, stress levels soar, angry out bursts occur, and sometimes people get hurt in the process. Domestic violence, and abuse of vulnerable children and adults does happen, even in the beautiful Derbyshire Dales. We as a church, and yes, I know our reputation is far from spotless, given our own past mistakes, does care for all of the people in our 3 parishes. We can help, by either giving advice and information, or putting people in touch a member of the Diocesan safe guarding team. We will always try to offer informed pastoral care and support to anyone who has been abused, please remember that church is not just for Sundays.

November will see us quietly remembering our war dead and giving thanks for their sacrifice, and the freedom we as a nation enjoy (despite the current restrictions) to - day. For me it feels still relevant, and I have an immense sense of gratitude for each and every service man and woman who died so that I can live the life I do.

Advent and Christmas, who knows what the situation will be by then, not me, but I pray that families will be able to celebrate and enjoy it together, that no- one spends it in isolation and loneliness, without love or food. If you know someone is on their own, please, pick up the 'phone and give them a call, you could be making someone's Christmas special, which is what it should be!

I hope it will be special for everyone. Sarah.

## **Tales from the field**

My little house feels even smaller after months of shielding and now working from home. The sewing machine is constantly out as I'm mask making, there's berries soaking to make natural dye for a scarf project, puzzles galore from lockdown ...and not forgetting my special pine cone collection waiting for Christmas crafts.

There is no way around it I need a craft room...I need a she-shed! A she-shed is the female equivalent of a man cave I have been reliably informed by instagram.

A shed that is all mine, no mowers, tools or half full paint tins, just full of all my projects. Sounded simple until I realised my chickens have the best view of the winter sunset. Hmmm I have wondered why Mrs Haversham, my rather snooty orpington hen, always slept on the very end of the perch near the little chicken barn window. Now I know why! She's claimed the best spot - Time to reclaim my sunset!

So, I'm moving the little hen barn which is a huge job and involves building a new patio to pop it on and new fencing which then means I have to move the rescued and slightly rogue guinea pigs to the other side of the garden. The 'rescue guineas' are three ladies called Margo, Matilda and Myrtle. They all had very traumatic lives before being rescued by a local animal shelter who my friend happens to volunteer at, said friend persuaded me over a glass too many of wine to foster them, needless to say they moved in permanently. But they are fearless



fluffballs and refuse to stay in their run, they wander the garden like a gang of vigilantes, eating all my salad plants before they run the gauntlet past next doors cats and return to their house every day at dusk where they find supper waiting for them. (For those of you concerned for their safety, I have built them several little houses around the garden in case they need immediate shelter from a predator.) Living life on the edge does seem to suit them, at their last vet check I was told they are the most confident healthiest little pigs she had ever seen. I'm quite sure they will view their house move as just another adventure in their very unusual lives.

So back to my shed project; my years of wombling have meant I have stacks of recycled wood to build shelving and line the walls, I even have a gifted pack of sheep's wool insulation and an old pot bellied stove ready to install making this project a very eco affordable one. In fact, all the years of explaining why I need that particular piece of wood in someone else's skip to my long suffering family have been validated thanks to my latest slightly crazy shed project.

So As autumn turns into winter and we approach the festive season with cautious optimism in this uncertain world ...I shall hopefully be found sat in my snug shed craft room surrounded by projects watching the sunset, probably with Mrs Haversham, after all I have stolen her favourite spot.



**Hartington Surgery update-** The annual flu vaccination clinics are well underway. The uptake for number of people attending for vaccination is already up by 15% from previous years.

As uptake has increased nationally, the NHS is managing vaccination stock levels via staged distribution. This means that the Surgery can only plan flu clinics when it is sure that stock has arrived. This process is being carefully planned to ensure that everyone who is eligible will receive their vaccination, although you may have to wait for a later clinic appointment.

The NHS has publicised information saying that people aged from 50 to 64 years will also be vaccinated this year. If you are in this age group, please do not contact the Surgery for your vaccination until you receive notification. It is hoped that clinics will take place later in the year after those people, who are most at risk, are vaccinated first.

The Surgery is 'open for business' and operating a range of services. Appointments are, initially, via a telephone, or video consultation. If, following discussion with the clinician, you require a 'face to face' appointment this will be arranged. If you are unwell, or concerned about anything, please do not hesitate to contact the Surgery.

You can now send a message to the Surgery, and request advice, via a new electronic communication tool called 'E-Consult'. This can be accessed from the home page on the Hartington Surgery website. In addition to sending messages to the Surgery, and requesting advice, it also has useful health information. You may find this quicker, and more convenient than telephoning the Surgery.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding during this difficult time.

## Hartington News

### St Giles Church- St Giles Church Services for November and December

Date	Time	Service	Notes
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Morning Praise	
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.55am	Remembrance@ War Memorial	No church service
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	All Age Worship	
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am	Morning Praise	
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion	
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Morning Praise	Agricultural Chaplain Rev'd Alan Griggs

December 13 <sup>h</sup>	10.00am	All Age Worship	
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Readings and Music for Christmas	
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Let's Celebrate Christmas	
December 27 <sup>th</sup>		No Church Service	

Please note, due to Covid restrictions, all service times may be subject to change

Please note, booking a place is advisable for the major services, owing to number restrictions. If you wish to attend, please let Chris Dullage or Sarah Lacey know.

With regard to Remembrance Sunday, owing to the number restrictions and social distancing, there will be no church service this year. However, it is intended to observe the 2 minute silence at 11.00am, with a shortened service being held afterwards, at the War Memorial. Anyone attending to pay their respects, must be socially distanced and observe all the regulations of the day. Please attend by 10.55 for the names from the memorial to be read

I am very pleased to draw your attention to the service in St Giles church on Sunday December 6th, at 10.00 am, do come and join us if you can (Booking a seat might be wise). We have a guest Vicar coming to lead the service who many of you will know, probably from when he attends Bakewell Agricultural Livestock market, the Rev'd Alan Griggs. Get the milking and the farm chores done early that Sunday and come and join Alan and the 'regulars' for Sunday worship, I can promise him and everyone else a warm welcome. Sarah.

**Annual Parish Council and PCC meeting** – this was held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.15pm in the village hall following covid regulations. The Parish meeting was chaired by Father Lionel Atherton. The current PCC was re-elected and it was recorded that there are 34 people on the Church Electoral Roll. Confirmation of Proposed Services for November and December was completed.

**MANNION Eva (nee Bates)** peacefully after a short illness so bravely and gracefully borne, passed away on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Eva was born on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1926 in Hartington, and spent her childhood with her parents, 3 sisters and 3 brothers living at Woodyard Cottage, Hartington. Their playground was Beresford Dale swimming in the river Dove. Sadly her brother James (Jim) died serving his country in the Second World War aged 19 years.

On leaving Hartington School Eva worked in Buxton and Ashbourne for several years. At the age of 23 years she married James (Jimmy) making their home in his native town of Rotherham. Every opportunity they visited Hartington primarily travelling by bus and latterly proudly in their first Austin car!!! Rotherham in the 1950s was one of the major steel manufacturing towns. Obviously, the clean Derbyshire air became a delight after the smog of Rotherham.

Eva and Jimmy's lives changed dramatically in the late 1950s. Jimmy was offered a post in Barbados for 5 years as a manager in the sugar trade. The contrast was overwhelming residing on the edge of the white Caribbean sands with the sparkling turquoise ocean. Nevertheless, Eva's long awaited air mail letters arrived frequently allowing us an insight into their Colonial lifestyles.

Eva and Jimmy briefly returned to Rotherham before Jimmy was offered the opportunity to work in New Zealand. Their cases were packed, the tears flowed and the family wished them happiness in their new venture. Eva returned to her role of secretary/admin officer in Auckland. They both became members of the Service Men and Women's New Zealand Branch of the British Legion. Jimmy was appointed President and Eva Treasurer/Secretary.

Eva adapted easily and loved life in New Zealand but her heart belonged to Derbyshire. Every 3 years she was granted special leave from work and spent 3 months living with Granny Bates but divided her time staying with the family and friends she missed terribly. They reached retirement age in New Zealand. Jimmy was a keen golfer and Eva had numerous hobbies. She was the most versatile member of the Bates' family and an accomplished artist mainly water colours. She distributed them to different members

of her family and we placed them with pride in prominent positions.

Sadly, after a long and debilitating illness Jimmy passed away. Eva honoured his wishes ensuring his remains were transported back to the UK. Eva, aged 85 years, decided to return to live at Woodyard Cottage, Hartington, and arrived in October 2011. It was at the beginning of a severely harsh winter which was an enormous contrast to New Zealand's climate and scenery. Eva adapted well with her usual optimism and strength of character. The Hartington Community rallied round and ensured she was helped in every way possible to make the transition easier. She became an integral part of village life and had a special affinity with the local school.

Over the past 9 years Eva's love of the village returned and she was involved enthusiastically in local activities. There was always a friend calling for cups of tea and long, long chats. She endeavoured to keep in contact with her treasured friends abroad quickly mastering laptops, ipads and skyping!!! Eva's family had to phone her first to book a date and time to visit owing to her busy schedule. Throughout the Covid Lockdown of 2020 neighbours and friends ensured Eva was safe and well cared for in every aspect of her life.

At the beginning of September 2020 Eva started with minor health problems. On Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020, at 2.05 p.m. Eva passed away with her close friends Helen and Jackie at her bedside. We are all stunned and grief stricken by her sudden departure. Eva has left a void which can never be filled. We realise we were so lucky to have her as the centre of the Bates' extended family. Eva will be in our hearts forever and her irreplaceable memories we will always treasure. Our own 'Mother Teresa' will have taken her special place in heaven. God Bless you darling Eva.

Sheila Riley (nee Bunting) – (Eva's Niece)

### **High Sheriff of Derbyshire visits Hartington**

The High Sheriff of Derbyshire, Tony Walker CBE DL, twice visited Hartington in September whilst taking part in the High Sheriff's 39 mile charity walk in aid of the ACE Youth Trust. He, alongside friends and colleagues, was taking part in the Peak Pilgrimage starting at Ilam and ultimately ending in Eyam.

Due to Covid restrictions the walk was arranged over 4 separate days with the first walk from Ilam to Hartington being completed in heavy rain on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. The second leg of the

Pilgrimage on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, started at St Giles' Church, Hartington, where the High Sheriff stamped his Peak Pilgrimage book. This leg took place in altogether different weather finishing at Monyash in warm sunshine. The final two legs of the pilgrimage, from Monyash to Edensor and Edensor to Eyam were completed later in the month.



The walk raised over £6800 for the High Sheriff's chosen charity, ACE Youth Trust, which since 2007 "has sought to reach out to the hard to reach, disadvantaged and vulnerable local young people and make a significant impact on their lives by providing targeted youth work services in and out of school delivered by qualified youth workers and trained volunteers."

Further details can be found at :

<https://derbyshirehighsheriff.co.uk/derbyshire-high-sheriffs-peak-pilgrimage/>

It is intended that The High Sheriff will, later this year, make a visit to Hartington C of E Primary School to talk to the children and staff about the role of the High Sheriff and his Peak Pilgrimage.

**Well Dressing 2020** -Thankyou everyone who helped dress the Well this year and to the Village Hall committee to allow us to use the main hall. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes so thankyou to all who puddled the clay, set the tables out for us so we were safely apart from each other and to all who put the well together on the Friday evening. Sarah Lacey did a wonderful job dedicating the Well on the Friday with a small gathering looking on. A special thankyou to John Dean who took on the task of "petalling" the top of the Well on his own. His skill and determination put the icing on the cake and although challenging due to 'social distancing' the Well looked amazing, even despite the cracks which seemed to add a touch of poignancy to the subject matter. It lasted well into the following week to raise £164 for charity. Lucy

**Jug and Glass** – open as usual over the Christmas period.

## Hartington Sings.....

Sad to say that although Hartington Sings started very well again way back in February we had to



close after three sessions due to covid. We were learning some great Second world War songs for VE Day back in May! Maybe we'll sing them again at some future stage, who knows.....

In the meantime, I've had to make the decision that we can't start up again this term. Ever the optimist I wonder whether we may be able to sing some carols at Christmas but don't hold your breath(!!!)

I sincerely hope we will be able to start again in 2021, maybe after February half term. Please contact me if you'd be interested in joining us. You don't have to live in Hartington and we accept all ages from 3 to 100, school age need to bring a parent/carer. *Contact Liz Hitch 687148 [liz.hitch@btinternet.com](mailto:liz.hitch@btinternet.com)*

## Parish Council news

**LITTER** -Despite the end of the 'summer season' visitor numbers continue to exceed any 'normal' year but at least the volume of rubbish is diminishing slightly and particular thanks to our volunteer 'litter pickers' to name Keith Quine, Kate Tenty, Janet Bray, Leon Goodwin and Liz Broomhead amongst many others on a more random basis.

Thanks again to the Village Hall Committee for the loan of their bin which has been invaluable through the summer.

**THE STANNER**- A huge thank you to John Grosvenor who completely cleared the base of weeds and to Alan and Stuart Grindey for moving and disposing of the debris. The Stanner has never flowed so well!

**VILLAGE MAINTENANCE** - The Parish Council are seeking an individual who can help with many of the tasks that members take on each year. This edition has a description of the work which should take around 20 hours a year. Anyone interested please contact Liz Broomhead.

**THE POND** - Recent rains have re-established the level but we still aim to remove much of the silt if at all possible. The big problem are the fish which require re-siting before work can begin. We have failed to find anyone or anywhere to move them and have received advice that the environment agency are very strict as to their disposal and that fish agencies will be expensive to employ for the task.

We have already received advice from the Peak Park that cleaning can only take place in a 3 month window between November and the end of January, due to wildlife protection concerns including great crested newts.

So, if anyone has any links to someone who can not only remove the fish but also find a place to set them free, please contact the Parish Council ASAP. We are advised that for the future fish, particularly goldfish or carp types, are not environmentally suited to a mere environment.

**GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE** - The new allocated area is now completed and we have a number of requests which the Parish Clerk is currently dealing with. Full details of the size and cost are in the 'About us Burial Fees' section of [hartingtonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://hartingtonparishcouncil.co.uk) website. We are pleased that this will provide for between 50 and 60 new plaques for the future.

**WAR MEMORIAL AND PUMP RENOVATION**- The renovation of both will commence withing the near future. This include re-pointing all the flags around the War Memorial, re-instating the render around the stones themselves and replacing the dead tree.

The render and broken stones of the Pump will also be fully replaced.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** -The final pre-referendum draft together with draft environmental assessments is now with the Peak Park for appraisal. A final draft will then be posted via the parish council website and we still aim to target a referendum on the plan during 2021.

**Hartington Village Hall:** We held our AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> October. The Chair's Report submitted for the meeting can be seen at <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/agendas-minutes/> , as can the minutes. As will be the case with so many businesses our budget took a significant hit as a result of Covid 19. We estimate we lost a potential £5K in hire income between March and August 2020. The draft accounts show a total income of £4,489 with expenditure of £8,383, insurance and repairs and maintenance being the main areas of cost. So, our provisional loss over the 2019/20 year is £3,894.

On a far more positive note our fund raising was a huge success with £25,537 being raised. This not only meant we could meet the cost of the new roof (£44.8K) but we have provisionally got £5350 in match funds towards installing a new heating system.



We have set a budget for 2020/21 against much uncertainties but are confident we can maintain our commitment to our community and indeed are determined to see a new heating system in place by late 2021.

On a further positive note we have been able to welcome some groups back to the Hall, including two new groups in the form of a Pilates session specifically for those aged 65+ and one of the village book clubs.

If interested in potentially joining any of the following please contact Liz Broomhead on [secretary@hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:secretary@hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk) or 07900 054802:

- Rural Social Group (meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday 2.00-4.00)
- Pilates (two different classes on Wednesday mornings)
- Badminton (to restart Monday evenings)
- A new indoor games session (indoor bowls, curling, skittles, table tennis) – different stations can be set up according to the number involved. Days and times can be flexible. Can be booked on a regular basis or as a one off session. All equipment is provided free of charge.

We have in place processes that ensure we are Covid secure (see <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/covid-19/>). We are guided in our processes by Rural Action Derbyshire and are grateful for their regular updates as government policies change.

A further service that might be of interest is that on Tuesdays (11-12) we offer two free services: a book/CD loan service, and also a member of Digital Hartington will be available to advise individuals on any issues to do with their laptop, iPad or mobile. Just turn up on the day.

Another possibility: we have in place a high quality fibre broadband provision. If either a student would like to book a time in the Hall to carry out their online studies or if a local business person would like to use our facility (we have a small meeting room) then make contact <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/contact/>. This provision can not be free but we will simply seek to cover our costs.

You will see that we are trying to broaden the scope of how we can support our local communities. Should you wish to launch a new initiative or group, or suggest a new idea then just get in touch. Keith Quine Chair of Trustees

**Hartington Village Hall Lottery:** the first two draws in our 2020/21 lottery have taken place. The fortunate winners are, for September, Graham Smith

(36), a long term member of the Wednesday Dance Club resident in Cheadle, and Kevin Allen (65) of Top House, Hall Bank, Hartington won the October prize of £100.

**Rural Social Group:** we have enjoyed two successful, well attended meetings in August and September with a resulting spin off of a new weekly Pilates session for the 65+ age group, in addition to the established Pilate group. The presentation of seated pilates explained how helpful this was for the physical and mental wellbeing of those over 65 or with an underlying health issue which prohibited them participating in the floor pilates. This has now resulted in a session on Wednesdays 11.30-12.30, if you are interested in joining please contact Liz on 01298 687263 or 7900054802.

The next two meetings are:

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2.00-4.00.** Guest speaker is Gary Spendlove, a familiar face to some of us as he organised the 'Walk for Life' a couple of years ago. He will talk about the importance of organ donation. Did you know that In May 2020, the law for organ donation in England changed meaning all adults will be automatically enrolled onto the organ donation register unless they specifically state otherwise.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2.00 – 4.00.** This sees a return by Paul Newsam to impart some of his insights into the use of DNA over his years in leading forensic science teams in both Derbyshire and Staffordshire. For our December meeting we are exploring the possibility of providing a Christmas meal celebration in some form within the Hall. We will discuss this during our next meetings.

We also wish to stress that our meetings are set up so as to be Covid secure, with face masks, social distancing and steps to minimise interactions in place. But we still have an enjoyable time!

**Digital Hartington-** Like so many other things some of the activities of Digital Hartington have been curtailed by the Covid pandemic and lockdown. Members of the group have been undertaking training supported by RAD and finally, with lockdown eased, support is now being offered in the Village Hall between 11am and noon on a Tuesday.

The website, [www.hartingtonvillage.com](http://www.hartingtonvillage.com), has been active in keeping people in touch with village news, particularly changes associated with Covid and the Virtual Open Gardens. The Facebook pages, Hartington Village and particularly the open access Hartington Community Group page has proved



increasingly popular. One request from administrators; please can requests from new members to join the group be made in person rather than through nomination.

We hope to update the website in the coming months and data shows that the site has proved very popular for tourists searching for food and drink and accommodation. Any local businesses that wish to be listed on the website, free of charge, can let the administrators know by emailing details including website if possible to [digitalteam@hartingtonvillage.com](mailto:digitalteam@hartingtonvillage.com)

**Hartington C of E Primary School-** The children and staff were so pleased to back at school and are working hard to try and keep things as “normal” as is safely possible. We shall be sadly saying a fond farewell to Mrs Kathy Wildgoose at the end of this term, October 23rd, when she will be leaving to relocate. She has been at Hartington School for a number of years, during which time she has made such a positive impact on the children who have been fortunate to have been taught by her. She has brought a wealth of experience, and worked with staff to help develop many areas of the curriculum, but especially in RE and Collective Worship. Her dedication and commitment to the school has been outstanding; she will be missed by staff and pupils alike. The whole staff and governors thank her for her tremendous contribution and wish her well for the future.

The role of Mrs Wildgoose will now be covered by Mrs Laura Jones for 3 days a week who we welcomed back in September. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Claire McGuinness who be teaching Class 2 for the remaining 2 days of the week.

The term started with the creation of a “Wells Dressing” with a difference. A beautiful display of painted hand Rainbows and animals with a centre piece of Noah’s Ark. The story of Noah and the theme ‘Hope’ was chosen to reflect the current circumstances which everyone is dealing with around the world. Every child contributed and it will become a permanent feature in school located in class 2.

A reflection bench has been built during the holidays and is situated around a tree in the top area of the playground, which unfortunately is exposed to the elements. Therefore, the children in discussion with staff, decided that they wished to create a wind break made of environmentally friendly materials to address this matter. Knowing that we may need planning permission from The Peak Park – they

produced a letter asking for support from the Parish Council. This was presented to the Parish Council at the meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> by two upper junior children representing the whole school. The outcome has resulted in a member from the Peak Park Service advising as to the materials and optimum height which the children will have to adhere to when designing the windbreak.

The “Macmillan Coffee Morning Fundraiser took on a new look this year- please see the following article written by a child explaining how the school raised the magnificent total of £662 which excludes money donated via the online ‘Giving page’.

This year we held the “SUD#2020” – “Stand Up Derbyshire” on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September- The whole school took part in a range of activities including dancing, work outs, social distancing team games and having a healthy lunch.

Sadly, due to current restrictions the school will not be taking part in the collection of foods to make the Harvest Boxes this year. However, the children are working hard to find ways to support local food banks during this month as an alternative. The next few weeks leading to Christmas will be as busy as ever, but we need to consider, updates on any conditions which will impact all planned events.

However, one thing is certain, teaching and learning within the school will continue to nurture the children’s wellbeing and the creation of a positive learning environment where all work is celebrated and valued.

### **Macmillan in Memory**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020, the children of Hartington C of E Primary School and the community came together for a special charity day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support; in memory of a special villager.

During the school day, pupils took part in a sponsored spellathon and times tables challenge. The younger children had fun completing a lap challenge; seeing how many laps of the playground they could complete in a given amount of time, on their chosen mode of playground equipment or simply running.

At 2.45pm a bell was rung to signal to the school that they could begin to enjoy their tea and cake. Over 60 members of the community received the necessary items the evening before, ready for the charity day. The boxes contained: a delicious cupcake made by Mrs. Stubbs (the school cook), a teabag, some sugar and some milk.

These activities were planned to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. This year it was even more special as the lady, Bel Kerr, who was well known in the village for hosting this event for many years has sadly past away and will be missed by all who knew her. So, at the same time during the charity day, the school and community raised a cup of tea to Bel.

John Dean, a member of the Hartington community said, "Most of us remember Mrs Kerr, who for many years organised the fundraising she did. Now every pupil in this school should be proud of helping to raise money which goes to those finding a cure for cancer and looking after those with this disease. Well done to you all!"

Ida, a child in Reception at Hartington School said, "I enjoyed running fast around the playground."

Sophia, a Year 5 at Hartington School said, "I enjoyed the day because I liked raising money to help people suffering from Cancer."

Mrs Blackwell, the Head teacher of Hartington School said, "The children have really enjoyed taking part in something with the community even though we can't open their doors to them. The current circumstances haven't stifled the creative flow of the children and their willingness to help others."

The school are still gathering donations and sponsorship, so will announce the final amount soon. We cannot wait to see how much the day raised!

Fun was had by all, as the school didn't let Covid 19 restrictions prevent them from coming together as a community, but in a different way.

By Charlotte Richmond Yr6

### **Hartington Community Group (HCG)**

The HCG meets twice a year to plan and co-ordinate events across the village and to improve communication between all the different community groups. Currently we have 22 different groups represented. We also have a small grants fund available to help with start up or ongoing costs. If you would like more information or would like to join us at one of our planning meetings, please contact me or Liz Broomhead. The notes from the meeting will be on HCG website. [Liz.hitch@btinternet.com](mailto:Liz.hitch@btinternet.com)

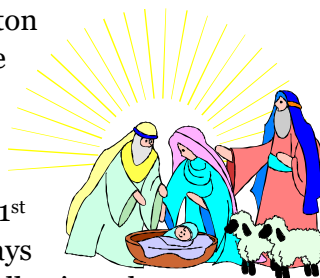
**2020 Lantern Making-** Helen and the HCG are developing a safe and Covid regulation compliant way to provide the opportunity to make lanterns again this year. The most important thing the date -

**DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>** – it will be in the village hall, all materials provided. Times and possible booking process will be confirmed nearer the time- please look out for notices and messages on facebook/websites. As you will see from the Parish Council report the Christmas tree will be in place and the "Light Up" will be on the same date, around 5pm This will be videoed and be available on the Village website. We hope that people will come and join us again this year- it will be different but we are sure just as enjoyable- HCG

### **Hartington 2020 Advent Window Display: Theme – *Christmas in the Countryside***

As part of Hartington Christmas 2020 we are hoping you, your family or business will prepare an Advent Window display.

Starting on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December for the 24 days prior to Christmas and following the



usual Advent Calendar format a new Advent Window will be revealed somewhere in the village at 5pm each day. Once "lit", each window must be "relit" each evening at 5pm until Christmas. The location of each window will be announced on the village website, [www.hartingtonvillage.com](http://www.hartingtonvillage.com) & the village Facebook page (@hartingtonvillage) the night before along with a photo of the previous window. In Advent Calendar tradition each window will display a number.

We are looking for 22 volunteers to accept the challenge to design and display their Advent Window, in addition to the ones at the Church and the school. The design brief for the windows is simple; to do something that reflects the festive season with a theme of *Christmas in the Countryside*. Sorry, but as last year, this is not a competition and everyone is welcome to take part! The window should be in a location that is visible and safe to view from the roadside and when displaying your window care should be taken with regard electrical and fire safety! Using the application form please provide three dates when you could light your Advent Window. Where possible we will make use of 1<sup>st</sup> choice dates but to ensure all days until Christmas are covered this cannot be guaranteed. If more than 22 volunteers we would ask if some would be reserves for this year.

We are hoping this will be a lot of fun in both the making and the display of your Advent Window. If you are interested in participating **please submit the application form** included in the N&V to Sue at the Newsagents or by email to

[hartingtonadventwindows2020@btinternet.com](mailto:hartingtonadventwindows2020@btinternet.com) by 5pm Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> 2020. All personal data collected will be stored safely, used only in relation to Hartington Advent Windows 2020 and deleted once the event has finished.

**Hartington Hidden Gardens 2021** Planning for this event is now under way. It is proposed to hold this event over two days .... Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Please make a note in your diaries.

At the last event in 2018 there were approximately 22 gardens available for viewing either by entry or viewed “ over the garden wall ‘ but it was almost impossible to view the gardens in the allotted time span .This along with our ongoing parking issues has led to it being held over two days along with our desire to raise a higher amount of income . All of which will go towards replacing the antiquated and inefficient heating system in the village hall.

Over the coming weeks a questionnaire will be circulated to garden owners to establish who would be prepared to open their gardens. As in previous events it is hoped that some people will offer additional facilities such as the sale of garden produce and plants, strawberries and cream, teas coffees and afternoon teas etc. Any other suggestions are always welcome. Volunteers are also sought to manage the sale of entrance tickets to the visitors. Please be aware that to include your garden in this event it does not have to be pristine some visitors are very knowledgeable about gardens but the majority just take pleasure from visiting gardens not normally accessible to them.

As at the previous event it is hoped to have additional attractions for the visitors. We are of course aware

that it is difficult to say with any certainty what the current Covid situation will be in June 2021 but this will not stop planning this event in the fervent hope that it will proceed and that the sun will shine.

### Can you help to keep Hartington beautiful??

We need somebody to:

- Weed the area around the Stanner during the summer (April to October) (5 visits of 2 hours)



and to maintain the Remembrance Garden and Burial Ground as follows:

- Clear the Christmas wreaths in the first week of March (1 hour)
- Weed the paths in the Remembrance Garden including application of weedkiller in March or April (3 hours)
- Tidy and weed between May and October (3 visits of 1 ½ hours)
- Clear leaves in November (1 ½ hours)

Total hours: 20 at a rate of £10 per hour



If you are interested or would like more information please contact Liz Broomhead on 01298 687263

### Biggin News

**St Thomas's PCC** would like to thank Mrs Rita Lamb and Miss Kay Clayton for their years of work on behalf of the church and welcome Mrs Joan Bonsall and Mrs Jayne Wilton onto the PCC.

There are currently no regular services planned for St Thomas's. The church is open for private prayer on a Wednesday and a Sunday between 10am and 4pm. The memorial flower rota is once again in operation and we have the 2021 calendar available if you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of someone special. Please contact Julia for details.

Congratulations to Millie Baldwin whose picture "Drury Lane snail" was placed first by the judges in the 2020 photography competition. A slim line calendar to raise funds for St Thomas's containing

twelve of the photographs from the competition and chosen by the judges is now available - £6.00 without an envelope and £6.99 with an envelope. Please contact Julia or Sandra if you would like a calendar. We will be running the competition in 2021 with the theme of "Beautiful Biggin" Start snapping now to get those autumn and winter shots! We hope to have an exhibition of some of this year's entries in the church in due course.

The annual Remembrance Sunday service has been cancelled and replaced with a much smaller event at 11am by the war memorial. There will be no officiant just a small group of people remembering the men from Biggin who gave their lives in both wars and a wreath laying. If you wish to join us please remember to maintain social distance.



Unfortunately, the candlelit carol service will not go ahead this year because of social distancing requirements. There are plans for something different which we are working on with the school but it all depends on regulations and restrictions nearer the time. Please keep an eye on the noticeboard.

We would like to encourage everyone to paint a pebble and lay it on the path from the church steps in the direction of the gate to create our own Biggin Covid-19 chain of hope similar to Buxton's pebble snake. We are currently working with Biggin School to have a regular prayer on the St Thomas's noticeboard and website( <https://stthomasbiggin.wordpress.com> ).

We can also be found on Facebook @StThomasBiggin.

Thank you for your patience and continued understanding - we are really looking forward to seeing everyone when it is safe to return in numbers to church.

**Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council** has recently purchased the Biggin village telephone box for a nominal fee. There are various options being discussed regarding the future use, and look, of the telephone box. If you have any ideas to put forward, please contact a member of the Parish Council or submit them using the website contact form at - [www.hartingtonnetherquarterpc.co.uk/contact-us/](http://www.hartingtonnetherquarterpc.co.uk/contact-us/)

An illustrated information plaque, depicting some of the history of Heathcote Mere has now been mounted on a large piece of natural limestone rock in a central position in front of the mere. Thank you to everyone who has been involved, in particular to Longcliffe Quarry for donating the stone. It was, initially hoped that you would have been invited to an official 'unveiling' of the plaque involving those that have contributed to it. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic means that this is not currently possible. It is hoped that this will still go ahead sometime next year, when safe to do so.



**Biggin Village Hall.** The Hall continues to be used for Parish Council meetings and, by the time you're reading this, will have been used for distributing the church Pie and Pea suppers, which will be a Covid

secure venture with all credit to Jayne for organising. The hall is kept under the strict distancing and sanitizing conditions as required. Generally the hall has been 'dark' but checked regularly. We have discussed the possibility of running Bingo but as yet we cannot justify restarting, however if you would be prepared to do some distanced bingoing, please get in touch with anyone on the committee or Carol. We can open up for meeting of up to about 20 people but not for general lettings due to restricted circulation areas. At the moment it looks unlikely that there will be a senior citizen's Christmas party. There will be further Parish Council meetings in the main hall in November and December.

### **Biggin C of E Primary School – Achieve, Believe, Care What an incredible half term we have had!**

We were all so happy to open the doors again after the summer holidays and welcome everyone back to school. Children have been delighted to see their friends and teachers again and be learning and playing together. So far, we have not been away on as many trips and haven't had as many visitors into school as normal, but if anything, that has helped us value what we are doing even more. Despite a number of additional measures to keep us as safe as possible, school is still a fun and relaxed environment to be in. Children are working hard and enjoying a wide range of activities and opportunities.

In the Reception and Key Stage 1 class, we have welcomed our new pupils who have made a fantastic start to their primary school life. They have been inspired by lots of lovely books including 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' and 'Oliver's Vegetables'. Lots of tigers have been catered for in our café and there has been lots of exploration of fruits and vegetables. The children have begun local walks to witness the beauty of the changing seasons as the weather turns colder and we move into autumn. We've made woodland collages and autumn leaf sandwiches and moss stew in the outside mud kitchen. Our lovely new classroom layout has created the perfect environment for learning outdoors as much as possible.

In Key Stage 2 there is a joyful and purposeful atmosphere towards learning and these children have impressed us so much with their mature attitude on returning to school. Our older children have been learning about the Romans which is always such a fun topic. Amazing models of Roman villas and mosaics have been made and everyone has been inspired learning about the history of the Roman Empire and the impact the Romans had on civilisation. Children

have been Latin language detectives, worked with Roman numerals and acted out the capture of Boudicca by the Roman army. What an exciting topic to explore.

We've also made good progress in our community art project with local calligrapher Annie Lerner and hope to have something special to share with everyone at Christmas. Also we've loved welcoming the Derby County Coaches into school to practice our sports skills, circuit training and running and have made an excellent start on our music lessons with Derbyshire's Wider Opportunities Music Partnership. Hopefully you'll hear some brass instruments being played very soon as you walk past our open windows!

As we break up next week we will celebrate our Harvest Festival on the school field. Even though we will not be able to share this with the wider community due to the restrictions in place, we will be thinking of everyone and collecting dried and tinned food for local food banks. After the holiday we'll be working on Remembrance and look forward to performing a radio play about evacuees in World War II.

This is what our children have had to say about the start of this academic year.

Year 4: It is lovely being back learning with our friends. It's amazing because we get to learn so many new things such as calligraphy, playing music, learning about Hadrian's Wall and carbon dioxide. It's a new adventure.

Year 5: I really like learning to play the trumpet and finding out about the Romans. Seeing how many times tables questions we can answer in a minute in Maths is fun. I am enjoying reading new books, writing myths and being inspired to write my own story as well in my spare time. My teachers are amazing and I am doing a 'Good Deeds' list.

Year 6: Learning about the Romans has been a brilliant topic so far and I can't wait to find out more. Homework, making shields and mosaics was such fun. I'm really looking forward to finally playing the brass instruments. I have learned to trust everyone and have courage to say things and I like showing my personality and level of braveness with my homework and my way of drawing. We do really fun experiments like measuring the weight of a gas. I have been challenged by doing decimals – I'm really good at them now! I've struggled with the Daily Mile. I find it hard to keep going but I'm really trying. I love worshipping together and acting out the Bible stories. I like the songs we learn and its good having lots of challenges like Maths, working together again after a long time at home and learning new rules. It's great to be back.

What more can I say? Well just one more thing...What an absolute joy and privilege it is to work with such a fantastic group of young people and the dedicated and talented team who teach them. Thank you!

Teresa Nicholls Headteacher Biggin C of E Primary School

**Waterloo Inn-** We would like to say a big thank you for the support during this time; it has been difficult getting to grips with the forever changing restrictions. We have not much to say at this time all our events have been cancelled this year, I still have the New Year's entertainer - Mel Christi booked at this stage as being very optimistic. We are open folks - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 12-3 / 5-10pm, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 12 - 10pm. Please book as seating room is restricted inside and we have to ensure social distancing is maintained. Thanks - Debs, Steve, Stevie and Jack

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### Earl Sterndale News

**Mr Ken Mellor** On Friday the 11th of September, family, friends and village people gave their last respects to Mr Ken Mellor, our Well Known Landlord of the Quiet Woman, Earl Sterndale. Ken was a well-respected, loved man, who will be missed very much. Our thoughts are with Jenny and family at this sad time.

**Churchyard Mowing-** We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Ted McAvoy, Mr Alex Holland, Zak Beswick, Alfie Barber, David, Angela and Steve

Campeau for all their hard work, while mowing Earl Sterndale Church Yard. Churchyard maintenance is an ongoing project, so if anyone can help, it will be much appreciated.

**November Remembrance Day** - Still no services in church, but poppy wreaths will be laid at our church cenotaph

**Church Christmas Raffle** We hope to hold our Annual Christmas Raffle- first prize £50. There will also be many other festive prizes to be won. Angela and Jayne will be selling tickets for this, in November.

**Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council-** met in on 12<sup>th</sup> October for a brief meeting within covid 19 regulations. Concern was expressed regarding parking issues in the village especially with the influx of weekend visitors and measures to address this are being explored. The redundant telephone box is now the property of the council and ideas for its future use and offers of care taking of it are invited. The council are proposing to design and erect an information board highlighting notable village features in an effort to raise the profile of the village. Thanks are expressed to the volunteers who took it upon themselves to mow the churchyard and the green and recreation ground in the absence of the usual contract mowers. Ian Saunders.

**Earl Sterndale Chapel-** During the summer months the chapel members have met outside for a short act of worship and to discuss the future role of the chapel in the village. As we could not hold a traditional harvest festival we decided to make scarecrows and link them to our theme "Thank you to our farmers". Several families took part as did the school and we would like to express our thanks to them for embracing the idea. We collected a large quantity of food for the local food bank instead of traditional harvest goods and an auction. The chapel was cleaned according to COVID 19 regulations so on Sunday Sept 27th we had a service of readings prayers and music and were pleased that the permitted number (10) attended.



Messy church has also returned. It was a take away session conducted from a gazebo on the village green. Further sessions are planned and notices will be on the chapel notice board.

**Earl Sterndale CE Primary School.** Pupils and staff have settled back well into the new term. Early in the term, the Junior children participated in a local archaeology trip to investigate a field close to Hatch-Away where it was conjectured by archaeologists that there may be the remains of an ancient dwelling. Pupils accompanied Dr Parker-Heath, a local archaeologist, to watch the start of the archaeological dig.

In lieu of this year's Harvest Festival in the church, our children undertook a Scarecrows and Rainbows project. This stunning display can be seen at the side of the school gates. Children wanted to combine the Harvest theme with a thank you to the NHS, as well as providing a little brightness for people driving by!

Usually at this time of year we would have our school open day, which is an opportunity for children who are due to start school in Reception in the coming academic year to have a taster session and to have a look around school. As we are unable to have an open day this year, we are inviting any prospective parents to call school to have a chat with us and to look around school out of hours. If your child is due to start school this coming September and you would like to have a look around the school, please call us on 01298 83263 to arrange an appointment.



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