

# News And Views



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## AJ&S Peach—Newsagent & General Stores-

The earliest records we have of this business are of it being Sutton Stores. Two advertising calendars were found in the boxes of memorabilia of Mrs Sarah Ellen Broomhead, who was a Sutton before marriage. They are dated 1896 and 1897. The following information is an extract from "Alcock's Lamp -A Story of Hartington" by Ron B. Riley

"I can go back to the 1870's with the corner shop, at that time owned by the Sutton family. One of the sons ran a carriers cart to Leek. Amongst the other goods, he used to bring barrels of beer back from Burslem brewery to the local pub. The Suttons were followed by a Mr Forsbrooke, an apothecary, who sold herbs and medicines and gave advice on minor ailments, as few people could then afford a doctor. Mr Forsbrooke also stocked fishing tackle as, by then, gentry were finding their way to these parts for the fly fishing. They would stay at the Sleigh's Arms, in those days a high-class hotel, and this would have had some bearing on changing the name to the "Charles Cotton". He was, of course, the famous fishing squire and friend of Izaak Walton, the most famous of all fly fishers. Forsbrooke also had a maggot farm in the field behind Victoria House where, it was said, there were barrels of squirming maggots which he sold to the fishermen."



The Edmonds followed him at the shop. Mr Edmonds being the village school master and his daughter Polly who taught needlework at the school. She also gave music lessons and was, for many years, the church organist. I remember "blowin" the organ for her as a boy. This was done by pumping the bellows with a long wooden handle at the side of the organ. The poor old soul eventually died in the Ashbourne workhouse.



I got the idea for this picture from a minute sketch by Redfern, the famous sculptor who spent his early life in Hartington. The carriers cart illustrated, ran between Hartington and Leek and was owned by Suttons Stores, now the paper shop and stores.

Many of the community remember well the times when Mr Edmond and his daughter 'Polly' [her Christian names were actually Hannah Mary], respectfully referred to as Miss Edmond, ran the shop. She was still running the shop in her 83<sup>rd</sup> year but fell ill in March 1950 and died a month later. Polly made bread using an old oil stove and was especially fond of cats; there are several memories

of the shop's distinctive characteristics, including a unique aroma of baking combined with feline perfumes and paraffin, and the place piled up with newspapers and magazines. Some children, perhaps having to call in to buy



their comics or Sunny Stories [Enid Blyton], were intimidated by these premises and the pungent smell! Margaret Partridge remembers buying the Sunny Stories, which she loved to read. She would enter through what looked like a stable door. In her spare time, apart from playing the organ at Church, Polly ran the knitting circle, sending balaclavas and socks to soldiers; the story goes that if you dropped your ball of wool on the floor you took care to make sure no unwanted catty deposits were attached to it when you picked it up again. One Bonfire night, Ron Riley's younger sister, Margaret, was stood with some of her friends (the Gould sisters who lived at Victoria House) outside the shop window. They were chattering away, when Polly tipped the contents of the "guz-under" out of the upstairs window, landing on the girls below. The gaberdine was hung on Mr Freeborough's lilac tree to dry. (now called Hall Bank House). Next morning, she wore it to school a little damp and smelly. The initials of the 2 sisters are carved on the barn door which was in the garden of Mr Freeborough's house.



● Norma Twigg sits in her new chair and is pictured with (l-r) Peter and Elizabeth Waring and Bernard Mellor

The shop and business were purchased by Phillip Marsden, who had been manager at the Co-op stores across the road. John Sherratt's diary entry for 19-5-52, referring to Phillip's new shop window [still *in situ* today], suggests that some improvements to the premises were necessary. Phillip died on 9 December 1971, age 63, and the business continued for a few years under the management of Ken Shirley before being passed to his brother-in-law Bernard Mellor, who ran it for about 15 years until his retirement in 1990. Peter and Liz Waring took it on until her retirement in 2008. The premises are still in the ownership of Phillip's successors. In 2002, Norma Twigg retired after 45 years of working as shop assistant

The proprietor, Sue, has added the following- "What a legacy to follow, thankfully there is no pungent smell of cats, but still

the need for improvement. During my thirteen years at the shop, I have come to appreciate the loyal, local support I get from this strong community. They are with me all the year round whatever the weather. I am very fortunate to have wonderful staff whom I can rely on. For those not familiar we stock almost everything we get asked for. If you want something on a regular basis, I am willing to have it in stock. Thank you to everyone for your continued support- let's hope that life soon gets back to "normal"

## Shop worker retires after 45 years

AFTER 45 years serving behind the same shop counter, Norma Twigg has decided to call it a day, and retired on Saturday.

Mrs Twigg, who lives at Longnor with husband David, has worked at Waring's corner shop, a newsagents and general store in Hartington, since leaving school.

But when she first started there, the shop was owned by her aunt and uncle, Amy and Philip Marsden, after that by Bernard Mellor and for the last 12 years by Elizabeth and Peter Waring.

Until the last few years, Mrs Twigg worked full-time, although more latterly she has been working for half a week and another part-time assistant is her sister, Mrs Maureen Wain, who has been working there for as long as the Warings have kept the

shop.

Having celebrated her 60th birthday in February, Mrs Twigg thought now would be the right time to retire and she will have more time for her hobbies, baking, gardening, tapestry work and she is also to take lessons on the keyboard, having played the piano for a number of years.

With her self-employed joiner husband, Mrs Twigg also shares a love of sequence dancing and they both regularly attend the weekly sessions in Hartington where Mrs Twigg acts as club treasurer.

Her retirement has certainly not gone un-noticed, for regular customers have clubbed together to buy Mrs Twigg a chair, which was presented to her on Saturday, together with flowers, by her former employer Mr Mellor and current employers Mr and Mrs Waring.

**"Vicars Letter"** - As the deadline for the vicar letter comes around, I always begin to panic because I never know what I'm going to write. On this occasion a field of buttercups provided the help I needed. Please bear with me until I get back to a summer meadow carpeted with bright yellow flowers gently swaying in the sun.

We all need to believe that we are capable of dealing with difficult circumstances and are able to overcome challenges. My aunt used to call it character building and my mother's standard response during my childhood was that 'worse things happen at sea.' I think it's fairly safe to say that most of us are hugely grateful that we're not so desperate, for whatever reason, that we would put our lives or the lives of our children in the hands of people smugglers and a leaky dingy. However, back to the main thread - today the ability to keep going whatever life might decide to throw at us is called resilience and it's something most of us need to learn. Bouncing back from difficulty, or at least staggering to our feet and reattaching the smile to our faces, is an important part of being resilient. Unfortunately, Marks and Sparks don't sell a range of superpower positive underwear that help us to believe that we are worthy, capable, happy or even enable us just to keep trying.

In Jeremiah – which is a bit counter-intuitive given his reputation for pessimism, it says “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” I don’t for one moment believe this means that God has a timetable that we run to - God isn’t Thomas the Tank Engine’s Fat Controller or Vee from Chuggington who keeps everything running on time and too schedule. Rather that we all need encouragement and refreshment and that sometimes it can be hard to hold on to hope. Everyone needs to be reminded from time to time that there is so much to be positive about, that we are all have our own talents and that we are worthy of love. If we stop and look around us, God is there very quietly reminding us that there is hope and a future.

And that’s where the field of buttercups come in – that moment when I felt my heart begin to sing and the world was a better place. And it turns out we can train ourselves to find moments of hope and the positivity so that we can get back to our feet, pin our smiles in place and keep trying. Think of ten good things that have happened at the end of every day. Sometimes it’s harder than you might think and at other times it’s easy – here’s some of my list for yesterday: a meadow filled with buttercups; finding a blue tit has nested in the church wall where some mortar has fallen out; discovering that my homemade “lemonchello” is very “lemony” indeed; meeting a friend I haven’t seen for the last year.

Hope, or resilience if you want to give it a different name, is realising that we’re not falling but learning to fly.  
Julia

**Hartington Surgery update-** All adults should have been offered their Covid-19 vaccination. People aged 39 and under will be offered either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. If you have not yet been vaccinated or have not yet had your second vaccine, and it is eight weeks since your first vaccine, please contact the Practice to arrange vaccination as soon as possible. Scientific evidence and National statistics clearly show that vaccination is working to reduce the risk of serious illness from Covid-19. Many consultations can be dealt with, safely and effectively, via telephone, or video, consultation. This method has proved convenient, and time saving, for many people. Face to face appointments, following telephone first contact, have been available throughout the pandemic to all those patients who require one. As we all work towards recovering from the global effects of Covid-19, it is envisaged that, in the future, a mixture of appointment options will be available to suit each individual with the emphasis on keeping everyone safe. The practice dispensary will continue, indefinitely, to operate a prescription collection point from the external window. This has now been adapted to incorporate a sliding hatch and covered canopy. During the last, difficult, year, technology has proved invaluable in helping us keep in touch with our families and order shopping and groceries. Many people have embraced email, smartphones, online meetings, video calls and social media for the first time. It is hoped that these skills will help support you in the future and assist improved access to services.

Visit the Practice website [www.hartingtonsurgery.co.uk](http://www.hartingtonsurgery.co.uk) for Practice information and self-referral information which can be accessed from the drop-down tab 'Clinical services' then 'Self -referral information'

Wherever possible, please register for 'Patient Access' to order your repeat prescriptions via a secure electronic system, linked to your medical records, that is available 24/7. Please contact the Practice if you would like to register for 'Patient Access' or register via the website using the 'Online Services' tab.

You can contact the Practice directly, or find a range of useful health information, from the website home page via 'E-Consult.

The Practice would like to thank the Patient Participation Group for allowing Practice updates to be posted on the patient participation Facebook page. This communication tool has been valuable to, quickly, circulate a range of important information. If you would like more information about the Patient Participation Group, please contact the Practice Manager. Stay safe, stay well - kind regards from all at the Practice.

### **Tales From the field**

It appears Summer has finally arrived in our villages as I write this sat in the garden in glorious sunshine.

My over enthusiastic lockdown planting in the greenhouse and the fear of the dreaded ‘late frost’ has meant all my vegetables and flowers are now supersized and outgrowing their little newspaper pots with trailing roots poking out of the bottom like little legs. It appears we are all desperate to get outside in the sunshine.

Thankfully the June sunshine has given me the perfect opportunity to plant them outside, but it appears I have overestimated the size of my raised beds and some have had to tough it out in my garden, jostling for space in the borders with my flowers and shrubs. The downside to this plan is forgetting where I have planted them,



although it appears my chickens are blessed with inbuilt veg radar and find every new shoot within minutes and either eat it or dig it up in disgust.

So, this year's onions, garlics, herbs, legumes and edible flowers have the weather, stony soil, chickens and guinea pigs to contend with. Will they survive and grow beautifully?

Some will and some definitely won't. but I like to think of it as sharing. There is a beautiful episode of Chefs Table with Jeong Kwan where she talks of the principle of enough, which changed the way I plant and care for my garden. I do not use pesticides or chemical as I know bugs, my menagerie of small animals and even the occasional wild rabbit nibble my plants and once I stopped being so concerned about a hole in a leaf or a missing radish or two from the row, I found I enjoyed the process of growing and gardening so much more. And amazingly I always seem to have enough for whatever I want to cook left in my veg patch, so maybe the joy of sharing what we have is more important than always having more?

It seems just enough is enough for me.

### Ruby Wood, Heathcote – 30 years young in 2021

Readers from Biggin may remember helping to establish this woodland in 1991, as part of the Peak District National Park Authority's [PDNPA] 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The photo shows pupils of Biggin School walking along the Trail from Hartington Station in the company of Mike Harding, comedian, folk-singer, writer, poet, broadcaster and country lover, to plant the final trees. Ruby Wood, which is now well-established, continues to be enjoyed by Biggin School pupils ['their wood'] as well as many visitors. It occupies land beside the Tissington Trail at Heathcote, two former grazing fields.

In the late 1960s the PDNPA acquired from the former British Railways Board [BRB] the old railway track bed which now forms the Tissington



Tree planting at Ruby Wood  
In ten years time the wood  
will be big and strong.  
We went to Hartington signal box  
then we walked along the trail  
to where we were planting trees.  
We kept running up and down  
the field while they were getting  
ready. Then Mike Harding carried  
a tree and we sang "HiHo HiHo  
to plant a tree we go, we'll plant  
a tree and get a cup of tea  
HiHo HiHo HiHo." Then Mike Harding  
planted it. It was a beech  
tree. We went to plant our own  
trees. When we had done that  
we had a biscuit you could  
have a cup of tea or coffee  
I had none because I don't like  
them. We had some jokes with  
Mike Harding then he gave me  
an autograph of him and  
telephone number. Then the Tin  
Camera man came late. We had  
to dig a tree up! Then we  
planted it back in so he could  
put us on TV we should be on  
ITV news at 6 o'clock Friday  
6th December  
by Emma Parren  
(age 7)

Trail. The transfer included various parcels of land and buildings which had also belonged to BRB. One of the parcels consisted of the two fields adjoining the track bed at Heathcote. The Tissington Trail was officially opened exactly 50 years ago on 5 June 1971, initially from Hartington Station south to Ashbourne. At first it was for the use of walkers and horse-riders only [no cycling – that came later, in the mid-1970s, coinciding with a revival of interest in recreational cycling].

High demand had been anticipated for equestrian use of the Trail and so the first warden of the Trail [the title 'ranger' was introduced in 1974] was required to carry out some of his duties on horse-back. The two fields at Heathcote were for a time grazed by Mutley, the horse, and became known to National Park staff as Mutley's fields. However, Mutley, remembered as a temperamental beast, was retired after a few years, living out his days at a riding stables at Thorpe. The two fields were grazed or cut for hay on annual licences until its 1991 transformation into a wood.

Emma Farren wrote about the day of the final planting. Also, there with Mike Harding were:

Lisa Slater, Claire Woodroffe, Matthew Rudge, Andrew Skinner, William Bunting, Kimberley Wragg, Earl Yeomans, Stephen Goodwin, Wayne Skinner, Michelle Stubbs, Anna Bunting, Rebecca Upton, Joanna Wragg, James Salt and Tane Page.



**Childrens Corner-** Isla's wildlife last issue told us we all need to encourage wildlife in our gardens so why not give a little helping hand by making a bee house so they can take a rest during their busy day!

You'll need a plastic bottle, paper straws (or just roll paper into straw shape) and string to hang it up.

Carefully cut the top off a plastic bottle (ask your grown-up helper to do this bit) Tightly pack in the rolls of paper You can decorate it with stickers or paint as bees love bright colours.

Hang it on a tree or fence and you've created a little stop off for passing.

Send in your bee house photos to [childrensnewsandviews@gmail.com](mailto:childrensnewsandviews@gmail.com) and we'll put as many as we can in the next news and view!

**Congratulations- Mrs Nancy Coates- Ecton-** A staunch supporter and reader of News and Views since the first edition over 40 years ago, realised 103 years young on June 13<sup>th</sup> Best wishes from all our readers.

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## Hartington News

### St Giles Church Services for July and August

**2021.** 4<sup>th</sup> July- 10.00 am- Morning Praise; 11<sup>th</sup> July- 10.00 am Family Service with Revd. Alan Griggs; 18<sup>th</sup> July -10.00 am Holy Communion with Revd. Ossie Post; 25<sup>th</sup> July- 10.00 am Family Service (with Baptism)

1<sup>st</sup> August-10.00 am Family Service (with Baptism) Revd. Alan Griggs; 8<sup>th</sup> August - 10.00 am Family Service Revd. Alan Griggs (tbc); 15<sup>th</sup> August- 10.00 am Family Service; 22<sup>nd</sup> August- 10.00 am Holy Communion with Revd. Ossie Post; 29<sup>th</sup> August- 10.00 am Family Service or Morning Praise.

### St Giles Summer Events: Walk of Words and Art Installation-

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July at St Giles, Hartington, we are launching our 'Walk of Words' around the churchyard, followed shortly after with an installation inside the church reflecting our creativity during the constraints of the last year. Do come on the 18<sup>th</sup> July or any time throughout the rest of the summer to see this semi-permanent display. There will be several poster boards around the churchyard, with quotes and beautiful original artwork, which we hope will be a blessing to the community and visitors alike. Our thanks to everyone who has made the 'Walk of Words' possible, those involved in the artwork, printing and building of the poster boards.

The installation inside the church will comprise original pieces created during lockdown from everyone across the community, focussing on how we made use of having time we didn't expect e.g. starting a new hobby, gardening, writing letters, reading, painting, cooking, walking the dog, getting a new pet. This will be on display in the church, along with the specially-created school display, during the summer holidays. Please speak to Lucy Annat (01298 84625) if you would like to know more; we are looking for as many people of all ages including children to contribute. Do join in! Thank you in advance.

**Annual Church Parish Meeting 26.5.21** This meeting was held in Hartington Village Hall at 7pm in the presence of PCC members, Chris Dullage, Sarah Lacey, Liz Broomhead, Liz Hitch, John Dean, June Dean, Dorothy Hawton, Adrian Crowe, Graham Kirkham and church electoral roll members. It was

chaired by the Rev'd John Fountain who led the opening prayers. Apologies were received from Debbie King.

**Election of Church wardens.** Chris Dullage agreed to stand for one further year. Adrian Crowe was proposed and accepted. PCC were all willing to stand again. Proposed and accepted en block.

Mission Action Plan. Brief discussion and acceptance by PCC as a working document.

**The PCC meeting** followed where the standing agenda was used. The treasurers report highlighted the 40% drop in income, due to Covid. Discussion was held regarding a new church heating system involving the Diocesan Heating Advisor, and consequent urgent need for grants to be accessed and applied for, once the final design and cost (£50, 000 approx.) is approved. Confirmation of the receipt of a grant to progress a new loop system and improved internet access to ensure provision of the popular Zoom services, which work in tandem every Sunday, beside the physical church services, for those unable to attend. Thanks were expressed to the Village Hall committee for allowing shared internet access. The meeting closed with the Grace. Sarah Lacey. Secretary to St Giles Church PCC.

**THANK YOU-** I would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their enquiries and good wishes during my recent illness and stay in Hospital. Also thank you to all the Staff at Hartington Surgery. **Pam Ironmonger.**

**THANK YOU-** Many thanks to all my Relations, Friends and Neighbours for all the many cards and presents I received on my **80th Birthday.** Thank you all so very much. **Margaret Partridge.**

**Hartington C of E Primary School** Our school community is tremendously proud of an older pupil who during the first lock down, demonstrated our school vision of 'Loving our neighbour as we love ourselves' Luke 10-27. She single handed raised over £3000 for the Christies NHS foundation Trust, New Cancer Centre in Macclesfield by running '50 MILES IN 50 DAYS'. This selfless and caring act not only resonated with her peers, staff, governors and the community, but has also elevated her to the



prestigious position of being a **Blue Peter Badge recipient**.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June, thanks to Patrick Poitevin of 'Scopes4sen' our children were able to use safe solar filters and glasses to get a brief glimpse of the eclipse, in-between the clouds! The children were filled with awe and wonder and genuine interest in the phenomenon of the solar eclipse despite it only being a partial one. Children in class 2 spent the day studying and researching why and when they happen and were full of questions for their teacher. During the research undertaken the children quoted many facts they had found out and one of them was heard to say 'I bet it is really eerie when it is a full eclipse because it will go dark and quiet. I bet it will go cold as well because the sun is behind the moon.' Sadly, not all the children found it as easy to witness the eclipse as the clouds only parted for a brief time. They were not disheartened due to being informed by the older children that partial eclipses are quite common so they would get another chance! This was sooner than they anticipated. When they returned into the school, they were presented with partial eclipse biscuits for lunch thanks to Mrs Stubbs.

Summer term 1 saw the reintroduction of the after-school cookery club, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. They made scones, sandwiches, pizzas, sausage rolls and tarts all under the watchful eye of Mrs Stubbs our catering manager.

This term the whole school has undertaken May Pole dancing during PE lessons in preparation for two community performances to be undertaken in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July. This is an invitation and ticket only event due to the Covid and limited numbers - May Pole & Afternoon Tea. As always, this term is busy with many activities and events. These include:- Bikeability- Y3,4,5 & 6 pupils will undertake level 1 in playground and Y5/6 pupils will undertake level 2 road safety awareness. Wildflower Project afternoon with whole school and the members of the intergenerational project Active Across Ages (AAA). A visit from Mary Cholok-International Uganda netball athlete, who is based at Loughborough University; she will meet with the children to share her experiences as a child and young person from a village in Uganda as well as continue the work we started 4 years ago with Peace and the link with her village school and the goat project. Litter Pick with the "Silver Sports" as part of the AAA- and Archbishop of York Trust Leadership Award. Weather permitting Sports Day at Biggin School; finally, our whole school annual visit to Lea Green. Unfortunately, this year due to the Covid pandemic this will only be day visits and not an overnight residential. We hope that everyone has a lovely summer break; school will re-open on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

September but this will be an INSET day along with Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. School will open to pupils on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**Hartington Wells Dressing- September 11<sup>th</sup>** – Village Pump and School well by the War Memorial. The work to create the well begins on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall. We start at 10am each morning, and hope to have the design finished for Friday afternoon. There is no need to be artistic just patient and prepared to ache a bit during the week! Just an hour of your time to help goes a long way. We also need some helpers to puddle the clay during the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> September. Ian Parsons is standing down after many years of support – thank you to him for his work in making this happen. If you are willing to help with this, please contact Lucy Annat 012998 84625.

**Hartington Village Hall Update:** while disappointed that the government were unable to announce a complete lifting of pandemic related restrictions from 21<sup>st</sup> June the Village Hall will be providing facilities for several activities over the summer. If interested in any of the following then please contact Liz on 07900 054802. Social distancing measures and 'track and trace' will be in place for the safety of all.

**Rural Social Group** will meet for the first time on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to celebrate a particularly significant birthday of one of **our** members.

**Pilates** groups have been running very successfully since mid-May on Wednesdays 10.30-11.30 Beginner to Intermediate Level Mat Pilates, with 11.45 – 12.30 Chair based Pilates.

**Badminton and table tennis** – we can commence these activities on Mondays, 7.30 -10.00. If interested contact Liz B on 01298 687263.

**Informal Flora** (flower arranging) will start on Wednesdays from 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1.00 – 3.00pm. Please contact Sarah on 01298 843319 or Linda on 07757 844977 if interested in joining.

**Book, jigsaw and CD loans, together with a source of advice to assist on an IT issue** – on Tuesdays between 11.00 – 12.00 you can drop in to loan items. A volunteer will be present, and an IT savvy volunteer will also be present to give advice on any issue relating to your computer, laptop, iPad or mobile phone. The materials for loan are available in the refurbished Lower Bakehouse. We will contact to deliver loan items if you are uncertain about accessing the Village Hall. A list of items on for loan is available on the Hartington Village website.

Our calendar of future activities can be seen at <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/calendar/>

**A new heating system for the Village Hall:** we are so close to securing enough funds to commission the entire replacement of our ancient heating system which is around 50 years old after successfully securing a £8K grant in May. We are in the process of submitting what will hopefully be a last grant application to a local award body for c£3K and, if successful, can proceed to award the contract. Fingers firmly crossed!

**Hartington Village Hall Lottery Update:** our May winner with Number 15 was Kieron Broomhead, grandson of Liz and Brian. Our June winner were joint ticket holders of Number 20, Barbara Mycock and Kerry Wager. Our penultimate draw will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July while the final draw, worth £300, will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August.

**Hartington Celebrates!** Planning is well advanced for a community celebration to take place on the afternoon of Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August. The actual plan will depend on a lifting of government restrictions for both outdoor and indoor activities. The plan is to start the afternoon at the Village Hall to thank all grant award bodies and local people who have contributed over the last couple of years to the extensive improvements to the Hall. Then hopefully we can all come together on the field behind the War Memorial to enjoy the Warslow Silver Band, a free hog roast and a bouncy castle for children. Once we can be sure that we can make the arrangements work within whatever limitations exist for August we will be issuing personal invitations to all within our community. What are we celebrating? Living, and in some cases working, within our community of Hartington and thanking our service providers for their contribution to village life since the start of 2020.

**Hartington Community Group Litter Pick:** Not content with the great success of our March Spring Clean a significant number have also been involved in 'The Great British Spring Clean' of late May and early June. While the amount of litter is thankfully far less there remains a need to be vigilant as stray bits of litter appear regularly within the village and along the lanes and roads. Thank you again to the persistence and determination of our volunteers who do much to ensure our White Peak environment is not blighted by litter. At the end of June, the pupils from the school will tackle key areas in the village – great to know the youngest members of our community will be actively involved.

**Support Staffordshire- Volunteer Star Award-** The South West Peak Landscape Partnership were instrumental in supporting the roof replacement with a significant grant. This grant along with others were obtained through the hard work and commitment of

Keith Quine, Chair of Hartington Village Hall trustees. This is the reason (as well as the many other contributions he has made) he was nominated for the "Trustee of the Year Award" which he duly won. The Trustees, Management Group as well as the whole community are delighted that Keith has received the acknowledgement he thoroughly deserves.

**Rural Social Group with Farming Life is BACK!** - we were delighted to stage our first session of 2021 on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. It was a very special occasion as we were able to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of one of our members Mr. William Bunting. Socially distanced with a wonderful birthday cake, cards and decorations the whole event was live streamed. We are now able to plan our sessions for the rest of the year; a detailed programme will be available in the next edition. To keep you going – July 27<sup>th</sup> we will have a visit from the PCSO who will present on the challenges of "Scams" and then August 24<sup>th</sup> with a presentation of the delayed VE Day 1945 – "who lived in our house"- Village Trail. If you are interested in joining us or helping, please contact Liz Broomhead 01298 687263.

**Hartington Town Quarter Parish Council-** A meeting was held in the Village Hall on 19.5.21 when the council members were confirmed for 2021/22. The next meeting will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Wildflowers in Hartington** as we move into the summer months, we are now starting to see the gradual emergence of wildflowers in each of our planting areas which is really encouraging – as this is our first year, we expect to learn a great deal that will hold us in good stead for future years.



### **Wildflower paintings in the Bakehouse**

As well as our existing five planting areas (School, Bankside, Churchyard, Mill Lane car park and Stonewell Lane) we have now added a sixth site – outside the Sculpture Studio behind the Farm Shop. One of our medium-term plans is to create a wildflower trail across the village, linking each of the

sites which we hope to start in 2021, and in support of this during May we installed paintings at each of the planting areas. Painted by local artists, each has a nature theme. A copy of each of the paintings can also be found in the Bakehouse. Our thanks go to each of the local artists for their fabulous paintings – Jennie Dullage, Thelma Nunnington, Janet Oliver and Jane Allen. Also, thanks to Leon Goodwin and Liz Broomhead for their support in preparing the weatherproof frames and posts for the pictures. If you haven't seen all of the wildflower areas and pictures yet, why not take a walk to each of the areas around the village and take a look.

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## **Biggin News**

**St Thomas's Church** 2021 Digital Photography Competition - This year's theme is 'Beautiful Biggin'. Closing date 31st Augusts. £1.50 per photo, 3 photos maximum. 12 and under free to enter. Entry forms via email, Facebook and selected locations. Entries to be emailed to [stthomasbiggin@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasbiggin@gmail.com) Churchyard mapping and headstone recording project. St Thomas's is the first churchyard in Derbyshire to be electronically mapped thanks to a grant from The Bingham Trust. Every churchyard needs a map, St Thomas's map has disappeared despite exhaustive searches that included the archives and Derby House. Once complete that information that we gather will be protected, available to everyone and tie into the diocese faculty system. During the week that St Thomas's was mapped so was Highgate Cemetery in London. Would you like to be involved in headstone recording? Watch out for posters advertising a meeting. The heavy rains of a few weeks ago made the tower water problem much worse. Instead of the usual damp there was ingress of water on each level of the tower resulting in puddles of water on the gallery floor. When the tower roof was inspected it was found that the gutter was completely blocked a tree was growing. We would like to thank members of the Derbyshire Mountain Rescue Team for clearing up the mess. Going forward the gutter tops have now been protected by mesh, provided and fitted by Pete Tapping and someone has volunteered to carry out regular inspections, so this doesn't happen again. A dehumidifier has been operating inside the tower since the 27th May though the damp has not gone away and won't do until extensive remedial work has taken place to the mortar which has failed. And we've spotted some woodworm in the trap door which needs treatment. Are you good with grant applications? Would you like to be involved in raising funds for the church? Please contact Julia or a member of the PCC.

Funding for the frames and posts, as well as seeds and tools for our project have been secured through the award of a grant from Derbyshire Dales CVS in support of their "5 Ways to Wellbeing" programme and we are very grateful for their support. If you'd like to find out more or get involved, please send an email to [wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com](mailto:wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com) we be delighted to hear from you! Equally if this has given you inspiration to do something in your own garden, you are already planting wildflowers, or have local wildflower seeds and plants you'd be interested in donating to the project, we'd love to hear from you as well.

We also have a grant from the Local Projects Fund to put up larger bird and bat boxes in the churchyard as well as to add to the wild daffodils we will be planting this year as we were not able to decorate the church with lilies. Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the fund instead of lilies this year. The churchyard ecology survey continues to grow. Please let us know what flora and fauna you spot there. The school is coming to do a lichen and insect survey before the end of term to add to the information we have.

We are delighted to say that there will be three weddings and one baptism at St Thomas's this summer. If you would like to celebrate a life event, please talk to us - Rev Canon Kaunhoven at Bakewell is looking after weddings and baptisms at the moment. It takes a little while sometimes to find a celebrant - vicars are busy catching up with a year and half of postponed weddings- so allow plenty of time for us to find someone. We're going to be tidying up the church and churchyard during the next few weeks. The chancel keys have been cut and will soon be back with us, we have a temporary faculty for an anti-bird curtain, and it should be hanging up by the time you read this. Our risk assessments for Covid and health and safety are in place thanks to the help of Eileen Broomhead who made the task much easier, and I would like to say a huge thank you to her and to everyone who has given their time to looking after St Thomas's this year.

**Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council**  
Thank you to the school children of Biggin C of E Primary School for their hard work litter picking in, and around, the churchyard and on Drury Lane. Other efforts to tidy up around the Village include the community notice board facelift, outside the Village Hall, a staged plan to re-furbish the wooden benches around the Village and renewal of the mowing contract with the existing contractor. It is hoped that progress will resume soon regarding replacing the signs on the entrance to the Village, below the



Waterloo, this was reported some time ago. The Parish Council contributed towards the servicing of the church clock as this is seen as an integral part of the Village and beneficial to all. In case anyone is not aware, there is a defibrillator located on the wall, outside Biggin C of E Primary School on Main Street. The defibrillator is available to assist life support in emergency situations. If you should need to borrow this important equipment, please remember to act fast. If unused, please return to the defibrillator cabinet as soon as possible, however, if the machine is used, please contact a member of the Parish Council to enable the machine to be checked, new pads added and returned to the cabinet. Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council

**Biggin Village Hall.** With the extension of the Covid restrictions into July we will be unable to restart Bingo and general lettings of the hall again until they are eased. However, the hall has been used for school PE, with the school disco and leavers events are planned. A wedding reception is on the calendar and Parish Council meetings are going ahead in a secure way. The hall has been checked weekly and is sanitized after each use, however this would not be possible for large gatherings, so unfortunately many events are on hold. Let's hope this is last surge and we can report more favourably in a couple of months.

**Biggin C of E Primary School** - Everyone is enjoying the busyness of a summer term in school. All of a sudden it seems there is something new happening every day. Alongside the wonderful weather that has helped us take our learning outdoors frequently, this has been a real treat indeed!

The children have had lots of fun with enrichment activities which are either filling some of the gaps from the temporary closures of school or planned activities which have had to be postponed until now. These have included fantastic First Aid sessions for both Infants and Juniors and a Music Composition Day when the older children created a suite of music in three parts based on their History topic, 'Kings and Queens'. The younger children have learned lots about dinosaurs and performed a very realistic 'Dinosaur Dance' to the older children which was much appreciated!

The children in Year 6 had a very special adventurous experience on the high ropes and zip wire at Mount Cook followed by kayaking on Carsington Water. This

was in place of their residential planned for earlier in the year which unfortunately could not take place. We are so proud of these children who, despite all the challenges of this year, are more than ready to begin their high school education at QEGS in a few weeks' time.

This week we were both excited and honoured to join the Peak Sound Project as one of the locations to help make a soundscape of the Peak District. The children were very creative producing sounds reflecting school life which will be added to visuals in the finished film. We can't wait to see and hear the final result at the end of the summer.

Children in Years 4 & 5 explored Crosslow Bank Farm to learn about milk production on a modern dairy farm and how their learning in Maths, English and Science could be applied to the skills a modern farmer needs. Still on a farming theme, we hope to hatch our own chicks in two weeks' time and watch them develop and grow.

Sadly, we cannot take part in our usual big summer sports events, however we are still going to QEGS for a football and rounders competition, taking part in a virtual dance festival, having our own school sports day, taking a picnic up to Ruby Wood for a treasure hunt afternoon, watching a film on a special film night and generally having an all-round good time in school.

All of this is only possible thanks to the fantastic staff team I am extremely lucky to work with in school. The children and myself are truly blessed with their hard work, flexibility, patience and dedication, not to mention their good humour! In July, we can finally give Mrs Eaton, our very long-serving Key Stage 1 and EYFS teacher who retired last year during lockdown, the send-off she deserves. We are holding a special afternoon tea in school hosted by the children. We are also saying a fond goodbye to Mrs Mansfield at the end of the summer term who is moving on to a new challenge. We are so grateful to both of these wonderful teachers for the brilliant contribution they have made to school and the children they have taught and we wish them the absolute best for the future. If you wish to pass on a message to either of these teachers, please contact school and we will be delighted to make that happen. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer, Teresa Nicholls.

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## Earl Sterndale News

**Church News** We are hoping to have a Flower Festival, On the August Bank Holiday Friday 27<sup>th</sup> to Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of August, (covid regulations permitting). Flower festival meetings, (in church) on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of August

All help will be much appreciated. **Church yard** Thankyou to everyone, who has been helping to tidy Earl Sterndale Churchyard, its proving a big job, with the late quick growth of grass, but it is nice to see the church yard looking cared for. **Bingo** Jay Jay is working hard to get our "Bingo Nights" started again,

hopefully our first one will be on Monday 28th June and the second on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

**Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council** met in May in the Methodist Chapel, Earl Sterndale. This was a busy meeting as face-to-face meetings had not been possible during the lockdown. Progress with the proposed information board for the village has been made and looks an exciting prospect. The council have purchased a ride on mower and Alex Holland has organised volunteers to mow the recreation ground. A proposed village litter-pick will hopefully take place at the end of June and it is hoped will be well supported by local residents; more details shortly. Acknowledgements were given to Clive and Barbara Howarth for their custodianship of the Mere and the many ducks. Parking, owing to the increased influx of visitors, remains a problem. Ian Saunders

**Earl Sterndale CE Primary School** Usually at the height of the Summer Term, play rehearsals and fundraising events are well underway. However, this year, everything is still slightly different...

**Pomeroy War Memorial Hall**- The AGM for the Pomeroy Trust (postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions) had been planned for **Monday 5th July at 8pm at the Duke of York, Pomeroy**. An update of our activity over the past year was to have been given and the committee elected/re-elected. This will now have to be on line. (All those on emailing list will get information Anyone else may request it). We will hopefully have public meeting in September -so any comments etc can be included. The feasibility study on the future use of Pomeroy War Memorial Hall has now been completed. Thank you to all who sent in responses, 144 were returned. The results of this will be shared at the AGM. Due to uncertainty regarding restrictions, please contact [pomeroywmh@talktalk.net](mailto:pomeroywmh@talktalk.net) or 07971 236688 if you would like to attend the AGM (or contact our Facebook page to check the meeting is still going ahead and what restrictions apply <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall>). The winners of the 100 club were: Bekah Dicken, number 20 (April) and Ben Wilson, number 17 (May). This year is the 100th anniversary since the hall was opened and we are hoping to hold events to celebrate this in September.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – We’ve organised a socially-distanced sponsored walk for all children to participate in – keeping in their separate bubbles, of course. On Tuesday afternoon, you may see us doing laps of the village. If you do, please give the children an encouraging wave!

Unfortunately, we can’t have our usual Leavers’ Party at the end of term due to the ongoing restrictions. Instead, we will have an in-school raffle and we’re hoping to do a smaller version of our usual ball race on the last Friday of term (16<sup>th</sup> July). We will be advertising around the village, but should you wish to buy raffle tickets, balls for the race or to donate a raffle prize, please call school on 01298 83263. Any help in these challenging times is always appreciated.

Finally, Hollywood is once again returning to Earl Sterndale. As we cannot perform our school play to a live audience as we usually would at the end of this term, we will again be filming scenes around the village. You may see our film crew in action over the coming weeks filming this year’s school play, which is ‘Fantastic Mr Fox’!

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