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Devonshire Arms

The earliest reference to the Devonshire Arms is in 1846 when John Lomas was licensee. At this date there were three public houses in Hartington, the Devonshire Arms, Bull's Head and Red Lion. In 1829 there were also three public houses, the Bull's Head, Red Lion and the Three Stags Heads. This suggests that the Devonshire Arms was previously known as the Three Stags Heads, a suggestion which is further supported by the fact that Three Stags Heads feature on the Coat of Arms of the Dukes of Devonshire. It is not clear when the pub first came into



existence but as the Dukes of Devonshire have been Lords of the Manor of Hartington since 1663 it is possible that the name of the pub dates back to the 17th century.

John Lomas was still licensee in 1857 when he is also described as a cheese factor. Subsequent licensees are: 1860, Mary Mellor; 1891, John Richard Percival; 1895, Thomas Harrison; 1908, John Harrison; 1922, Ernest Johnson; 1932, Frederick Palfreyman and 1941, John Sheldon.

The following are extracts from John Bob Sherratt's diary which has been developed by Richard Gregory into the book "A Village Life". This is available to buy in the village shops and by ordering online via <https://hartingtonhistorygroup.uk/>

under the Publications menu.

On the 8th March 1934 Clifford Johns took over Devonshire Arms. Eileen Riley, the wife of Ron Riley, recalled that from 1938-44 her stepfather and mother, Mr & Mrs Sheldon, were licensees of the Devonshire Arms. Christmas Eve 1942, John Bob was home from work for the first time on Christmas Eve for many years: "singing at Devonshire whisky in tea this night 14/- per half bottle." In 1944, Wakes Saturday- September 16th, double summertime ended. "Tim Ray (*travelling fair in the field behind the war memorial*) doing a roaring trade with swing boats at sixpence a time. £36-0-0 taken at Dance. Ran out of draught beer at Devonshire. An entry on the 21st November 1944, just said "Singing in Devonshire. Mrs Kirkham on piano." (Mrs Kirkham was Frank Kirkham's granny (Vincent House Farm). Frank recalls that she was a noted accompanist for the various singers, including John. Around this era, into the 1950s, Sunday nights in Hartington are remembered as a time when people went to Church then to the pub, or to gatherings at friends' houses, perhaps to play cards. Later that year, 30 December, "a dance (*in village hall*) in aid of Derbyshire Royal Infirmary Very keen frost & as light as day. Irene in Devonshire and Cotton" Gordon Stone relates that at that time many village men [and presumably women, although well into the 1960s females rarely entered the tap room/bar] were loyal to one particular pub, so this may explain John's comment on his wife's apparent break with conventional behaviour, visiting two pubs in one night!



An extract from Ron Riley book "Alcock's Lamp" stated that the Devonshire Arms, was not always known by that name. I once saw a very old poster displayed in a Staffordshire pub, informing people of that time, that a certain entire stallion would be at service on certain dates at the Wagon and Horses at Hartington. One of my teenage memories was that on Sunday evenings the men of the village choir would gather at the Devonshire Arms directly after church, and Eileen, daughter of the Landlady would play the piano for a musical evening of all the old traditional songs. George Riley of Hide Lane would sing "The Red River Valley" and Joe Peach from Hall Bank always ended the evenings singing with "When You Come to the End of a Perfect Day" in his beautiful mellow bass voice. John "Bob" Sherratt would be another great singer who was a much thought of man in the village throughout his life. I have carried memories of these evenings with me all around the world.

On the 8th March 1945, Jennie, known as 'Ginnie' and Tom Broomhead took over the Devonshire Arms, as owners. Tom died in 1954 and Ginnie decided to sell the following year. Ginnie's maiden name was Gould and was at the Charles Cotton Hotel with her parents before she went to the Devonshire.

The 13th and 26th May 1945 -Ran out of draught beer at Devonshire. This is the first of many entries stating the Devonshire being closed and running out of beer, possibly related to shortages and rationing post war. On Sunday 22 July 1945 -Devonshire closed for the first time since war. 15 September 1945- Sold out of beer at Hartington. 15 June 1946 Poured with rain all day and night: only the Devonshire open. Tremendous crowd in, worse than Wakes. 30 June 1946 Church - Shortage of Beer. Devonshire only serving regulars. 15 July 1946 Devonshire closing at 10-0 PM due to Beer shortage. *These occasional entries through the summers of 1945 and 1946 suggest long hours of work, regular attendance at Church but with a lack of comforting beer; they are an indication of there being greater shortages after the War than during.*

1955-1972- licensee -Mr Archie Nadin (died 1961) and Mrs Lilian Florence Nadin with 2 daughters Elizabeth (Liz) and Alice. The brewery which owned the public house was Ind Cope of Burton; they decided to do major



structural indoor alterations in 1966. This resulted in the loss of the Little Snug converted into the Ladies toilet and now an office. The loss of the family living room and the Smoke room which were converted into the lounge bar; all other rooms remained the same as they had been, including the cellar.

To ensure the temperature for the beer was maintained in the winter - Aladdin Paraffin heaters were used; the paraffin fetched from Bassett's garage across the road. The youngest Nadin- born on 3rd October 1959, Sheep Sales Day- Josephine (Josie) would go to fetch the Paraffin with her Dad, from Bassets, when she was 20months old. The only heating throughout the pub before 1966 was coal fires. These were only lit when customers

were in the room. Consequently, it was very cold so when Liz needed to revise for her GCE -O and A level mock exams she would sit in the cellar with the paraffin heaters to keep warm.

When Archie Nadin died, Lilian Nadin took on the licence and received help in managing the bar and cellar by Bill Dawson from Alsop Moor, at weekends. The eldest daughter, who was now 14, soon learnt how to tap barrels, check how much beer was left in the barrel with the dipstick and clean the pipes. The middle daughter, Alice, later supported her mother in the kitchen and soon became an excellent cook following her mother's footsteps. The reputation of the Afternoon/High teas as well as Sunday lunches was well known. Barton buses would bring visitors to the village, they would have booked afternoon tea and be seated in the dining room area.

Walter Holloway also supported the running of the pub changing the barrels when needed. Most Saturdays there would be music around the piano, as well as a domino school in the corner of the tap room by the fire.

Photo of Alan Blackhurst from Sheen, Bill Hodgkinson from Onecote and Ron Burton from Bank House Hartington. Other regulars were Fred Howson, Joe Gibbs, Bill Shipley and Joe Dawson. The darts team played in the Devonshire League- home and away matches every Friday evening between September and April with a wonderful feast of sandwiches after the match. Stalwarts of the team -Jack Sutton, Dennis Howson, Ken Watson, Dennis Shipley.



During the time of Tom and Jennie Broomhead, a gentleman- from Longnor- Walter Mellor (Glizz) would do odd jobs at the weekend, this arrangement continued with the Nadin family and continued for many years. He had his own seat in the tap room next to the fire. His drink was a pint of mild which sat on the mantelpiece; when painting and decorating the mark his pint pot had made was painted around. He would arrive on the North



Western Bus and return home on the last bus at 9.30pm. On Sunday afternoons he would go down Factory Lane for a sleep in one of the barns. One evening the bus driver "forgot" to pick Walter up; realising this when he got to the Mill Bridge, he reversed back to the Devonshire Arms to collect him.

During the summer, on some Sundays the Silver Band would play outside the Devonshire -chairs were brought out from the dining room, halfway through the programme they would receive a glass of beer, poured from a big jug. The big drum was played by Bernard Sutton from Reapmoor, he would let some of the children have a go at "beating the drum" when the band finished playing.

The snug was used for the annual "Christmas Club pay out" which was conducted by Mr Arthur Slater who lived in part of the back of Pool Hall.

There was a "hatch" in the back corner of the Tap room which was where the village policeman would wait to ensure that Arthur was not "mugged". His wait was made more enjoyable with a couple of "Gold Labels" to keep him warm. Arthur was the father of Mrs Irene Wibley, he was also a church warden with Nelson Adams and rang the 3 bells at church - Liz Nadin and Sheila Hall would also help to ring the bells.

The Smoke Room was the "posh" area- Sports meetings were held here, with Mr Rowarth, Ted Hall, Arthur Gee, Les Morson and many more. When the weather was bad in the winter- children, waiting for the North Western bus to take them to Buxton College(boys) and Cavendish Grammar school (girls), would wait in this room.

At the base of the stairs, leading to the ladies toilet, "residents lounge" and store room where Bill Dawson would sleep on a Saturday night, was a coin box Phone - with the A and B buttons. Johnny Howard would ring up the horse racing bookies on a Saturday morning. When it was the "Grand National" he would organise a sweep stake.

Photo of Walter- Ted Bates, Johnny Howard and George Maxwell



When Mrs Nadin left in 1972 the new landlord was Mr Coop; on his departure there were various landlords. The most notable was David and Dale Mullarkey who ran an excellent pub with quality food and a good pint. He always looked after his regulars as well as his staff who were all local. Sadly, on their departure, a company took over, many alterations, the best of which was a lovely Beer Garden at the rear. Happily, with the arrival of Kieran and Dallas it is becoming a proper "local pub" again.



"We knew when we first arrived that the history of the Devonshire Arms would be a long one, but to have such in depth knowledge that has been protected all these years has been amazing to learn. We came to the village to start a new adventure (some said a midlife crisis.....lol) and to give our son Logan a better future. We were nervous about joining a new community but the welcome and support we received from the locals has been so lovely and genuinely appreciated. We feel blessed. We are so excited and privileged to be the new chapter of the Devonshire Arms rich history and hope to do our predecessors and the village proud." Kieran, Dallas and Logan

"Vicars Letter"- In the past people would have felt this part of winter more than we do in the twenty-first century; food stocks would have begun to diminish and the search for firewood might have meant a long walk through driving rain or snow. The hope for warmer and brighter days would have been even stronger in our ancestors' minds than it is in ours as they faced the uncertainties of the winter months. Snowdrops would have been a particularly welcome sight showing that days were lengthening. At St Thomas's we hope to celebrate our first festival service of 2022 with a Candlemas service and snow drop festival. It was traditional for candles to

be blessed as a reminder of Christ, the Light of the World, on the Sunday associated with Christ being presented at the Temple and his earthly service to God commencing. In the dark days of winter, whatever our beliefs, it's good to be reminded that the light of spring is just around the corner. Life needs light to grow and thrive. The world can be a messy and dark place, there are no easy or glib answers, especially in these strange times but Candlemas is both the turning point in the natural year as well as the Christian year. We move forward through the mess and the muddle of life with the light of hope in our hearts. It is by our actions and the care we have for one another and the world that light is shone in even the bleakest corners. New Year's resolutions come and go but we all have the potential to turn the world upside down through our actions and remake it so that it's a better place – one small step at a time. Julia

Hartington Surgery update- At the time of writing this, the Practice is busy adding additional Covid vaccination clinics to boost capacity and ensure that everyone can be fully vaccinated to protect themselves, their families, those around them and the NHS. Healthcare organisations heard that they were to accelerate vaccinations at the same time as the public, via Prime Minister briefings, and were given no notice to gear up to administer even more vaccinations. I'm sure that each, and every, one of us is now tired of the pandemic and restrictions upon our lives. That said, we must all play our part in keeping everyone safe by wearing masks in public, regular home testing, staying at home if we have any symptoms and getting a PCR test and making sure that we are fully vaccinated. The National response has been exceptional – thank you to everyone. The Patient Participation Group (PPG) met face to face, for the first time in two years, on 22nd November 2021 for the AGM. There was an extremely encouraging level of attendance and new members were welcomed to a very productive meeting. Meeting minutes are available upon request from the Practice Manager. PPG and Practice updates are available on the 'Hartington Surgery Patient Participation Group' Facebook page. The Group is a registered charity and acts as a patient forum, offering suggestions and feedback and 'holds the purse strings' for funds, usually from charitable donations. These are used to buy equipment to support patient care that would, otherwise, not be available to patients in this area via the NHS. This valuable equipment enhances care and often means that our patients don't have to travel many miles to hospitals. The Practice would like to thank the Group for their support over the past years and particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic. The next meeting will be held at Hartington Surgery on Monday 9th May at 7.30pm. All registered patients are eligible, and welcome, to attend. 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. Julie

Tales of the field- As I write this with just a few days until Christmas Day, I am reminded it really is my



favourite time. All the gifts are bought and wrapped, the turkey is ordered, and the house is twinkling brightly. Even my chickens, who are in “flockdown”, have a Christmas tree and garland at their door. It is my time to plan for Christmas eve, to bake everybody's favourite treats, to plan the games and to unwrap the plates from my grandma, the napkins hand embroidered by nanny, the gravy boat from my great grandma, the mulled wine glasses we etched on a family trip to Germany and the many other treasured items that we only use at this time of year. It must be said, they are not all as tasteful- the Christmas tree teapot, the reindeer teaspoons and the cookie jar shaped like a very plump slightly tipsy Santa will all be making an appearance on our festive table. They all bring a sense of nostalgia, a sense of tradition and “Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without them”, I am often heard saying when my

family laugh at the display of festive “naffness” before them. But this year, through my work in bereavement counselling and with refugees, I am reminded that many people have lost all their treasured possessions, may have very little comfort around them, they may not even have a permanent home or have lost a loved one and struggling through the first Christmas without them. I am privileged to hear these brave stories, and everyone humbles me and makes me thankful for what I have. So, as I unwrap my mismatched but much-loved Christmas treasures, I will feel even more thankful this year that I will have all my family around me, and I am reminded it is the people around the table not the items on it that make Christmas. I hope as you read this, you're looking forward to a new year full of hope and your house is still twinkling with Christmas magic.

High Peak CVS – Social Prescribing in partnership with Hartington Surgery and Hartington Community Group (HCG)- presentation 1-3pm Monday February 7th – Hartington Village Hall. – Open to all- hot drinks and homemade cake available. Come and find out how this NHS service can help you. If you wish to know more please contact Liz Broomhead -liz@broomhead.net 01298 687263

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2021

Thank you to everyone who came to the Remembrance Day service at church and the war memorial; thank you to everyone who did their "usual bit" to make it work. Here are some names that did a splendid duty before and after the event Brian and Liz Broomhead who took the boxes out and collected them in returning them to me. During Remembrance Sunday Reg Graham, Harold and Jennifer Ball, Andrew and Mandy Ball, Jeff Goodwin, Paul Bacon, "Oddfellows", Biggin and Hartington Cubs, and Scouts, Sarah and John, wreath bearers. Also to the "counting team": Harold, Brian, Liz, John Brambly. To Mick Riley for his house to house collection around Warslow, raising £217.47 and to St Thomas Church at Biggin for their very kind donation of £78.00. A total of 23 boxes went out and the final amount raised is £1860, so thank you to you all. A breakdown of the amount will be available in the Legion and Facebook.

Stuart Grindey (Poppy Appeal Officer)

Cavendish House- RBL Club- Friday Night Darts League- it is intended to start a small Friday League, mid-January, with a few local pub teams. To start planning a meeting will be held 8pm on 7th January in the Legion. If you are interested in joining, please send a representative. Thank You- Harold Ball

Children's Corner-We will be back in 2022 with more book reviews, games and village eye spies. I would like to thank the amazing Millie for co editing and proof reading everything that's appeared in children's corner this year! Please send any ideas, reviews to childrensnewsandviews@gmail.com

Ashgate Virtual Sparkle Walk 2021 Thank you to all who sponsored me in raising money for Ashgate Hospice, I did this event for my 40th birthday which was in October, and I wanted to do something for Ashgate who cared for my dad David Young (some have known him better as "Youngy"). If it wasn't for the Ashgate Hospice Staff, we would have lost dad a lot sooner than we did. Dad passed 17/1/2019. The total raised was £1317.53p. Donna Young

Hartington News

St Giles Services

Sunday January 2nd - Morning Praise -10.00am
Sunday January 9th - Family Service- 10.00am
Sunday January 16th - Family Service-10.00am
Sunday January 23rd - Holy Communion-10.00am
Sunday January 30th - Holy Communion-10.00am
Sunday February 6th - Morning Praise- 10.00am
Sunday February 13th - Family Service- 10.00am
Sunday February 20th - Holy Communion-10.00am
Sunday February 27th - Holy Communion- 10.00am

Following the success of last year's Lent course it is hoped that the local group of six churches (known as the White Peak Benefice) will be offering another Lent course on zoom in the six weeks leading up to Easter 2022. Please get in contact with your local church to find out more or check the St Giles facebook page. Dates and times will be confirmed nearer the time. In the meantime, if you'd like to join in a monthly discussion group based out of St Giles, please get in touch. **TOG (Talk of God) together** meets on the first Wednesday each month at 7pm.

Remembrance Sunday November 14th 2021. As always, a good number of people attended our traditional Service of Remembrance, and even the rain held off. We were pleased to welcome the Deputy Lord Lt Mr Nick Hodgson, and Mrs Hodgson to St Giles Church, once again, to lay a wreath on behalf of the Lord Lt. of Derbyshire, Mrs Elizabeth Fothergill, C.B.E. Our thanks go to Reg Graham, our parade Marshall, and a lot more besides. Standard bearers of

the R.B.L. the Scouts and the Cubs, Mr Philip Goodwin for playing the organ, Mr David Annat for reading the lesson, Rev'd John Fountain for taking the service at the War Memorial, and to Harold and Jen Ball and family, for the refreshments at the Cavendish House R.B.L. club, after the service.

Royal British Legion Battleback Concert- Normal service was resumed and we held our annual fund-raising concert for the R.B.L. 'Battle Back' organisation, and it was SO good to be able to do so. Numbers were restricted, but it truly didn't feel like it, everyone was up for having a good time and making sure it was a wonderful evening, and it was. I would like to say a big heart felt thank you to the Village Hall Committee and the heating engineers who worked to get the new heating system installed in time for the concert. The Warslow Silver Band, who despite not having played a concert for a while, played brilliantly as always, and gave us all so much pleasure. To everyone who helped get the hall set up so well, and to the people who donated raffle prizes and to each person that bought a ticket, thank you so much, you helped raise £970.00p on the night, after expenses you enabled me to a cheque for £720.00p to the 'Battle Back' Centre, where it will be put to such good use. Thank you once again, Sarah.

Hartington's 12 Days of Christmas Giving. - This Christmas the Ashbourne Foodbank has been supported by kind donations to Hartington's 12 Days of Christmas from across the village. Running from 1st-12th December an advent calendar window was

opened with a new item that had been requested by the foodbank. Instead of receiving a chocolate or small gift, locals were asked to donate a gift to the foodbank instead. Collection took place at the Village Hall and the Church, and the donations of food and toiletries were taken to the foodbank, along with a large box of fruit from Hartington Hall Youth Hostel, to be distributed around Christmas. Collections for the Ashbourne Foodbank will continue throughout the coming year and for those who would prefer to make a financial donation to the foodbank please go to the following website for further details <https://ashbourneelim.church/food-bank/>. Thank you to all those who contributed, and even managed to find the elusive Alcohol Free Christmas Puddings. Stuart Hitch

Hartington Sings.....

It's been great for Hartington Sings to join in village events and sing our little hearts out over Christmas. We hope you enjoyed 'Rockin' around the Christmas Tree' at the tree and village light-up plus the village carolling in the weekend before Christmas. We finished the year by supporting both St Thomas, Biggin, and St Giles, Hartington, in their Christmas Carol services. Thank you to everyone who supplied us with mince pies and mulled wine to keep us going – much appreciated! We probably won't be meeting again until March so keep an eye out for information, same time and place, Wednesdays 5pm in the village hall. *Liz Hitch* 687148 liz.hitch@btinternet.com



Parish Christmas Tree on the Village Green –

The “light up” was on Sunday December 5th at 5pm. The weather was kind- lots of lovely people, some mulled wine and mince pies and then a short speech from David Annat- Chair of Hartington Town Quarter Parish Council, and the tree was lit up in great style with music and singing. David thanked Richard Sherratt for collecting and transporting the tree from Cromford; Brian Broomhead for the lights and Sue and Roland Tacey for the electricity. This is the 10th year of a Parish Council Christmas tree and the first which has been purchased.

St Giles walk of Wishes for the world can be seen around the churchyard until March. Do pick up a map from the church porch and enjoy reflecting on the words and pictures.

HARTINGTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION STAGE A copy of the Hartington Town Quarter revised Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) has been delivered to all dwellings within our parish and is also available on-line at the Village and Parish Council websites. It was also sent to landowners, the Peak Park Authority and

all necessary Statutory bodies, including our neighbouring parish councils. Any responses to this latest version must be received by the end of January 2022. We included a section for responses and a simple questionnaire about green spaces. We would be grateful for you completing this, as the more support we receive, the better the chances of the Examiner endorsing the Plan. We have already received some interesting feedback and all responses will be considered by the steering committee in February ahead of preparing a final NDP for accreditation by the Peak Park Authority. This is then reviewed by an appointed planning Inspector and if approved, will be subject to a village referendum. A few printed copies remain available in Hartington Post Office.

HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS Hand in your written comments and/or completed questionnaires to Hartington Post Office or post to; Neighbourhood Plan, Hartington Post Office, 4 The Beresford Tea Rooms, Hartington SK17 0A. Alternatively, you can e-mail them to hartingtonparishcouncil@btinternet.com.

Hartington Village Hall Update: Our new heating system was installed in November as planned and made an immediate impact at the 'Battleback' charity concert on Friday 12th November which raised almost £1000. We are exceedingly grateful to David Butterworth and his two heating engineers for completing ahead of time and to budget. We can now programme our heating remotely in three separate zones and feedback has been so very positive. Apart from the Main Hall both our Lower and Upper Bakehouses are available for hire. With a wedding reception, birthday party and christening party all taking place in late November we are seeing our Hall now being well used. Our increasingly popular Rural Social Group meet monthly and were richly entertained by Trevor Wragg (October) and Alan Salt (November). We had our Christmas lunch on 14th December at 'The Farm Shop' and wish to thank Jo and her team for a most enjoyable meal. We operate in association with 'The Farming Life Centre' at Bakewell and on this occasion they subsidised the meal through a successful bid to the National Lottery. Thank you, Rachel and Lorna, for supporting this event. **User groups** from January– we now have the following regular bookings. If interested just come along.

Mondays: 7.30-9.30 **Badminton and table tennis-** HYPAC hopes to return on Monday 5-6.30pm-look for notification dependant on Covid 19-probably Late February

Tuesdays: 7.30 – 9.30 **Table tennis** (3 tables available) 4th Tuesday of the month 2.00-4.00 **Rural Social Group**

Wednesdays: 9.00- 1.00 **Lending library**; 10.30 – 11.30 **Pilates**; 11.30-12.30 **Chair Pilates**; 7.00 – 10.30 **Dance Club**

Thursdays: Fortnightly 2.00-4.00 **Indoor Games (bowls, curling, boccia, table tennis)**; 6.00 – 8.00 **Beavers/Cubs/Scouts**

Fridays : 3.30 – 5.00 **Parent and Child Group.**

Rural Social Group: Village Hall- 4th Tuesday in the month 2-4pm. All welcome- The October 26th meeting featured master stonewaller Trevor Wragg. You will forever afterwards look at our landscape with fresh insights. On November 23rd we were richly entertained by master cheese maker Alan Salt, another excellent session. Our Christmas lunch on Tuesday 14th December at the Farm shop was such an enjoyable event. Lovely food, safely spaced, great company and a warm, friendly atmosphere. A big thank you to Rachel Metcalfe, CEO Farming Life, who subsidised the cost of the meal with a grant she had applied for. We are looking forward to 2022- a full calendar for the year has been developed- this will be available and circulated in the new year -our first session 25th January will be presented by Linda Woodroffe on Lip Reading. Look forward to seeing you there.

Hartington Village Hall Lottery Update: This is my first update on the Village Hall Lottery, and I feel privileged to be helping now by looking after its administration. Having moved into the village with my wife Julie just before Christmas last year, we both wished to contribute to village life in some way as we have really appreciated the warm welcome we have received from everyone. We feel very fortunate to be living in Hartington, surrounded by so much beautiful scenery and other lovely villages. I am delighted to say that our lottery has grown even further this year and we now have 113 active subscriptions which should enable us to update the village hall kitchen. Our last draw of 2021 is the big one - £500 and was drawn at the Rural Social Group meeting/Christmas lunch, on Tuesday 14th December and the lucky winning number 20 belongs to Barbara Mycock (nee Wager) and Kerry Wager. Barbara, born and raised at Moor Farm and Kerry, married to Barry, now living there. It won't be too long before the first draw of 2022 and that will be followed by another seven opportunities to be a winner – Good luck and thank you for everyone who supports the lottery enabling further improvements to our local facilities. David Graham

Hartington C of E Primary School- On Friday 22nd October the whole school visited Lea Green for a fun day of challenging events. The day started very wet but this soon blew over and the children immersed themselves into all the activities, pushing themselves to 'Have a go'! They arrived back at 4pm exhausted, and according to parents in bed early. School re-opened at 8:45am on Monday 1st November, with the recommencement of the after-school club on Tuesday evenings where the children have enjoyed cooking, crafts and putting up the Christmas decorations. On the 11th of November the staff & children honoured members of the armed services with a two minutes silence and a Remembrance Service planned and delivered by the pupils with a little help from Sarah Lacey. The ceremony consisted of songs, prayers, passages from the Bible and factual information about why there are Remembrance Services throughout the country. We also celebrated the 100-year anniversary of the Royal British Legion who have tirelessly worked to support members of the armed forces and their families. On Friday 19th November the children paid £1 for the privilege to come to school in their pyjamas. For an extra £1 they could break with school policy and wear nail varnish, make up, tattoos and colour their hair with washable dye. All proceeds were donated to the 'Children in Need' charity. Also, Mr & Mrs Briddon from MAST attended school in the morning and delivered a puppet assembly based on the story of 'Through the Camel's Eye'. 22nd November, the Community PC, Sarah Duffton, delivered 'Online Safety' to class 1 and class 2, the children were gripped by the information they were given and asked many questions to further their knowledge. Following this session Sarah delivered a training to the parents, staff and governors to help support them in understanding this area. On 25th November the children attended St Giles Church for an RE lesson on St Francis of Assisi, this was delivered by Sarah Lacey and has involved lots of follow up work. The church display was also completed that evening in time for the start of Advent. This year's theme is 'Wishes for the World'. Our wish for the world is based on the schools Christian Values and vision statement, which in turn is linked to the Bible story, The Good Samaritan, 'Luke Chapter 10, verse 27'. Our final swimming lesson turned out to be quite eventful with the children enjoying a fun session in the pool followed by a difficult journey back to school as the snow came down. The children took it all in their stride and thanks to 'Richard' our coach driver from 'Okar' travel we finally got back to school for a late lunch. This term has seen the staff undertake parent consultations via the phone. This was a first for the teaching staff at Hartington as traditionally the consultations have been face to face.

Despite the restriction enforced by Covid parents are still encouraged to contact the school with any concerns no matter how big or small they think they are. The mental and emotional well-being of our school family is always paramount. The PTA will hold their AGM on Wednesday 8-12-21 having been unable to hold one last year. This will be the first meeting the PTA have been able to schedule for some time due to the Covid pandemic. 10-12-21 will be "Christmas Jumper Day" when all the staff and children will wear their special Christmas jumpers to raise funds for the 'Save the Children' charity. The final week leading up to Christmas will see the children experience a cooking day, film afternoon, Christmas lunch and a party. Hopefully Santa will make an appearance 'socially distanced of course'. The school will close on 23rd December and re-open again on 10th January 2022. During the whole of December, the school hall window will be lit up for the 'Wishes for the World'. This is a community initiative, which the school was invited to be an active participant in. The theme has been linked to the Christmas Church display this year and is a visual representation of the RE Creation unit of work the children in class 1 have been involved in during the autumn term.

Pumpkin Trail- A big thank you to all the businesses and homes which took part in Hartington's Big Pumpkin Trail. There were pumpkins, decorations and treats galore throughout the village. The children, and adults had a great time finding everything which was on display. Also, a big thank you to Hartington Farm Shop who hosted a special Halloween party for Hartington Village Parents group on 29th October. There were some fabulous costumes, dancing and games, everyone had an amazing afternoon.

Hartington Village Parents Group- Every Friday since 10th September several families from the village have been able to meet up on a Friday at 3.30pm until 5pm in Hartington Village Hall. During the group the children either have time for self-directed play or take part in a craft activity, whilst parents have time to talk and have a brew. The impact of the group has been brilliant. Feedback from families who have attended has been that children look forward to the time, asking when they can attend again. Parents have appreciated space to connect with others. There has been a total of 29 children and their families who have accessed the group, with more interested to join in the new year. The final session this year is on 17th December when there will be some festive games and Christmas singing. We will then break for the Christmas period and resume on Friday 7th January. We would like to say a big thank you to

Hartington Community Group and the volunteers who support the group and make it possible.

Wildflowers in Hartington - Winter is a quieter time of year for wildflowers as they lay dormant awaiting the Spring warmth, but plenty of fungi and lichen around adding interest as well as colour with examples such as the spectacular Fly Agaric fungi – red cap with white spots which you may have noticed on woodland walks around the area. If you'd like to see photos of native wildflowers (not forgetting fungi and lichen!) in our area, or share your own photos, why not join our new Facebook group – search for **Hartington Wildflowers** – some lovely photos already showing the range and diversity of wildflowers growing locally. You can also access the group via our village website, www.hartingtonvillage.com, found under the Community section.

We continue to work on additional opportunities to develop wildflower areas across the community with the school continuing with their positive and regular support for our wildflower activities by recently starting a project to encourage pupils and their families to create wildflower areas in their gardens, with lots of interest so far being shown. We are also delighted to announce that we will be partnering with the YHA Hartington team to develop two wildflower areas on their land – thank you to the YHA team for your support.

You may have seen recent updates from Derbyshire Dales District Council meetings about their work in encouraging biodiversity across the District Council which has been very successful, with plans to develop additional areas in 2022. Of the 15 areas within their scope managed by the District Council this year, two were in Hartington and we have received very positive support from the District Council team for the work we are doing in support of encouraging more biodiversity across the district.

As we come to the end of 2021, this is an ideal time of year to start planning for next spring – why not have a new year's resolution to create an area in your garden for wildflowers? Or expand an existing area? Nature more than ever continues to need our, and the Wildflowers in Hartington group are here to offer any advice or guidance if needed, let us know via our email address below.

If you'd like to find out more on any of the topics in this update, would like to get involved in volunteering with the group or need some advice on what to do in your garden, please send an email to wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com we be delighted to hear from you.

A BIG THANK YOU- to Tom Stone of 18 Bankside for clearing all the ice and snow on the pavements of Bankside single handed. He also spread grit/salt from

the bin at the surgery. Tom had only been living here for a few days. His kindness was much appreciated Mo Slack.

Biggin News

Services at St Thomas's - 6th February 10.30am Snowdrop/Candlemas Service with Bishop Libby. Everyone is welcome to join us for our first festival service of 2022. Our next festival service will be Easter Day. Please keep an eye on the community page and village noticeboards for additional services. If there's a community service you'd like to suggest please talk to a member of the PCC. If you need wool for crocheted or knitted flowers for the flower tower there is a box at the back of the church as well as a box of non-fiction books for sale.

Biggin Village Hall. If you can help, the hall's small cleaning team are looking for another member to help them with occasional cleaning. Phone Pete Tapping on 01298 678400 for more information. The hall is now regularly being used by the school for PE twice a week and a home-schooling group once a fortnight. And Bingo on Thursday evenings! The hall has hosted a couple of long-standing weekend events in the past month, with positive feedback from the groups who left the hall very clean. After some minor glitches we now have a new electrical distribution board as the old one would not pass a recent 5-year check. A five-year certificate has been issued. The Senior Citizens' Christmas party and the Silver Band concert were both a great success. Thanks to all involved and especially to Biggin Hall Hotel for supply meals and much mulled wine. BINGO on Thursdays at 7:30 is now up and running as usual. Due to retirement, we are in need of occasional help calling the numbers, if you can help or know of anyone who have a bent for performing (good training for budding actors) please

get in touch. Old friends and new all welcome for number matching fun. For hall bookings please contact Kathy on 07875 038903 and for news updates keep an eye on the Biggin Community and Biggin Village Hall Facebook pages.

Biggin C of E Primary School – One of the main things we have learned over the last two years is that community is everything. We are particularly grateful for all the support and positive messages we have received from parents, neighbours and residents of Biggin. So, it was so lovely to give something back last week, in the form of our Christmas Village Procession. This is a new tradition created just last year, so we could celebrate the birth of the baby King, Jesus in the open air with people our wider school community. The children made lovely, small, decorated gifts to present at the crib and were very excited dressing up as angels, shepherds and wise men to go and search for the stable. The children sang beautifully on the way down Main Street and were applauded by people who came to join in. At the entrance to Biggin Hall we met an innkeeper out in the road. The children asked him if he had a room, and he was very clear the inn was full and all the rooms were taken. He waved us into the garden and there we found the stable, lit with a beautiful light from a bright star overhead. Inside was the baby Jesus and they children gave Him the gifts they had brought. Magical! After more singing, readings and a Christmas Blessing we enjoyed a lovely cup of hot chocolate. Smiling and happy, we waved goodbye to everyone who had come to watch and marched back to school. What a special afternoon!

Earl Sterndale News

Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council - firstly a big thank you to Jennifer Hoskin for visiting every house in the village with the British Legion Poppy appeal and raising over £200. Now thoughts need to be focused on the Queen's platinum jubilee in June. A village event such as a BBQ or similar, would be good. Is there anyone who could organise such, or form a committee to do so? The new information board is nearing completion and should be on display soon, for the benefit of residents and visitors. There have been reports of dog mess in the recreation field. Please remember it is an offence to allow your dog to foul public spaces without picking it up. Please also be considerate to others. Finally, News and Views is

always looking for correspondents. If you have news or events relevant to the village, please consider sending it in. Ian Saunders Earl Sterndale Methodist chapel

Earl Sterndale Chapel-We were pleased to hold a stall at the Christmas Fair at the end of November. There was a lively atmosphere, and we raised some much needed money for the chapel funds. A Christmas card was designed, printed and delivered to most houses in the village. We hope that this may become an annual tradition. Unfortunately, our plans for Christmas services were disrupted by the rise in cases of Covid. The Christingle for the school children had to be cancelled as there was an outbreak in the

school. It was decided for safety reason our traditional carols by candlelight service could not be held so instead we had a short Carol service outside the Chapel. The evening was cold and foggy but with the help of rousing music and torchlight a good group of people were able to hear the familiar Christmas story and sing some well-known carols. Thank you to Rev Andrew Parker who led the service and provided the music. It has been decided to suspend the community coffee morning for the time being. When it is deemed sensible, we shall post notices outside the chapel and in the village in the hope that we shall all feel safe and confident to meet up with friends again.

Christmas Fair on Wednesday the 18th of November, we put up and decorated the Church Christmas trees in readiness for the Church Fair, which took place on Saturday the 20th of November. We had a super day, 16 stalls joined us, local craft, local enterprise. The Chapel joined in, with two local charities, Blyth House, and Air Ambulance. We started our Christmas raffle, a New lucky squares board, and there was "guess the name of the bear". His name was Charlie, and he was won by Holly Campeau. It was really lovely to see people enjoying the fair, a cup of tea, a chat and a bite to eat. Thank you everybody for your help and support.

Christmas Bingo's The two Christmas Bingo's have been very enjoyable, well attended social events with super prizes and hospitality. Thank you, Jay Jay and family, for all the thought, time, and work you give to make bingo nights so enjoyable.

Candlelight Carol Service this Carol Service took place on Sunday the 12th December. A good number of village people came to the service, and covid rules were followed. Thankyou Sarah for a lovely service and thank you Howard for playing the organ. We were joined by three local young ladies who read and sang beautifully, we send our special thanks to them. It has been a very busy year in Earl Sterndale Church, but a much more enjoyable one. We are looking forward to 2022 and we hope you are. Earl Sterndale PCC would like to wish you all A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year. **The Sweets and Chocolate Quiz**, which was kindly compiled by Jayne Patterson, was won by a Buxton lady. The quiz raised over seventy pounds for church funds, well done Jayne.

Calendar Earl Sterndale Church Bingo Monday 24th January at 7.30pm & Monday 28th February at 7.30pm.

Pomeroy Memorial Hall-The last meeting had to be delayed due to the snowy weather so not all the committee were able to attend. Due to the limitations of our Facebook site, we are setting up a website for

the Pomeroy Trust. This will allow us to share information, history, progress with the renovation, our minutes, policies etc along with upcoming events. We now have more photographs of the hall which we can also share. The plans for the renovation of the hall are now in the final stages, regarding layout, facilities etc. We would like to keep the building as multipurpose as possible and upgrade it to as high specifications as possible, given likely funding and future use. Plans so far can be seen on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall or requested by email from pomeroywmh@talktalk.net Our Christmas raffle was again well supported with many generous prizes donated. It was drawn on Sunday 19th December at the Duke of York Pomeroy. The winners were as follows:

Tickets to Chatsworth Gardens - Andy Keeling
Tickets to Go Ape - Ellie Cooper
Tickets to Peak Wildlife Park - Janet Cottrell
Christmas Hamper - Christine Riley
£20 High Peak Bookstore and Café Vouchers - Liz Broomhead
Homemade Cheesecake - Lucy Cooper
Wheeled Shopping Bag - Liz Spillane
£10 Redfern's Farm Shop Voucher - Jo Shaw
Crocheted Blanket - Jenny Cooper
Crocheted Christmas Ornaments - Liz Broomhead
Cheese and Wine - Pauline Grindon
Tech Division Voucher - Mick and Denise Hambleton
Hot Rod Racer Kit - Rebekah Dicken
Prosecco - Danny Homer
Orange and Prosecco Panatone - June Cousins
Fuzzeez Crafting Set - Denise Bailey
Rose Wine - Jean Dicken

Thank you to all those who attended and donated prizes and to Bridget and Gary at the Duke of York. £384.00 was raised towards the renovation of Pomeroy War Memorial Hall. Our 100 club winners were Emily Mellor (number 13) in October and Joan Bonsall (number 1) in November. If you have not yet renewed your number or would like to join, please contact Jenny (07791 337323) or Bek (bekdicken@gmail.com). This costs just £1 per number, per month and you could win £25 Our next meeting should be the AGM which is provisionally planned for Monday 28th March, 7.30pm, at the Duke of York Pomeroy.

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