

# News And Views



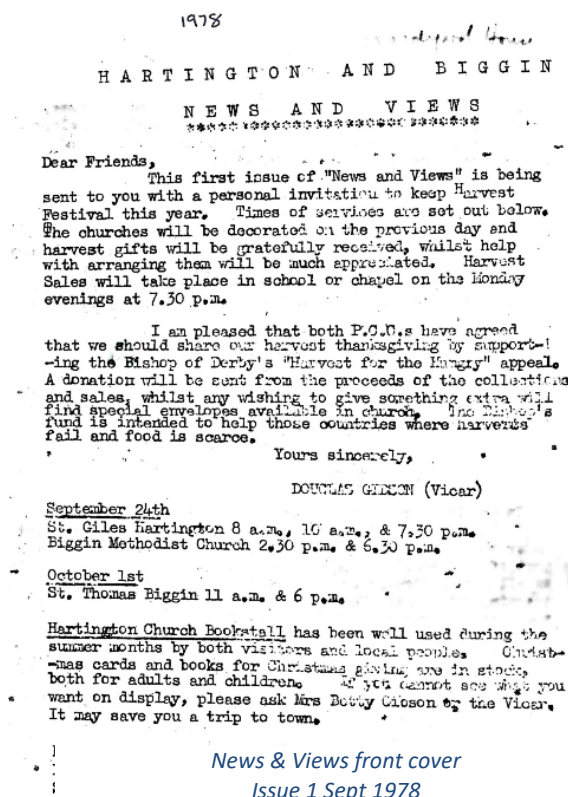
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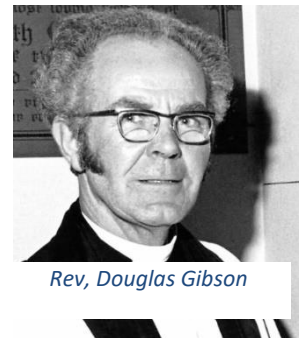
## Another New Era for News and Views now in its 44<sup>th</sup> year-1<sup>st</sup> edition September/October 1978

The past few years have seen more than their fair share of change! The increasingly urgent messages of climate change; changes required by the pandemic to our everyday lives; Brexit; the way we work, shop, travel and so it goes on. Yet the CONSTANT, in this year of HRH Queen Elizabeth 11 Platinum Jubilee and led by her example, is the strength of our communities. This is clearly demonstrated when you read this "3 parish magazine".



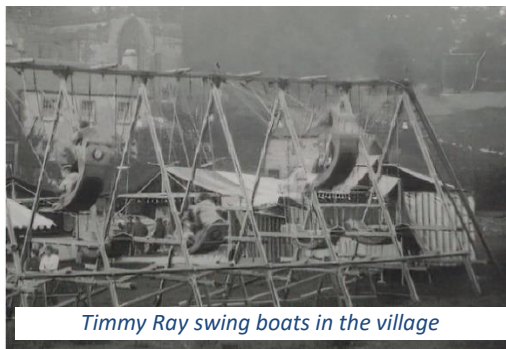
News & Views front cover  
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There are many people to acknowledge over the past 44 years of News and Views; people have changed, format and content has changed, the number of pages and printing has changed but the focus and intent remains the same-that of communicating/sharing events, achievements, aspirations and stories of past and present of our three villages. A link here to the first edition- <https://tinyurl.com/nv1978issue1> and photo of Rev'd Douglas Gibson



Rev, Douglas Gibson

We want to alert you to some changes which will be over the next few editions and ask for your thoughts on how we can continue to be relevant and of value to the readers and sponsors. The first change- the closure of the wonderful Greenaway Workshop, in Darley Dale who have so reliably done our printing over many years. We received this message from them; *Greenaway Workshop is merging with the Derbyshire Federation for Mental Health on 31 March. Greenaway Workshop charity as it is now will subsequently be closed down. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved with Greenaway Workshop over the years: our members and volunteers, our staff and people who have served as trustees. We would especially like to thank those who have supported the work of the Workshop financially. Through your help and support, our members have gained confidence and skills allowing many of them to move forward, improve their personal wellbeing and indeed some have returned to full time work. Those that have stayed have become more fulfilled and contributed to the team environment Best Regards from The Team at Greenaway Workshop. We wish you the very best in all your future endeavours. For information about the Derbyshire Federation for Mental Health visit their website at [www.DFMH.co.uk](http://www.DFMH.co.uk)*



Timmy Ray swing boats in the village



Our new provider of printing – Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service (DDCVS) - based in the Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell. The team here are so supportive of voluntary and community groups in the Derbyshire Dales, both in advice and direct support with policies and paperwork that are required to help groups operate in their communities as well as a provider of Grant applications. By being a member, we are able to access discounted resources and services, including printing. However, our request for a large number of copies (600 are produced 6 times a year), needs a small team – 3 of us are going to help load and ensure the copies are produced in their correct batch numbers and the printers ‘fold and staple’ so, we don’t have to. We hope to expand the opportunities and share the workload in the future. If you need advice, support or have printing needs give Derbyshire Dales CVS a call on 01629 812 154 or email them at [enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk). Or for more information click on [www.ddcvs.org.uk](http://www.ddcvs.org.uk).

The News and Views team are non-profit making, running on an annual budget of £1200 annually. We need to keep the number of pages to a maximum of 12; our funding is primarily from the three Parish Councils, advertisers and sponsors. We always want to hear from our readers what you like/don’t like. There are key people in each village, without whom the News and Views would not reach your door. Please let them know what you think..... The next few months will see a few more changes which will hopefully meet your expectations.

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**Earl Sterndale-** Angela Campeau **Hartington** -Liz Broomhead -01298 687263,

**Would you like to become more active?** The Practice is working closely with Hartington Community Group, High Peak Social Prescribers and Jog Derbyshire to look at ways to support our community to be more active and provide opportunities to meet new people and enjoy the beautiful countryside. This group would be in addition to any, already established, social, and fitness, activities that are already available within our community. This would be particularly beneficial to anyone who would like to meet new people, get fitter and healthier and explore the area.

The main aim would be to enhance our physical and mental wellbeing by improving personal health and fitness, our mental health and social interaction.

Before any plans can be made, we would like to know if anyone would be interested in taking part in an informal, friendly, walking, or jogging group. This would be suitable for all abilities and held one evening each week, during the summer months, and would be based around Hartington. If you would like to register an interest in this, please contact Hartington Surgery, 01298 84315, and give you name and contact number to Receptionists asap. If enough people want to go ahead with this, it is hoped that this can be set up as soon as possible. Also, if you are already an active walker or jogger, would you be interested in supporting, and helping to run, the Group? Appropriate training would be available, supported by Jog Derbyshire.

**“Vicars letter”** I’m wondering where the year is so rapidly going to. It seems only a short time ago that I wrote the last one of these with my name attached to it. Perhaps it is age related! Christmas hols last time, Easter hols this time, I’m wondering where the bit between them has disappeared to, never to be seen again.

Well, some of it has gone on making plans for celebrating H.M. the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Seventy years of time spent in service to this country, I hope we all make time to celebrate that dedicated achievement, speaking personally, I'd like to say a big, ' thank you Ma'am,' and I look forward to lots of fun in June, and I hope you are too.

I have made time to really look around me when I have been out on my daily walks with Quizzie, my Jack Russell, and therefore, on two occasions, spotted a couple of ewes in difficulty, stuck on their backs and righted them. Both heavily pregnant, and both now Mums to triplets and all doing well! I have spent time gazing in admiration at a very smart weasel, watching his sinuous body going in and out of a stone wall, in pursuit of breakfast. Likewise, I have taken time to stand listening to a solitary curlew calling, such a beautiful liquid sound that never fails to make me sad that I seem to hear it less and less.

I have had a busy time planning services and a thoroughly enjoyable time sharing in the school children's Easter Worship in church, they did a really good job of telling the parable of the Lost Sheep so beautifully, to everyone in church. I have spent time wondering when our new priest in charge, Rev'd Adele Barker, will be taking up her ministry and living and working amongst us all. I know a very warm welcome awaits her, that's for sure, so many people are looking forward to her coming and sharing in our lives and our worship.

Oh, I've found time to plant some potatoes and do a bit in the garden too, so all in all, I don't think I have wasted too much time. Above all, I have found time every day in which to pray and to thank God for His love, and His creation. To pray especially for His love to reach out and bring comfort and peace to the lives of all in need, especially in Ukraine. For His guidance to be the watchword for all leaders, for His compassion to be the constant strong companion to all who struggle at this time, or in the days ahead. Thank you, Sarah.

P.S. It has just been confirmation that Rev'd Adele will be licensed as the new priest in charge for the White Peak Group and Youlgreave benefice at All Saints Church, **Youlgreave on May 24th, at 7.30 pm.** I think God timed that just right.

**Tales of field** Spring has definitely sprung! The lambs are happily playing in the fields, the daffodils are everywhere, and the blossom is in full bloom bringing such delight after the long winter.

The clocks have gone forward, although this isn't anywhere near as much fun now all the clocks adjust their time themselves, and the longer days mean I have an hour or two of daylight in the garden after work. This is how I switch off after a busy day. For some people de-stressing is listening to music, reading, walking, and for my best friend it's a new magazine and a cup of tea. It will come as no surprise to those of you who know me that my off switch is chickens and wood. Give me a reciprocating saw and a pallet (usually from my neighbour) and I'm in full on switch off from the world mode, add a few wandering chickens, my dog snoring near me and that's probably my idea of heaven after a long day (it may also contain a glass of wine but for health and safety's sake whilst using saws we'll gloss over that fact...) so as the days get longer, the weather gets warmer I hope you'll all take some time out from your busy lives to do something you love. Whether it's an afternoon's gardening, a long bubble bath or building a hen swing for your elderly chicken called Mrs Haversham... find your happy place and enjoy every moment!

**Childrens Corner - Sponsored Walk-On** 13<sup>th</sup> March Sophia (11) and Isla (7) from Hartington, joined Ashgate Hospice's High Peak Trail Walk to raise much needed funds for the hospice. They walked 11 miles from Pikehall to Cromford and to date have raised £525. Sophia said 'thank you to everyone who supported us with donations, flapjack, chocolate and motivating messages. Everyone really helped us complete this tough challenge.' Isla 'the walk was fun, I really enjoyed seeing everything along the way. Thank you to everyone who helped raise such a lot of money for Ashgate Hospice.'



**The Hartington Sculpture Group** are looking for some new members to join our small group of stone and wood carvers. We work at the Studio behind the Farm Shop, on a Monday and a Thursday, 10.00 until 5.00 pm. No previous experience is necessary, but you can learn as you go along. It is a fascinating and absorbing hobby.

For further details please contact Jennie Dullage at [jenniedullage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jenniedullage@hotmail.co.uk) or 01298 84220.

**Come and join us to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee at Hartington Farm shop & café** - we are Kickstarting the weekend with beautiful harmonies accompanied by folk and soul music. 'Bring me the Hearts' Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June from 7pm featuring talented local musicians "Aoife Hearty Vocals" - Huw Jacob Bass/ Guitar/vocals; Joe Tatton Keys/ Vocals; Matt Ryan - Drums ★ limited Tickets Only ★ £20 per person Includes Mediterranean platter Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June -Vintage Tea Party 3pm - 5pm Welcoming the whole family to enjoy our very own vintage tea party and Facing painting for the kiddies with Vintage Singer 'Rose Devine' Enjoy her vintage sound of Jazz & Blues with vintage classics and modern songs in retro styles ★ Limited Tickets ★ Adult £10 includes cream scone and glass of Fizz Child £2 includes face painting 🥰 Both events will be outdoors in a marquee with outside bar. Please call 01298 84496 to book both events. We look forward to celebrating with you

**Royal British Legion Club – Cavendish House-** The events for May and June- Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup> – Quiz Night, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Bingo night- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May Guitar Vocalist – "Gold Top". June 5<sup>th</sup> -Quiz Night, 19<sup>th</sup> May- Bingo Night Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June – in the village hall – "Live Wire" a band. Tickets £10 available from British Legion, Anna Wardle, Sheila Riley, Scott Wager. Funds raised for the Legion Club.



## Hartington News

**Professor Emerita Sheila Gardiner** died of malignant myeloma on 16th March this year at the young age of 68. **A celebration of her life will be held in Hartington Village Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> July, Midday-5pm with Free Food & Drink.** Please save the date- more information in the next edition. Terry Bennett

### Services- St Giles Church

Sun May 1<sup>st</sup> 10am Morning Praise  
Sun May 8<sup>th</sup> 10am Family Service  
Sun May 15<sup>th</sup> 10am Holy Communion  
Sun May 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am Rogation Sunday - Walk of Witness/Blessing of the Village, start at church.  
Sun May 29<sup>th</sup> 10am Reflective Holy Communion  
Sun June 5<sup>th</sup> 10am Pentecost- H.M. the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Service.  
Sun June 12<sup>th</sup> 10am Trinity Sunday- Family Service  
Sun June 19<sup>th</sup> 10am Holy Communion  
Sun June 26<sup>th</sup> 10am Family Service.

**POLIO** once the scourge of much of the world and still remembered by many is still active with a few dozen cases last year in Pakistan and Afghanistan. - Until it has been eliminated it is a threat to us all even though we inoculate all of our children against it to try and prevent its debilitating effects if a case should arise here.

The Rotary Club, the world over continues to raise huge sums each year to finance inoculation schemes and The Gates Foundation is a huge supporter and led by the World Health Organisation mass inoculations of children under five continue in their millions in South East Asia yearly.



In the Memorial grounds in Ashbourne this year crocus flowers are to be seen in their thousands and on the roundabout near Waterside Park and on the green near the pond in Hartington. All

these beautiful flowers are as a result of planting regimes by The Rotary Club of Ashbourne.

Why are they all purple? - because when a child receives its inoculation their little finger is dipped in a purple dye to allow tracing and to ensure all children are receiving the protection offered.

This is just one of the many charity efforts by the Rotary Club of Ashbourne in cooperation with the Worldwide Rotary Foundation the charity of Rotary

International - thank you all for your continuing support

**Hartington Celebrates -Platinum Jubilee- June 2-5<sup>th</sup>** – the details of events are in the enclosed programme. It can also be found on the village website and displayed around the village

**Hartington Needs You! We are getting ready for the Queens Platinum Jubilee over the Bank Holiday in June.**

St Giles Church is celebrating with a Festival of Thanks and to decorate the Church to commemorate the Queens seven decades, we are looking to source the following items:

Ascot Hats, Fascinators - bright colours if possible; Top Hats; Country style head scarves; A bicycle with a basket on the front; A Gong; Old tin bathtub; 1950's kitchen paraphernalia

If you can loan any of the above, we would be extremely grateful. Please contact Kate Tenty on 07917 669449. We are happy to collect! Many thanks in advance Kate and Judith

**Hartington Sings- May11,18,25<sup>th</sup>** -We're going to be singing at events at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It doesn't matter if you've not been along yet just come and join us for some community singing including the new song written specially for the Jubilee, 'A life lived with grace'. We have three rehearsals in May leading up to the Jubilee (and then we stop until Christmas!). Absolutely everyone is welcome, wherever you live, and whether you think you can sing or not! We accept all ages from 3 to 100 (school age need to bring a parent/carer). We have secured a small grant to cover costs so there is no charge. Any questions, please ask.

Liz Hitch 687148 [liz.hitch@btinternet.com](mailto:liz.hitch@btinternet.com)

**Neighbourhood Plan**-We have finally received detailed feedback from our meeting with the PDNPA and have commenced re-drafting the Plan having reviewed all comments received. We are however still waiting for the latest maps from officers so we can update the Maps within the Plan making them more detailed and incorporating any changes required.

The Steering Group are meeting again during the last week in April to review amendments which we believe will significantly strengthen the Plan. We intend to make a redraft available when the work is completed.

**HYPAC**- We re-grouped during April with the young leaders eager to return and provide exciting and enjoyable activities for the young people. Alongside the leaders' activities they enjoyed a Mini First Aid session and OZ Boxing – an old favourite. We are now looking forward to our summer programme with

Canoeing at Cromford Canal- Scrambling at Black Rocks and a visit to Mouldridge mine; as well as the usual fun and games in the village hall and school yard. If you would like your child to attend- Monday 5.30-7.30pm and they are aged Between 6-11yrs (Years 1-6) please contact Liz Broomhead 07900054802 or [liz@broomhead.net](mailto:liz@broomhead.net) asap

**Hartington Village Hall Update:** Our Management Group met in March to review our budget and consider further improvements needed to our building. Our external auditor has also reported back on the 2020/2021 year. The audit showed absolutely no surprises and we are grateful to Kate, our Treasurer, for maintaining our accounts so diligently. The main headlines are:

	2020/2021	2019/2020	Notes
Income	£39,562	£30,130	Only £2341 in 2020/1 was by hire of the hall. Rest has been mainly grants.
Expenditure	£50,102	£7,994	Main spend was the new roof in September 2020.
Balance	-£12,098	+£21,786	
Funds held on 31 <sup>st</sup> August	+£30,870	+ £42,968	

With the new heating system installed and paid for in November 2021 we are, so far, in line with our budget plan for 2021/2.

We continue to consider options to refurbish the kitchen however the storms of February resulted in water seeping through the gable wall of the Upper Bakehouse. The lime mortar on the parapet stones and gable wall are badly weathered and quotes are being considered to resolve the issue as soon as possible. This has to take priority at present.

We are not immune from the soaring costs of energy and, with regret, local bookings from 01/09/2022 will rise from £10 per hour to £12 per hour. Our hire costs have not risen since January 2018 with the many improvements either being carried out by our volunteers or funded by successful grants. External hire, with immediate effect, has risen to £18 per hour.

It has been a pleasure to welcome back both Hartington Young Peoples' Activity Club (HYPAC) on Monday evenings and 'Hartington Sings' on Wednesday afternoons. A new Yoga group now meet

on Fridays at 10.00. Our full calendar can be seen at [www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/calendar](http://www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/calendar)

**Hartington Community Group Litter Pick -** Since late March members of HCG have been venturing out along the roads, lanes and footpaths around Hartington to pick up litter. This is our second annual 'Spring Clean' and whilst the volume of litter is not as great as in 2021 it is so sad to see such disregard shown by a small minority to our environment. While we launched our effort to coincide with 'The Great British Spring Clean' it has now become a regular part of an ever- increasing number in the community to collect litter when walking in our countryside. After the Easter Weekend Archie, aged 5, with helpers set about clearing the village of fresh litter. Archie was being sponsored with monies going towards funding the weekly Friday 'Parent and Child' meetings in the Village Hall. We are fortunate to live in a beautiful part of the country and fortunate also that enough in our community care about our environment to take positive action to help protect it.

**Archie unleashed on Bank Holiday weekend litter!** Five year old Archie, accompanied by Isla and Sophia, set out this morning to clear the village of any accumulated litter that had resulted from the Bank Holiday four days. Not only has our village environment benefitted from the efforts of our three young community champions but they have so far raised over £200 in sponsorship for the Friday 'Parent and Child' group. It was great to witness a good turnout of residents, all stalwarts of our litter campaigns, to see the young trio make a start. Hartington Community Group will recognise their achievements at the next 'Parent and Child' session.



**Village Hall Lottery-** The April draw took place in the hall at a special Easter Parade of the Dance Club. We were surrounded by impressive Easter bonnets worn by all the dancers, and Keith & I found it very hard to pick a winning lady and gentleman. The winners were: Di Smith and Jon Whittingham who kindly did the Lottery draw for us, the winning number being 111 meaning that Jan Briffett, former Hartington resident at the Chapel Hall Bank, receives the £100 prize. However, Jan, when congratulated on her winning, generously donated £50 back to the Hall funds so a big thank you to Jan

**Hartington C of E Primary School** Spring term 2 saw the return of the talented Rachel Wilkes from Music Partnership into school following a 2 year break due to the pandemic. She has undertaken 5 weeks of delivering the music curriculum to key stage 1 and key stage 2 children. They have looked at the 4 elements: singing, listening, composing and musicianship. Including pulse, rhythm and pitch. She introduced them to various musical instruments, which they also got to play. We are looking forward to welcoming her back in the final term to help the children develop their ability to sing and perform. It is hoped that this will culminate in an end of year performances for parents, governors and the community to enjoy. World Book Day, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, saw all the children come to school in their pyjamas. Throughout the day the reading of some classic children's stories were undertaken. These books were the teacher's favourites when they were once at school, many years ago! MAST attended school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March to perform their much-loved puppet show on the Bible story "The Good Shepherd". They also presented the children with a set of puppets and two beautiful books linked to this story. Inspired by Mr & Mrs Briddon the children are to perform their own puppet show at the Easter Service on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Red Nose Day saw the staff & children come to school in red. As part of Collective Worship, making links to the British Values Curriculum a year 6 pupil delivered a power point presentation on the subject of 'Fair Trade' and its impact on countries which participate in this practice. The children found this very thought provoking. On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March we welcomed an old friend, virtually through 'Teams' into school. Bemba Akyeampong had been into school many years ago teaching African art and dance which resulted in a very flamboyant performance. She has now become a children's author and shared with class one, her first book called 'Ayuda's messy rescue'. The session was very interactive with singing, actions and African art. The children were quick to ask her if she would come back once she had completed her second adventure about Ayuda to share with them.

The children have been busy drawing, painting, colouring flowers, bees and butterflies to create a logo for the school and community wildflower project which the school initiated in 2021. This image will appear on all letter heads sent by the community regarding the project, which is now established and into its second year. They have also created two more whole school designs for the village 'Walk of Words' linked to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which will be on display around the church grounds in May. They have also been preparing work for the Church Display linked to Easter and will be organising the design for

the Flower Festival display in May. With the help of Mr & Mrs Broomhead the vegetable plot is almost ready for planting, potatoes chitted, tomatoes tendered, and seeds bought ready for sowing after Easter.

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April we saw the long-awaited reunion of the 'Silver Sports' with their 'Active Buddies' for tea, cake and chat in school. This is linked to the Active Across Ages project which we were a part of when it was launched two years ago. Activities have been planned to take part over the summer terms coordinated by Liz Broomhead. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April the children will undertake a Water Safety Lesson to teach them life skills, in time for the summer, to help keep them safe around open water. The final day of spring term 2 will see the Easter Bunny make a visit to the school and the children delivering an Easter Service in St Giles Church. School will close for the Easter Holidays on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, opening on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

MAST will visit on the 29<sup>th</sup> April to deliver another wonderful Bible story, "The Women at the Well". We are looking forward to welcoming the Nurture Team again to work with class one, working on supporting children's social, emotional, physical and mental health and well-being over a five-week period. We will be planting and nurturing our vegetable plot, wildflower area and planting up our flower boxes around the school and 'Quiet Garden'. The children will be visiting Beresford Dale where they will undertake pond dipping under the watchful eye of Rose Clarke – National Park Ranger, looking at stream life, habitats and animal adaptation. We have a planned talk from a Veterinary nurse around the care of pets, a Karate taster session, Bikeability, Lea Green residential visit all to look forward to during the summer term. Let's hope for a safer, brighter and happier summer.

**Wildflowers in Hartington** as we approach the summer months, it's lovely to see the abundance of wildflowers starting to bloom in earnest all around us – as you walk around the village and surrounding areas, why not take time to spot as many different ones as you can? You can also do your bit for wildflowers and wildlife in your own garden by dedicating space for wildflowers to grow, and even mowing your lawn less during the next month – the "Plantlife charity" has launched its annual 'No Mow May' campaign encouraging us all to leave the lawn alone during May which is a prime time for wildflowers to grow, attracting more bees and butterflies.

Across our wildflower sites in the village, we've continued to prepare and manage the areas ready for



the summer months – including the installation of new planters in the centre of the village that will be planted with pollinator friendly plants and a successful volunteer day at the Youth Hostel where 10 volunteers had an enjoyable and productive day clearing back years of untamed growth of invasive ivy. Further volunteer days are planned, please contact [wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com](mailto:wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com) if you'd like to be informed of future events. Thanks to everyone who has volunteered time and effort in support of these activities – a fantastic community effort!

Community involvement is a fundamental component of our wildflower project, and a big thank you to all of the children and staff from Hartington Primary C of E school for the design of our fabulous new Wildflower logo –

Our village and wildflower project are going to be featured in a new book! We were delighted to host the author Roger Morgan-Grenville in the village recently who is walking the length of Britain over 100 days and

writing a book about how communities such as ours are working to combat biodiversity loss. Roger is also raising money for the Curlew Action trust, and you can find out more about his walk and fund raising here <https://www.curlewaction.org/1000milewalkforcurlews/>



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](mailto:wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com) - we would be delighted to hear from you. We also have a Facebook page - Hartington Wildflowers that contains helpful guides and information about how to encourage wildflowers in your garden.

## Biggin News

### Forthcoming services:

**Sunday 5th June 10.30am** Jubilee Service

**Thursday 16th June 10.00am** Teddy Bears' Picnic. A service for KS1 children, pre-schoolers and babies led by Archdeacon Carol. Parents and family welcome. Bring a teddy and a snack.

**St Thomas's Day service** Please keep an eye on the church notice board and social media.

We continue to work with Biggin School to mirror our festival services with school services. This year we enjoyed a school Easter service, Easter egg hunt, egg decorating and giving Easter eggs to Buxton food bank for children who otherwise would not receive one. The reception children helped to create an Easter Garden in the porch. Our St Thomas's Day service at the beginning of July will be during the week and involve the school.

**Everyone is invited to help decorate St Thomas's** for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by placing a jam jar of flowers in the church. Everyone is welcome to join in whatever their age or skill. Jam jars can be plain or decorated. The church will be open for flowers from Thursday 2nd of June to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June by which time the flower tower of knitted and crocheted flowers will be in position. We will also be planting a tree in the churchyard to celebrate the Jubilee.

**Friday 3rd June** Rev Adele Barker, our new vicar, will visit Biggin to judge the the 'just for fun' jubilee

decorating competitions – take your pick from decorating your house, adding a red, white and blue themed door step planter or making a scarecrow celebrating one of the key events of the Queen's reign. Entries to be in place by 10.30am. For more information see posters around the village and the community page.

**Saturday 4th June** Join us for refreshments between 12pm and 4pm in church, guess the number of flowers on the net. There will also be some stalls and the walking treasure hunt will set off from church at 2pm.

Many thanks to everyone who has knitted, crocheted and stitched flowers for the flower tower. The flowers are all beautiful and some of them will be available as brooches for sale to help raise funds to pay for work needed on the tower.

If you have an idea for a community service, would like to be involved with the care of the church or churchyard please talk to a member of the PCC. Everyone is welcome.

**Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council** - In response to a suggestion from a resident, work is now complete to place a seat, set into the wall, under the bridge below the entrance to the Tissington Trail. Thanks to the Peak District National Park's Countryside and Projects Maintenance team.

You may have noticed that the 30mph signs on the entrances to the Village look, somewhat, 'worse for wear'. These have been reported to Derbyshire County Council, highways department, some time ago and replacement signs will be installed.

Look out for the 'new look' village telephone box which should have a 'facelift' by the time of the Platinum Jubilee weekend.

In addition to burial plots within the Parish Council Cemetery, there is also a memorial wall upon which plaques can be placed in memory of loved ones.

If you need to contact the Parish Council you can email Parish Clerk, Sandra Hampson, via email at [Sandra.hampson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Sandra.hampson@hotmail.co.uk).

Further information can be found by visiting [www.hartingtonnetherquarterpc.co.uk](http://www.hartingtonnetherquarterpc.co.uk).

**Biggin C of E Primary School** Last month, we celebrated World Book Day in school. Learning to read, is of course, one of our most important jobs. It's essential for communication with the wider world and the opening of opportunities so that we can lead a full and successful life. Reading doesn't just involve books but newspapers, magazines, information sheets, instructions, signs, recipes, texts – things we need to read are all around us.

Here we know that the best way to ensure children become able readers is through enjoyment. That's why celebrating our love of books is so important and part of the reading community we try to create in Biggin. This World Book Day, one of our parents, Mrs Salt came to share her books on Space with the children. Her passion for science shone through and the children were really inspired to find out more and asked so many questions! Mrs Hewgill, our Foundation Governor also joined us and organised a 'Big Biggin Book Swap' of quality used books which was amazing. All the children shared their own favourites and the energy and enthusiasm was brilliant. Everyone took home a free World Book Day book. We had so much fun we plan to hold our own Biggin Book Days each term.

Also book-related, we will be joining the Kate Greenaway Prize shadowing event where we review each of the fantastic books on the shortlist, writing book reviews and comparing our ratings with other schools' and the adult judging panel in June. The short-listed books have just arrived in school, and we can't wait to get started.

Earlier in the term our Key Stage 2 children visited the Wirksworth Heritage Centre for a 'Saving Wirksworth from the Vikings' workshop. This trip was to consolidate all the learning from our Vikings topic before half term and was a great success. Children visited the local church which has features from Viking and Anglo-Saxon communities and enjoyed lots of role play. They elected a king and explored the Viking concept of justice. It really brought their learning to life!

Back at school we were pleased to open our newly installed playground area featuring monkey bars, a tyre traverse, balance rope and parallel bars. This was very exciting for the children and especially good for the Key Stage 2 children to see their planning come to fruition. It makes our playtimes very active indeed and gives the children a safe opportunity to explore their physical skills and challenge themselves. Next on the list, is to improve the play area at the front of school for the younger children.

Last week the wonderful children's author, Faye Evans, visited school. She read her latest books which were delightful and very funny. She told us her story about how she finally realised her dream to become a children's author. What an inspiration to us all!

We are very proud of our Church School status and work very hard to be part of the wider community. This includes welcoming the Puppet Assembly into school every month. This time they recreated the parable of the Lost Sheep. The children love the animation using the puppets and joining in with the music and songs. Beryl and Ray kindly gave school a set of sheep soft toys and picture books of the story, so the children can act it out for themselves. We also enjoy a close relationship with St Thomas's Parish Church and on the last day of term we celebrated the Easter Story. Children joined the service with singing, readings and prayers and created an Easter Garden. There was lots of fun on the egg hunt, and we made a start on decorating eggs for the tree.

**Waterloo Inn:** We would like to say a **BIG Thank You** to the following people for their help, support and hard work in ensuring that we have a "boules pitch" ready for the start of the season: Paul Mooney, Gordon Wilton, Brian Coles, David and Maureen Prince, Steve and Jack Fletcher, Shaun Kaye, Oliver Benson plus many more that have supported us in getting this ready.

**Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations:** All the children attending Biggin Primary School will be invited to a street party at the Waterloo Picnic Area on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June-12 -2pm, fancy dress competition 1940s-1950's fashion. In the evening we will have 'Skush' performing for us in the pub from 9pm. Please keep an eye on our events board inside the pub and our website for up-to-date functions. We are still seeking stalls for the Fun Day on the 13<sup>th</sup> August. Thanks to all our customers and campers in supporting us. Debbie, Steve and Stevie

**Biggin Village Hall** The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – lots going on see separate flyer

**PRIZE BINGO:** every Thursday doors open at 7, play starts at 7:30. Buy one or more sets of cards and



play for half house and full house. Then there's the Flyer for the cash accumulator, added to every week until it's won! A fun game evening for everyone.

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### **Earl Sterndale News**

**Earl Sterndale Church - Valentine's Afternoon Tea** - We opened the church doors at 10am with our day in or take-away afternoon tea. The day was cool and wet, but customer appetites were not dampened. We had another sell-out on 40 boxed teas. Thank you everyone for all the support and help. Our March Social Saturday was a very quiet day, on one of our first warm Spring days. Many people were enjoying walking in and around our hills and valleys.

**Mothering Sunday Service-** Although the attendance for our Mother's Day service, was low in numbers, we still enjoyed a lovely service, followed by tea/coffee and home-made cakes. Thank you, Sarah Lacey, for a lovely service and the bunches of daffodils.

**Earl Sterndale Bingo** -February and March bingo nights, have been good social evenings. There was good fun, tea and biscuits and super prizes to be won. (Thank you, Jason, for the time you give.)

**Earl Sterndale School Easter Service-** We would like to say thank you, to Head teacher Dan Holden, all teaching staff, classroom support workers and all the children, for the work they did, to produce a most enjoyable Easter Service. Wonderful singing, dancing, instrument, playing and bible readings, from some very happy children.

**Earl Sterndale Church Flower Festival** We are beginning to plan our Annual Flower Festival, for August Bank Holiday Weekend. If anyone would like to come and help, they are very welcome.

**Diary Dates** Social Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> & June 4<sup>th</sup> - 11am till 3pm Bingo Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> & June 27<sup>th</sup> - 7.30pm

**Earl Sterndale chapel** When we heard about the plight of the people in Ukraine our instant response was "what can we do to help?" We decided to open the chapel the following Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> and serve tea and cake and we wondered what the response from residents, visitors and friends would be. We were overwhelmed! It was busy for 3 hours and thanks to everyone's generosity we have sent £803 to the Red Cross appeal. Thank you to everyone and to Ian and Margaret who worked tirelessly in the kitchen. The community coffee mornings started again in April. These are held on the Wednesday each month and we always welcome anyone to join us. The next one is on

**BINGO CALLER** – if you would like to try Bingo calling (good training for a role in the performing arts) we need a few more people to help out. Please call Pete on 01298 687400 for more information.

May 4<sup>th</sup> when there will be a "bring and buy" stall and some plants which will be sold in aid of Christian Aid. The community Aces group meet on Thursday morning and are busy making bunting in preparation for the Jubilee. From the members of the chapel

**The Parish Council** are pleased to say the school in Earl Sterndale are going to 'adopt' the telephone box to display information and possibly examples of their work. Discussions are ongoing towards events for the Queens jubilee. The new information panel should be ready to place in the village shortly. Road parking remains a concern and hopefully Highways will be able to address the problem. Happy Easter 🐣

**Earl Sterndale CE Primary School**-Finally, life feels like it's returning to normality. Some of our Junior children have just returned from a residential week at White Hall where they had the opportunity to try out lots of adventurous activities. The Infant class have been on a day trip to Eyam where they learnt lots of interesting facts about the plague, and another day trip to the Peak Wildlife Park to meet some very cute animals!

School held a fundraising day to raise money and awareness about the plight of Ukrainian refugees. We held a sponsored walk in the morning. Despite the torrential rain, the children remained in good spirits and managed several laps of the village. We then had a tea party and bring-and-buy sale in the afternoon. Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations to our event. So far, we've raised just over £600. This will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

We held our Easter Service on the last afternoon of term. This was a lovely event in which the children performed in the choir, there were various talented instrumental soloists and even a Pirate's Dance! The children worked hard and performed beautifully.

**Pomeroy and Pomeroy Memorial War Hall** The first Pomeroy Trust committee meeting of the year was held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm at the Duke of York, Pomeroy.

The planning application for renovating the hall is now under consideration. A decision is expected around 25<sup>th</sup> April. The application number is NP/DDD/0222/0233 and this can be viewed on the

Peak District National Park Authority Planning Portal: <https://portal.peakdistrict.gov.uk/>

Our website is almost complete and will have sections on; what the Pomeroy Trust is, the history of Pomeroy and the hall, the current condition of the hall, plans for the future, how you can get involved and support us plus the minutes of meetings and other interesting information. There is still work to be done on the website but if you would like to have a look, please go to [www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk](http://www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk)

We have some new members of our 100 Club. The winner for February was Carol Webster and March, Lucy Dicken. If you would like to join the 100 Club and be in with a chance of winning £25, please contact Bek ([bekdicken@gmail.com](mailto:bekdicken@gmail.com)) or Jenny (07791 337323). More information is also available at the Duke of York, Pomeroy.

**The next meeting for The Pomeroy Trust will be the AGM on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 8pm at the Duke of York Pomeroy.** This is a public meeting, and everyone is welcome. Anyone interested in joining the committee please contact us at [pomeroywmh@talktalk.net](mailto:pomeroywmh@talktalk.net)

**Duke of York Pub & Campsite Defibrillator:** This year we have decided to raise

money for a Defibrillator to be sited on the front of the Pub. We need to raise approximately £1500 for the defib and cabinet and have already reached £600! The fundraising that has so far taken place includes: Quiz & Bingo nights, sale of crocheted campervan keyrings made by staff member Lucy Cooper, sale of bottle openers with the pub etched on - kindly donated by Danny Homer and various donations made through our JustGiving page. If you are able to help us to move closer to our target you can donate through our page <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/dukeofyorkdefibrillator>.

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**Pomeroy Caravan Park and Pomeroy Ice Cream Shop-** reopened for the summer on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. A milk vending machine supplying fresh pasteurised milk is also available. You can even feed our goats!

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