

# News And Views



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## 2023- NEXT STEPS WITH THE FORMAT of NEWS & VIEWS

Thank you to all the people who have provided constructive comments as well as expressing their enjoyment when reading the Three Village Parish Newsletter- News and Views

**OUR AIM-** to be relevant, informative and inclusive; endeavouring to include something of interest to all ages.

**OUR PURPOSE-** Provide a record reflecting current activities and opportunities; allow communities to promote their future events as well as reflect, learn and cherish our social history which has made each community unique.



**OUR CHALLENGES-** to be financially viable and sustainable. This can be achieved with the support of advertisers, sponsors and the 3 Parish Councils. Space is limited, presentation is critical and needs blocks of type to be interspersed with photos/pictures.

**THIS ISSUE-** We have added a contents list at the start – The news from the 3 villages is now a standard format with 4 sections covering PCC/Church/Chapel, Parish Council, School, and Village Hall. This is followed by Obituaries, Three Village Community activities and Parish Register.

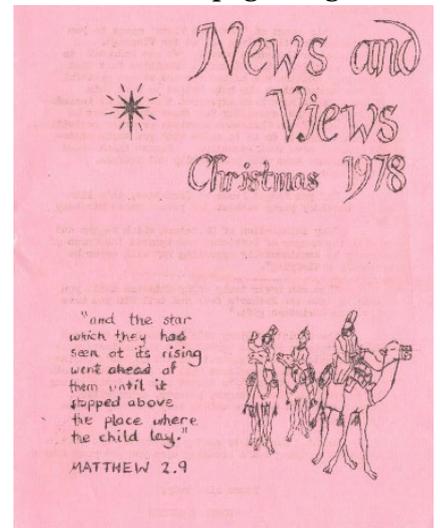
In the recent past we have featured on the front page a significant

place of historical interest from each village, rotating in turn, many of which are businesses that sponsor N&V. It is essential that these memories of our social history, many not recorded, are not lost. Your help is essential, whether it is you-your parents or your grandparents. Please help with ideas and information – contact Liz B.

The past editions of News and Views, since its inception, have been saved

<https://hartingtonhistorygroup.uk/news-views/>

We are hoping during the first half of 2023 to feature- The Jug and Glass, Hartington Station, both in Biggin Parish, as well as a special feature on the Surgery Patient Group- their work and how you can be involved.



**Contents-** Using the feedback from across the 3 villages regarding the format of News and Views, the team have developed a different way of presenting the information to try and make it more inclusive and reflective of the opportunities available to all in the 3 communities.

This first edition of 2023 has in **Part 1** – The Vicar’s Letter, News from Hartington Surgery and Patient Group, Tales of the Field and Childrens corner; RBL Poppy appeal

This is followed by **Part 2** news from the **Church/Chapel, Parish Council, Primary School and Village Hall** by Biggin, Earl Sterndale and Hartington. This section will conclude with any obituaries received.

Finally, **Part 3 “Activities for the Communities across the 3 villages and beyond”**- Weekly events with times and venue Biggin Village Hall (BVH)- Earl Sterndale Chapel/Church (ESC) Hartington Village Hall- (HVH), monthly and when relevant one-off events.

### **Vicar’s Letter**

*The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;  
For he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters. Psalm 24:1-2*

2022 was a year of contrasts – we experienced a very hot summer with drought conditions; The swimming pool on the River Bradford, in Youlgrave where we live, dried out and as I write this we are in the midst of very cold icy conditions across the UK. We have moved from one extreme to the other in a few short months. I am becoming increasingly aware of the environmental crisis across the world and the need for change to halt what is very concerning if not potentially catastrophic.



We all have the joy of living in an incredibly beautiful part of the country where there is already much happening to protect and conserve our environment. As Church In Hartington we have been talking about what our response can be along with what we can do to play our part.

‘To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth,’ is one of the Five marks of Mission in the Anglican Church. Creation Care is therefore at the heart of being Church together and an important part of our stewardship.

St Giles, PCC has agreed to use the A Rocha, Eco Church Award scheme to support this responsibility championed by Phillip Neal. We have compiled a framework that helps us think about the environment and sustainability in our worship and teaching, management of our church building and land, in our community engagement and our lifestyle choices. We will over the coming months be working towards obtaining the Bronze Award and no doubt you will see the progress we are making. Ideas include making the Church Yard



more environmentally friendly with re-wilding, bird houses and hedgehog houses, using LED lightbulbs and Fairtrade goods and environmentally friendly cleaning products. I am sure we will all be challenged by some of these things personally. For me trying to avoid any single use plastic still remains at the top of my list-sadly something that I find difficult especially when shopping in supermarkets!

Much of Scripture speaks of creation and the world we enjoy in its beauty and diversity. The poetry of the Psalms in particular are good companions...and I offer as a last thought a poem by Malcolm Guite on his reflections on psalm 95.

Meditation on Psalm 95 by Malcolm Guite from **“DAVID’S CROWN -**

**Sounding the Psalms!”** published by Canterbury Press: ISBN 978-1-78622-306-7

For equal rights and justice, cry out loud!

Then come before God’s presence and be glad, and harden not your hearts. Do not be proud, but kneel before your Maker, for He made you for Himself, and also for each other, to share His good gifts equally. Our God is everyone’s Salvation, and our Father is Lord and father equally to all.

Let us rejoice before Him and let Him gather the scattered tribes and nations back from all the corners of the earth, and from the wilderness of wilfulness.

His call to bring our lives and our whole world to Him resounds in all of us. Could we but hear, Our Saviour, King and Shepherd calls us home.

With Every Blessing for much joy and peace in 2023. Revd Adele

**The Government confirms help with energy bills for off-gas homes.** The government is providing £200 Alternative Fuel Payment (AFP) to help those households who use alternative fuels such as heating oil to meet energy costs this winter. Most households eligible for the AFP support, will receive payment automatically via their electricity supplier in February, with no need to take any action.

**Hartington Surgery Patient Group (also known as Patient Participation Group or PPG)** The Practice is privileged to have a long established, and very successful, Patient's Group. The Group is a registered charity which was initially set up, by patients, in 1989 to provide medical or nursing equipment that would not normally be available to GP surgeries, via the NHS, for direct patient benefit to improve the health, or quality of life, of Hartington Surgery patients. There is a formal committee, constitution, trustees and published annual accounts.

Funding is provided solely by patient donations, often given in memory of a loved one who received care and support from the Practice or could be via active fund raising within the Patient's Group itself. Many valuable items of equipment, to directly benefit patients, have been purchased since the Group was established. A full list of these items is available from the Group Treasurer. Over the past three years the Group has purchased a self-check blood pressure machine and a centrifuge.

In more recent times the Group has also taken on the additional role of a discussion forum to exchange ideas and suggestions to improve service provision. Patient feedback is welcome, and the Practice aims to use this constructive 'patient led' advice and feedback to prepare an action plan for future Practice improvements. The group meets twice per year. If you would like to be involved, or if you have any questions about the Group, please contact the Surgery or come along to the next meeting at Hartington Surgery on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm. New members, from registered patients, of all ages are welcome – please come along to help shape the future of your local Surgery.

**Tales of the Field** - As we welcome in the new year and make our new year's resolutions, like many people, I will be trying to reduce my impact on our beautiful world. Easier said than done living rurally, but I'm trying. I hope to build on my current growing all my own salad and vegetables from June to November by growing winter vegetables this year ...although my rogue guinea pigs seem to view this new winter veg patch as a mid-morning takeaway snack option!

Sustainable wood locally sourced for my stove, plus batch cooking and freezing to reduce energy. A neighbourly friend is currently singing the praises of her crock pot for this purpose, along with her stash of homemade gin.. seems an afternoon is required for a lesson and tasting session of both! My old petrol mower died this year and I bought a chargeable battery option, lighter, cleaner and a more environmentally and back friendly option. I'm a womble by nature so recycling and reinventing is second nature to me but our society is so very disposable, whilst I will repair or repurpose I see people simply repurchasing rather than spending a little time and effort. Newer isn't always better and I'm completely unimpressed by shiny new things, I'm actually more impressed by the patched up repaired and loved chair. We need to change our own attitudes before we can change the world, one bee friendly verge or repaired chair at a time.

We can all do our bit, make a few changes to our routines, our purchases, how we garden and the way we live our lives, and remembering just because we've always done something a certain way doesn't mean it's still the best way! Let's all approach 2023 with a change the world attitude, a warmer heart and a renewed appreciation of our villages and the wider world around us. Happy healthy wishes to all for 2023.

**Children's corner** With the dark nights and the Derbyshire winter weather making playing outside a little bleak some days, do take a look at the new section on groups and clubs across all the villages, so many activities that you are very welcome to attend. Try something new, make new friends and venture out...

**RBL Poppy Appeal-** The poppy appeal "count up" was completed in the legion on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. The "counters" were Brian and Liz, Charli and Andrew, Sandra and myself. This year's total is £1,884.00. A breakdown of the amount will be posted in the legion. Thank you, Sandra Wood, for your help putting the boxes together (24 in total). Thanks to Brian and Liz Broomhead for taking out and bringing back the boxes. The house-to-house collection by Mick Riley raised £250.59 (Warslow) and Charli and Andrew Cooper raised £215.11 (Biggin/Elton) well done and thank you for your hard work. Thank you to Harold, Andrew and Mandy as well as Stuart Mycock for keeping the drinks and the buffet flowing. Thank you to the wreath bearer's, representing the Oddfellows Paul Bacon (standard bearing) scout's and everyone else involved with Remembrance Day. Stuart Grindey (Hartington Poppy Appeal Officer).

## Biggin News

**St Thomas's PCC** would like to thank the Coles family for the generous donation of a new flagpole in time for the Remembrance Sunday Service this year. As usual half the collection from the service was donated to the British Legion.

Our next festival service is the Snowdrop Service on 5 February at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to help decorate the church the week before and to attend the service followed by refreshments on Sunday.

As part of our Mission Action Plan, we have been looking at how we can offer Holy Communion services. Rev. Adele has suggested incorporating them into our monthly evening worship. Evening Worship is the last Sunday of the month at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat before the service at 5.30pm. There is no service in January. The evening worship is a quiet reflective service. Taize services are meditative service of prayer and music. Celtic services create an atmosphere of stillness and calm. Everyone is very welcome.

Date	Service
26 February	Celtic evening prayer
26 March	Said Holy Communion
30 April	Evening Prayer
28 May	Taize reflective service
25 June	Said Holy Communion
30 July	Evening prayer
27 August	Evening prayer
24 September	Said Holy Communion
29 October	Celtic evening prayer
26 November	Taize reflective service

Please don't wait to be asked to get involved. If you have a talent or a skill that would help look after St Thomas's; would like to help with decorating, catering or have an idea for a service please talk to Julia or a member of the PCC. If you're thinking of getting married this year or having your child baptised, please talk in the first instance to Revd. Adele

### Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council -

Heathcote Mere is looking vibrant again following the recent project to clean out the Mere bed and subsequent rainfall. It is hoped that the wildlife will return soon.



Emergency Life Support CPR and AED training is booked for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023 in Biggin Village Hall. Limited places are available for people living within the Parish of Hartington Nether Quarter. The training will be funded by the Parish Council, although a small refundable deposit may be required to secure your place. It is hoped that there will be a number of people who have received defibrillator, Life Support Training throughout the Parish. If you are interested in participating in the training, please contact one of the Counsellors or the Parish Clerk.

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). Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council.

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**Biggin C of E Primary School** We are very proud to say that we achieved a 'Good' rating following our latest Ofsted inspection. We were delighted that the excellent behaviour and hard work of our children was acknowledged and the breadth of the curriculum and opportunities for the children was praised. It is clear that the teaching staff have high expectations for all of our children and know our families well. Children feel happy and safe at school and the inspectors said our children 'are getting a good deal here.' Results like this don't happen by accident but are the result of much hard work by committed staff. I am so grateful for the fabulous team we have working at Biggin. Thank you!

We have enjoyed some fantastic learning about other cultures this term including the Hindu festival of Diwali and learning about prayers from Muslim,

Jewish and Christian faiths. One special highlight was a visit from Bemma Akyeampong who taught us a World Cup football dance in the style of African dance and Ndebele art from South Africa.

A fantastic highlight at the end of term was our Christmas Nativity performance 'It's A Miracle' in the village hall. It was the first time we have performed a whole school play in front of a live audience since 2019 due to pandemic restrictions. What a wonderful evening! The children sang and danced beautifully and with confidence and enjoyment. Thank you to every single member of our audience for making this such a brilliant evening too!

#### Upcoming events:

- Christmas and Christingle Service at St Thomas's Parish Church, 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2.15pm – all welcome.
- Little Explorers Outdoor Learning afternoon every Wednesday, starts 11<sup>th</sup> January
- Epiphany Activity Day, 13<sup>th</sup> January
- Puppet Assembly, 20<sup>th</sup> January
- Bikeability, 28<sup>th</sup> February

Please contact school if you would like to visit and have a look round. Best wishes Teresa Nicholls Headteacher

**Village Hall** Refurbishment of the hall continues at pace, with all of the external woodwork completed

#### Earl Sterndale News

**PCC/Church** Harvest Festival Services for church and school, were well supported, we were so pleased to have Reverend Adele Barker to join us for the children's service.

Our Remembrance Day Service, which was organised and lead by Amanda Foulkes, was well attended, lovely to see so many in church.

We thank Jay Jay for organising our 1st potato pie supper, another well supported event, the pies and treacle sponge were delicious, Thank you Pam Nadin for catering for us.

We had a good day for our Christmas fair, lots of fun. There were 38 potatoes in Santa's bag! Thank you to everyone who helped and supported. We apologies for the problems we had on the evening of our November Bingo, we hope for a better evening for our December Bingo. A very cold evening for our Carol service, but thankfully, a warm church, after some restoration work on our heaters. Thank you, Reverend Adele Barker, for a lovely service and thank you Amanda Foulkes for helping with service sheets and readings. Thanks, must also go to Mr Melvyn Osbourne for stepping into play the church

and most of the smaller rooms and woodwork painted. A grant has been obtained for replacement of the main hall lights. The November Coffee, Cakes and Chat meeting enjoyed a review of the 300+ Diamond Jubilee photographs. The Christmas Market, Senior Citizens' Party and Silver Band concert were all a great success. Future events:

<b>Fri 20 Jan</b>	<b>Big Quiz night</b>
<b>Thurs 26 Jan</b>	<b>Coffee, Cakes and Chat</b>
<b>Sat 4 March</b>	<b>Village Ceilidh – dance 'til your socks fall off'</b>
<b>Thurs 30 March</b>	<b>Coffee, Cakes and Chat</b>

**And the ever popular PRIZE BINGO happens every week:** 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.

**Thank you to everyone who supported the Biggin Christmas Fair.** A lovely event raising money for both the Village Hall and St Thomas Church. Over £500 was raised supporting both causes. Lots of lovely comments and a real festive atmosphere. We are hoping this will be an annual event. Many fabulous stalls where everyone was able to start or finish their shopping.

organ. On behalf of Earl Sterndale Church PCC, I would like to wish everyone a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our first christening for a number of years, took place on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October. Percy and Hannah bought their two sons, George and Dougie for their christening, it was wonderful to share this big family occasion with them. Thank you, Reverend Adele Barker, for a lovely service.

<b>Coming Events</b>
<b>Bingo Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> of Jan 2023 in church 7.30pm</b>
<b>Bingo Mon 27<sup>th</sup> of Feb 2023 in church 7.30pm</b>

**Earl Sterndale Chapel-** Our Monthly church service is on the second Sunday each month at 10.30. Visitors are always welcome. Please see notice board for further details. The **COFFEE MORNING** on the first Wednesday each month has been taking place for the past 15years. We provide a warm, welcoming space giving residents and visitors a chance to chat and enjoy a cup of tea and coffee. This has been an excellent service for the village especially since the shop and pub closed.

The community "**Aces Group**" has been relaunched as a **KNIT and NATTER group**. They meet **on Thursday mornings 10.30 - 12.30** and there is a

small charge which includes a hot drink and biscuits. This group has been particularly helpful to the chapel by producing and displaying wonderful decorations for our Carol service this Christmas. They also took part in the recent Christmas tree festival in Monyash. If you are interested in joining the “knitting ladies” please contact Margaret on 83277

Finally, this is a **PLEA for HELP** from the members of the chapel. We are a very small ageing group who sometimes feel overwhelmed by the small jobs which need to be done to maintain a clean safe building. Do you have the odd hour when you could help with a tidy up outside or a spring clean? Any offers of help to our secretary Margaret on 83412 please.

**Parish Council** We have the coronation of King Charles to look forward to in 2023. This is an opportunity for the whole village to come together. Would anyone in the village like to organise or join a group to plan for celebrations within the village and to ensure the village looks at its best? Please contact the parish clerk (Pat Sutton 07974 362676, or any member of the parish council. Meanwhile, all good wishes to everyone in the parish for Christmas and the New Year.

**Earl Sterndale CE Primary School** We're in the festive spirit here at Earl Sterndale Primary and all had a great time at our recent Christmas Film Night. We're looking forward to our School Nativity Performance in church on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December which will give the children an opportunity to show off their hard work preparing their Christmas songs and dances. In the New Year, we're looking forward to returning to our regular routine:

- Infants will go climbing at White Hall every Monday morning until the half-term break.
- Years 2-6 will go swimming every Tuesday morning until the end of the academic year.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year! From all at Earl Sterndale Primary.

**Pomeroy War Memorial Hall-** “The Pomeroy Trust” held their last meeting for the year on Wed Nov 30<sup>th</sup> at the Duke of York Pomeroy. Minutes of the meeting are available on our Facebook page and can be emailed on request. Please contact [pomeroywmh@talktalk.net](mailto:pomeroywmh@talktalk.net). You can also read the meeting minutes displayed on our new noticeboard in the Duke of York car park, behind the post box. Keep an eye on the noticeboard for meeting agendas, information on the hall, the work of the Trust and upcoming events. The dates of our 2023 meetings

are: Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March, Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June, Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Sept and Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Nov, all 8pm at The Duke of York Pomeroy. The June meeting will be the AGM and therefore all are welcome to attend. Anyone interested in joining the Trust committee would be very welcome. We are also still in need of a treasurer. Please get in touch if you can help.

The feasibility study has been completed and we have been able to claim our grant from the War Memorials Trust. We are awaiting a decision on our planning application which is now expected to be discussed on Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 2023. Full details of planning progress can be viewed on the Peak District Planning Portal <https://portal.peakdistrict.gov.uk/08221062>

Our calendar has nearly sold out. If you would like one of the few remaining copies please call in at the Duke of York Pomeroy or contact Jenny on 07791 337323.

The winners of the 100club were Christine Riley (Sept), Bridget Dicken (Oct) and Joan Bonsall (Nov).

To join our 100 Club please contact Jenny on the number above or Bekah ([bekdicken@gmail.com](mailto:bekdicken@gmail.com))

Wishing all readers a very merry Christmas and a happy new year from The Pomeroy Trust <https://www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk/>



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### Church Services-

1 <sup>st</sup> January 11am	Holy Communion
8 <sup>th</sup> January 11am	All Age Service
15 <sup>th</sup> January 11am	Café style
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 11am	tbc
29 <sup>th</sup> January 11am	Reflective HC
5 <sup>th</sup> February 11am	Holy Communion
12 <sup>th</sup> February 11am	Morning Praise
19 <sup>th</sup> February 11am	Baptism
26 <sup>th</sup> February 11am	tbc

### Hartington Town Quarter Parish Council- HARTINGTON WAR MEMORIAL

Our War Memorial is a listed monument that is dedicated to the twelve residents who lost their lives in the two great wars.

Behind the engraved blocks of stone stand 12 trees, each representing a fallen serviceman. Unfortunately, the bushes have outgrown the space and one of the trees has died. Although not particularly noticeable amongst the wall of green, the relevance and poignancy of the memorial is reduced.

Some 20 years ago previous trees were dug up and replaced as the plants outgrew their area and the Parish Council feel it is the time to repeat that process. We are therefore sourcing 12 new two metre Juniper trees, which grow less vigorously in width.

To ensure the plants have adequate room to grow and thrive in the restricted area of soil behind the carved stones, we are delighted that the landowners of the field have agreed that we can move the retaining wall back a further half metre. The wall will be replaced to the same height and the circular shape around the memorial, retained.

The project will take place in the early months of next year. Derwent Treescapes will supply and supervise the planting and the Oddfellows have offered their services to take down the wall, prior to its rebuilding by an expert stonewaller. Councillors will remove the old trees and if anyone is interested in acquiring one or several please contact any member of the Council, otherwise we will dispose of them. We cannot of course guarantee they will regrow after removal.

This advance warning is to ensure everyone is aware of the plan, especially as it is likely there will be an area behind the memorial devoid of trees and wall for a period until the work is completed.

**VILLAGE POND (MERE)** Ever since renovation and with the increased rainfall, the pond has

maintained its perfect level, with the repaired overflow to the Stanner, removing excess water as and when required.

Many of you will have seen on the community website, that a group of volunteers are ready to tackle the growing Iris bed at the northern end. Unless managed these will continue to spread leaving dry land behind

them. Luckily in the village we have residents who understand ponds and plants and the Parish Council is grateful for their expertise and assistance.

The Mere is not an ornamental pond but for well over 100 years has been there to provide water to the animals from the farms within the village and was still used regularly by a herd of cattle until around 12 years ago. Further planting will therefore be limited and aimed to preserve its historical character which is so important to the centre of our village.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN** The Parish Council has successfully applied for a government grant to help us complete this important project. This will allow us to build a dedicated website and to utilise the services of a consultant who has experience in senior planning management within the National Park. It is not just the Plan itself, but all the associated statutory documents, that require real planning expertise. Hopefully with this assistance we will move forward rapidly in the first quarter of 2023.

### Christmas Tree Light up- December 4<sup>th</sup> –

Thank you to the Oddfellows for providing the Mulled wine and mince pies on the village green, also Hartington Sings for their musical entertainment. The “switch” on of the Parish Council Tree was performed by Chair- Mr David Annat. Thanks were given to Mr David Theaker of The Stables-

Stonewell Lane for providing the tree and Richard Sherratt and Alan Grindey for putting the tree in position with the lovely lights.

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**Thank you-**Janet Oliver and her family would like to thank everyone for their good wishes while she was in hospital following her stroke. She is feeling a lot better, and the kind words of friends and

neighbours have been a great comfort in her recovery process. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all."

**Hartington C of E Primary School** Biggin and Hartington Schools came together, on 17<sup>th</sup> November, at St Giles Church for a Messy Church Session. The funeral of a much beloved Governor was held in St Giles Church on 5<sup>th</sup> December. He will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike; He was regularly in school working alongside the children or offering support and advice in his role as Foundation Governor. He leaves a huge gap in our school family.

The whole school visited the Open Centre in Derby on the 6<sup>th</sup> December, visiting a Hindu Temple and learning about Judaism and what it is like in a Synagogue. The infant children experienced a Jewish wedding ceremony, the older children learned about the Hindu festival of Diwali. On 9<sup>th</sup> December the Silver Sports met with their buddies to take part in a hand bell ringing session where class 2 supported their Silver Sport partner in the performing of Jingle Bells and other Christmas favourites

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Christmas Market on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We raised a fantastic £940.34 after expenses. It was a huge success, busy from the moment we opened the doors to the end. The Nativity, in St Giles Church, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The Church was packed to the rafters and enjoyed by everyone. This was followed by the Pea & Pie Supper, in school organised by PTA. A total of £1522.62 was raised through the evening and raffle. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and supported the event.

On 15<sup>th</sup> December the children visited the Opera House in Buxton to see 'Sleeping Beauty'. The children travelled via coach which was kindly paid for by the Odd Fellows of Hartington. Some children were a little apprehensive before their visit as they had never been to a pantomime before, but all came back full of excitement.

We enjoyed the School Christmas Dinner on 16-12-22 kindly cooked by the school's catering managers. Governors and school volunteers were also invited to join us. The School Party took place on the last day with a visit from Santa the children yet again wore their Christmas Jumpers and played party games.

The New Year will see further visits from MAST, participation in Primary Stars sports events, working with the Peak National Park and the Ambassador Project as well as planning the 10<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of the Village Trail. KS2 will also be working with their 'Silver Sport buddies' as part of the Active Across Ages project.

**Hartington Village Hall** In late November the Village Hall following an application by Trustees was designated as a 'Warm Space' by Derbyshire Dales District Council as part of a national campaign to provide warm spaces over the winter to members of the public. We are in receipt of a small grant to meet the increased heating costs and have set up the Lower Bakehouse as the 'warm space'. Books, magazines, jigsaws as well as tea and coffee are offered free for anyone who wishes to drop in during the restricted opening times. As the Lower Bakehouse is a separate heating zone to the Main Hall we are unable to open up the space throughout the week. The available times are:

Mondays	9.30 – 11.30 + 17.00 - 21.30
Tuesdays	10.00- 12.00 + 19.30 -21.30
Wednesdays	10.00 -12.30 + 16.00 - 22.00
Thursdays	18.00 – 20.00
Fridays	10.00-11.00 + 15.00 – 17.00
Weekends	Closed

If there is demand, we can open up the space at other times – contact Liz or Keith. However there has been very little use of the space in the first three weeks of availability and we can't simply afford to heat an empty space. If demand continues to be so low, we will need to contact DDDC, and offer to return unspent grant monies.

An update on our plans to refurbish the Village Hall kitchen: a design has been identified and contractors selected to carry out the work in 2023. We have submitted a small number of targeted applications for grants and once we get positive feedback we will be in position to go ahead. A number of volunteers have come forward to remove the flooring, pine wall panelling and kitchen units as well as capping off the plumbing. We are exceeding grateful to these individuals as well as those from the community who, through lottery subscriptions, have raised the critical match funding. In addition, one villager has anonymously donated a substantial sum towards the cost of the work.

**Lottery Results** The last 2 draws of 2022 have resulted in wins for :

**November** £100 No. 63 Mrs Kay Bagglely  
Drawn by Mr. Phillip Neal @ the Wildflower Group meeting.

**December** £500 No. 52 Mr & Mrs R Williams  
Drawn by Rachel, Farming Life Centre.

Congratulations to our winners, and as always, we thank **ALL** of our Lottery subscribers for their ongoing support which, as you can see from the detail above, really makes a significant contribution to what we are able to provide for everyone at the Village Hall.

### **News from Hartington Community Group**

The AGM for the Hartington Community Group (HCG) will be 6pm on Weds 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in the village hall. Please make a note in your diaries. Absolutely everyone is welcome whether you live in the village, use community groups within the village or whether you're simply interested to know what goes on, and there is a lot going on!. It will be a short meeting, as befits an AGM, but everyone is welcome to stay on afterwards for the general meeting at 6.30pm where we will be discussing activities and events for the coming months.

In particular, we will be planning village events for the Coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023. We would love to have lots of people involved in the planning, so please consider joining in. Please contact Phillip Neal, vice chair of the community group, who is co-ordinating the planning, **by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January on 07714895175 or phillip\_neal@hotmail.co.uk** if you would like to be involved – the more the merrier! We will also be asking for reps from the school, the Parish Council, the church and the village hall. It should be a grand day! Liz Hitch (Secretary HCG)

**Hartington Wildflower Group** Now is an ideal time of year to start planning for the 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 needs our help, and the Wildflowers in Hartington group are here to offer any advice or guidance if needed, let us know via our email address below. We have a handy Wildflower toolkit guide available via email if of interest.

Wildlife benefits from our help over these colder months as well – for example, leaving out water in containers on those icy days, or food for birds does make a difference. If you would like more advice how you can help, let us know.

We now have nine wildflower areas across the village, with maintenance work continuing over the Winter months. Most notably, after a great deal of restoration work throughout 2022, the pond at the Youth Hostel has now been relined and is now filling up with rainwater ready for the return of wildlife in Spring. Pond plants are shortly to be reintroduced. The dry-stone wall around the pond

has also been repaired. We plan to reopen this area next year and offer activities such pond dipping as well as bird and bat box installations. An area that will become a haven for wildlife once more and thanks to all the volunteers who have been involved in this work – it has much such a difference!

Following on from the work last year to remove excess mud from the village pond, we are working in partnership with the Parish Council to thin out the Yellow Iris plants which spread aggressively if not managed. With advice on approach provided by ecologists as well as Peak District National Park, this work will take place in early January subject to appropriate weather, and if you'd like to get involved, contact details are below.

Regarding our plans for this year, we will continue to further develop our existing areas, plus add new ones as we see the opportunity to do so – if you have any suggestions for any areas in the village do let us know. We also welcome anyone interested in joining the group who would like to help look after an area – it's a rewarding and enjoyable way to spend time outdoors with other members of the community. We are developing a wildflower trail that will connect all our sites together – encouraging residents and visitors alike to explore and find out more about of our wildflower areas.

Finally, given the increasing focus and interest on environmental matters across the readership of News & Views, we are working with the editors of N&V to consider how we might best include a specific section on the environment in future editions covering news from across all villages. If you have any views on what you'd like to see, do let us know.

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 to encourage wildflowers, please send an email to [wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com](mailto:wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com) or feel free to call Phillip Neal on 07714 895175. We also have a Facebook page - **Hartington Wildflowers** that contains regular updates as well information about how to encourage wildflowers in your garden.

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### **Obituary**

**John Beresford Dean**, born in Hull East Yorkshire on 19.04.35. One of 4 boys. Married to Margaret June on 06.12.57, had one daughter Claire and 3 grandchildren: Lorna, Jack and Charlotte.

John was a countryman but well-travelled having worked in London, India, Africa, America and

Germany as part of his career in shipping. He managed all steel shipments for British Steel and was chairman of the British and European shippers' councils. His hobbies were shooting, fly fishing and later bell ringing. John nearly always had a Labrador by his side and that Labrador would always be a male dog called Wisp.

John was a committed Mason and through that and his voluntary work for the British Heart Foundation he raised thousands of pounds for charities. For the BHF alone he raised more than £250,000.

John was a Christian; he loved the church but especially the church and its community in Hartington. He was an avid advocate of the village and he wanted to be part of all of it: Hartington Sings, the well dressings, the school as helper, Santa, and school governor there was not a day went by that he did not sing the praises of the school and especially the children.

John loved the people in the village even down to the nurses who took his blood increasingly often as he aged. John was proud to be a Yorkshire man and he described Yorkshire as "God's country" but he was equally proud to live in Hartington and he spent many an hour telling the family that he lived in the best village in the world, "a proper village".

John had a sense of humour and liked to tease people and tell them dreadful jokes. He was a man who liked to do things properly and would have a go at almost anything. He had old fashioned values. He was a man who was always smartly dressed and was not afraid to stand up for what he thought was right. He would go out of his way to help others if he could even as he aged.

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### **Activities for the Communities across the 3 villages and beyond - All welcome**

- Monday- Yoga- 9.30-11am -HYPAC- 5.30-7pm; Badminton 7.30-9.30pm – HVH
- Tuesday- Wiggles and Giggles- 10.30-12; Table Tennis Club 7.30-9.30 HVH
- Wednesday – Pilates -10.30-11.30; and Seated Pilates 11.30-12.30- Social Dancing Club- 7.30-10.00- HVH
- Thursday – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts- 6-8pm- HVH; Bingo – 7-10pm – (BVH) Family Bingo- 6.30 (ESC) Fortnightly – Senior Activities Club – 2-4pm; Folk Club -8-10.30pm- HVH
- Friday – Yoga- 10-11am; Friday Club -3.30-5pm -HVH

**Monthly** – Rural Social Club (RSG) – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2-4pm HVH, Coffee Cake and Chat -last Thursday 2-4pm BVH. Waterloo Inn Quiz -Thursday 9pm;

British Legion – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Quiz-8pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Bingo-8pm

**Frequent activities-** Informal Flora- Wednesday- 1-3pm HVH; Hartington Sings- Wednesdays 5-6pm HVH

**“One Off Events”-** “Burns Night”- 21<sup>st</sup> January 7.30pm – Royal British Legion – Ticket only £10-organised by Oddfellows

Update on groups providing activities across all age groups and attended by folk from all three parishes as well as those from Alstonefield, Hollingsclough, Warslow, Sheen, Reapsmoor and Hulme End.

**HYPAC-** currently 20 members- aged 6-11yrs with young leaders aged 13-16yrs and parents Jayne Wilton, Mark Webley, Nicky/Martin Crimlis and Clare Wager. A wide range of challenging and enjoyable activities, sport, dance, crafts and much more. The Leader of the sessions, Olivia Williams, who is supported by Abi McCurrach, provides sessions of outstanding quality. A special mention of the Bat Boxes made by the older members and provided to the 3 churches. The annual Christmas Treat – visit to Megazone – on December 5<sup>th</sup> was brilliant. First session in the new Year – January 16<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm for 10 weeks in Hartington Village Hall.

**Wiggles and Giggles-** Parents and Pre School-children- started in September in response to



requests for an opportunity for parents/carers to meet and children play together in a

warm, safe and stimulating environment. There are over 20 families on the register, minimal charge of £2, hot drinks and healthy snacks, quality resources and creative craft sessions led by Dorothy Hawton. Julie Graham is the playleader, helping the children discover a new world and play together. First session in the New Year – January 10<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12 noon Hartington Village Hall.

**Chair Pilates** – A session for those who want to access the physical and mental benefits of pilates, without the need to be on the floor. Expertly led by the tutor Theresa Hannan, the participant numbers have doubled since September. The group has been supported by grants from DDCVS as well as Erewash CVS. Sessions recommence on January 4<sup>th</sup> 11.30-12.30 -Hartington Village Hall charge £6.

**Rural Social Groups-** RSG- Monthly meetings culminated in a wonderful Christmas lunch for 47 people at the Farm Shop on December 13<sup>th</sup>. This

was part funded by Farming Life Centre, and we were delighted to have Alan Greggs Agricultural Minister and Rev'd Adele Priest in Charge with us. Next Session Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm in Hartington Village Hall.

**Biggin Village Hall-** Monthly Coffee, Cake and Chat- next one Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2-4pm, a social group meeting in the village hall. This month we are helping Biggin School who are supporting the Banyan project to make bean

bags for children with learning difficulties. Bring along any festive leftovers to share with a tea or coffee. WE also hope to have a "Bring and Buy" table of crafting items, to raise funds for the group-time for a spring clean or find a new project?

### Parish Register

**St Giles Church, Hartington** - Funeral of the late John Beresford Dean - December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. R.I.P.

**St Michael's and All Angels Church, Earl Sterndale-** Christening of George and Dougie is Mycock- October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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