

# News And Views



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## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE 3 VILLAGES

We may be “small in number”, but we are “big on activity”. Most importantly all activities are accessible- inclusive and varied.

Each village has a space/venue for community activities, be it a village hall, Church, Chapel and School-

- **Earl Sterndale** – The Church- School and Chapel.
- **Biggin** – the village hall with kitchen and parking and playing fields.
- **Hartington** – a village hall with high ceiling and School yard.

These venues are the base for the different activities- covering Derbyshire Dales- High Peak and Staffordshire Moorlands welcoming all in the area- from the south – Parwich and Alstonfield; the west – Warslow- Reapsmoor; the North - Longnor and Chelmorton; and the East -Pikehall- Monyash. The activities led and supported by local people, many volunteers.



**Communication** is critical and vital to ensure everyone knows what is available- when, where and how to access. It is essential that all forms of communication are used- Facebook- websites- posters- newsletters and word of mouth.

So- on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm to-8pm in Hartington Village Hall (HVH)** you are welcome to come and see what is on offer from 25 different groups across the 3 villages, every day of the week, meet new people as well as old friends with free drinks and nibbles. New members are welcome to join any of the groups, so why not come along and see what is on offer?

The wells dressings will be “in situ” at one end of the hall - an opportunity to see how it is done! There will be various stands and displays of all the activities available across the 3 villages and information on how to get involved.

A weekly run down of what, where, when.....

**MONDAY-** Sculpture- Base behind the Farm Shop- 10-4pm; Social Walking Group 9-11am; HYPAC- HVH and school yard 5.30-7.30; Badminton HVH – 7.30-9.30pm

**TUESDAY-** Pre School parent/Child Group 10.30-12noon- HVH; St Giles Church Bell Ringing – 7-9pm; RSG – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the month 2-4pm HVH

**WEDNESDAY** – Pilates – HVH – 10.30-11.30 and Chair Pilates- 11.30-12.30; Social Dance HVH 7-10pm; Informal Flora- 1-3pm HVH –dates announced; Hartington Sings-HVH- 5-6pm dates announced

**THURSDAY** - Sculpture- 10-4pm; “Thursday Activities” – HVH 2-4pm fortnightly; Cubs and Scouts- HVH- 6-8pm; Biggin Village Hall- Prize Bingo -7pm, monthly “Brains of Biggin- Waterloo Inn

**FRIDAY-** Yoga- HVH- 10-11pm; Child and Parent group – HVH -3-5pm



**SUNDAY-** Royal British Legion – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month- Quiz; 3rd Sunday of the month - Bingo, Hartington Occasionals cycling – meet monthly on a Sunday, Messy church -Earl Sterndale.

Plus many other groups who meet less frequently and who operate in the wider community will be present including – Hartington Wildflowers; Litter Picking; Digital Hartington; Biggin Facebook

**Biggin** is a small village and we use a lot of the surrounding village and towns groups and clubs which we are very grateful for! Within the village we still do have a few clubs and groups that meet regularly.

The village hall hosts **Prize Bingo** every week on a Thursday at 7pm which is very popular. **‘Coffee, cake and chat’** - will be on the last Thursday afternoon each month at the village hall between 2-4pm. There will be an opportunity for knitting but we want to make sure that everyone is welcome- if you are interested please contact Pete Tapping 07752 463918 or Email: [j.a.hickey@sky.com](mailto:j.a.hickey@sky.com)

**The Waterloo Inn** hosts a monthly team quiz called Brains of Biggin, also on a Thursday. Check the waterloo website for dates. [www.waterlooinnbiggin.com](http://www.waterlooinnbiggin.com)

**St Thomas’s church**, despite the extensive work needed inside and out, is continuing to serve the community. There is now an informal **“cuppa and natter”** before the monthly evening service on the last Sunday on the month. Plus exciting future plans for messy play along with jointly hosting the knit & natter so again watch this space and check their Facebook page <http://facebook.com/stthomasbiggin> email: [stthomasbiggin@gmail.com](mailto:stthomasbiggin@gmail.com)

**This is news and views issue 09 2022, and it’s still going strong !** In this busy world it’s still organised, written, printed and delivered by village volunteers with Liz at the helm, and all give their time freely and enthusiastically to ensure every issue gets out on time. Printing costs are thankfully still covered by our lovely sponsors. (See back page) Enjoy this issue and if you have any thoughts or feedback or would like to contribute by writing an article or have a lovely memory or story to share of village life please get in touch – Liz @broomhead.net or 01298 687263. The News and Views Team

**Hartington Surgery Update** Following on from the National GP Patient Survey that is sent out centrally by NHS England, Hartington can report that it has been rated within the top 5%, 283 out of a total of 6418 Practices. The survey rates several areas including 'how easy it was to speak to your GP by phone' and 'how helpful the receptionists were'. It is a useful tool to gauge patient satisfaction. If you do receive a GP Patient Survey in the post, please complete and return it. In-house patient satisfaction surveys are also available at the Surgery, called 'The NHS Friends and Family Test'. Your feedback is important and welcome.

Plans to increase physical activity and set up a local walking group have now linked in with existing groups within our community. There are, Hartington based, walking groups, on both Monday mornings and Thursday evenings. If you are interested in increasing your levels of exercise, meeting new people and improving your general health, further information is available from the Surgery or Hartington Community Group.

The Practice shares important and useful information on Facebook, courtesy of the 'Hartington Surgery Patient Participation Group' Facebook page. If you are not already linked to this, it is worth doing so to keep up to date with Surgery news and useful health related links. There are currently vacancies for a new Surgery Cleaner and an experienced part-time Practice Nurse. For further information, please contact the Practice Manager.

The Practice would like to welcome new Nurse Practitioner, Jill Chapman. Jill comes to Hartington with a wealth of experience and will be an asset to the existing team. Planning is underway for Autumn Flu and Covid booster vaccinations. If you are eligible for a vaccine, you will be contacted by letter or text. If you do receive an invitation, it is highly recommended that you attend for vaccination to prevent, potentially, serious illness.

Vicar letter- ***Ecclesiastes 3 ‘There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens....’***

I am writing during August in the midst of a heatwave! Still being relatively new to the area it is the first time I have experienced Peak District life in the summer months. The roads are busy, the market towns bustling, hotels and pubs are full, as are camp sites, AirBNBs and Bed and Breakfast houses...There is much to be thankful for as the tourist trade and associated revenue returns following years of the pandemic. The lure for tourists is without doubt the stunning countryside and the generous, warm hospitality of the communities. Many who visit will not return to see roads blocked with snow and ice, nor will they have considered pressures on house prices due to second homeowners or the difficulties faced by low prices in the farming industry. Tourists and visitors come, envying the place, see its beauty and sense values that have long gone from other areas, towns and cities.

In a rural area the seasons give a rich scaffold around life and work and community activities. The summer months have hosted Well Dressings and fairs and as September comes upon us our thoughts turn to Flower Festivals and Harvest Thanksgivings. The summer months see the Church in Ordinary Time which gives us space between Trinity and the Festivals of Autumn and Winter for the things of ordinary living. Just as with the rural way of life the Church marks significant festivals and seasons which gives a time for remembering and celebrating our faith. I look forward to experiencing all that the next month's hold for us together and learning more about how our communities celebrate these times and seasons. I will finish now with a poem by Malcolm Guite from his book 'Sounding the Seasons' in which he reflects through poetry the richness of the sacred year.

### **Sounding The Seasons by Malcolm Guite**

Tramelled in time, we live with hints and guesses  
Turning the wheel of each returning year,  
But in between our failures and successes  
We sometimes glimpse the Love that casts out fear,  
Sometimes the heart remembers its own reasons  
And breathes a Sanctus as we tell our story,  
Tracing the tracks of grace, sounding the seasons  
That lead at last through time to timeless glory.

From the first yearnings for a Saviours birth  
To the full joy of knowing sins forgiven  
We gather as His church on Gods's good earth  
To share an echo of the choirs of heaven  
I share these hints, returning what was lent,  
Turning to praise each 'moment's monument'.

### **Every Blessing, Rev'd Adele**

**Monyash WI**- we meet at the Village Hall in Monyash the first Wednesday of the month we have a speaker and enjoy a light supper after the meeting, a warm welcome is offered to all who would like to join, if you feel like a visit to see if it's something you could enjoy that would be ok too. Helen Harrison.

**Tales of the Field** -What a summer we've had! Glorious sunshine, storms and as usual in Biggin, very strong wind!

For those of you who are unfamiliar with 'Biggin wind' it's a phenomenon, an urban legend if you will, and I am now used to my weather app telling me "temperature 24 degrees but feels like 18 due to wind". If it's not tied down here, then it will blow away! My shed roof, many a trug, cushions and even a whole piece of rattan furniture has been blown away never to return (well I did get my shed roof back). My chickens hate the wind, you think they'd get used to it but no, they huddle together in their porch like they're waiting for the end of the world. My snooty Orpington, Mrs Haversham, hates it most of all, her petticoats being ruffled by the wind prompts a early bedtime to escape the shocking indignity of it all. For those of you familiar with the old film Moby dick, the scene where captain Ahab (played by Gregory Peck) is clutching his coat, trying desperately to walk against the wind and rain that's lashing against him, well that's me in January trying to get to my chickens with a plate of corn!

It's fair to say I have a love hate relationship with the wind. At times I despair of it, but I always admire its strength and purpose. It takes the dead leaves from the trees to allow room for the new buds, it carries the water from the oceans inland, and it dries my triple pegged washing beautifully. So, it appears, in typical brit fashion, I can talk about the Biggin wind for hours, I'd guess half the conversations I've had with my lovely neighbour over the wall have been about wind (the other half of our conversations are probably about guinea pigs and sheds). When I came back from a holiday earlier this year the first thing, she told me was I'd missed two days with no wind! That's how rare a wind free day is here in Biggin!

The wind is raw and at times devastating, a truly brutal power of nature. Poets have used it to describe the hardships of life and how with perseverance we may overcome these hardships, songs have been sung about it, spiritually it is considered to be the vital breath of life and in the bible, Gods ruah (wind/spirit) moved upon the face of the waters (Genesis 1:2) Perhaps the wind is reminding us of God's presence in the world or reminding us we are only a small part of mother nature's powerful plan for her earth.

There's a beautiful word, 'anemophilous' which is usually applied to plants that use wind for propagation but it comes from the word anemophily which means love of wind and so I guess that makes me and everyone else in Biggin an anemophily, well apart from Mrs Haversham of course.

**Childrens Corner** With this issue focusing on village activities - let's think about getting out and about in your village and making our little spaces be even more exciting by using an **app** on our walks.

Here in the \*children's corner we've been testing some of the free apps for smart phones and tablets over the last few days and here's our favourites.

**Geocaching** is a digital treasure hunt, with over 3million active geocaches (treasure boxes) located around the world and some are in and around Biggin and Hartington! This apps is for the whole family and is a lot of fun



for all ages. The National Trust supports and encourages this app and many of the caches are on their sites so geocaching trips can make a great family day out.

A reworked old classic **Pokémon go!** Finding Pokémon in your village never gets boring! You walk around and you can see the Pokémon (cute little monsters) which you have to catch!

Please be careful and have a grown up with you if playing out of your garden.

And for the older teenage villager's **zombie run** is great fun! (wearing headphones or you can just play it through your phone speaker) you walk or run with a story being told, collecting supplies with the threat of zombies chasing you at any time...you may have to outrun them! Again, play this carefully and in a safe space like the park or garden. You'll find all these in the app store of your phone or tablet and they're all free!

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## Hartington News

**St Giles Parochial Church Council-** The PCC met on 27<sup>th</sup> July and so I will take this opportunity to share a few items with you. We are delighted that Rev Adele Barker will be leading our worship on the first and third Sundays of each month. Adele is quite a busy lady so we will be moving our service times to 11 am from 21<sup>st</sup> August. This means that Adele can lead two services on a Sunday morning – and we can all have a more leisurely morning! For consistency, all morning services will be at 11 am, followed by coffee, homemade biscuits and a chance to chat.

St Giles has a peal of eight bells, and it has been lovely to hear all of these being rung for various special events, this can only be done with the help of visitors – a few people are learning to ring so you won't be alone if you join this sociable group. Practice is at 7:30pm on a Tuesday (a little earlier for those who are learning) and bell ringing techniques are often discussed over a pint or two afterwards.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please send an email [stgileshartington@gmail.com](mailto:stgileshartington@gmail.com). You can find more about what is going on if you look on the 'A Church Near You' website or the St Giles Facebook page. Or, better still, just come to one of our services and meet us in person!

### St Giles Services

Sunday Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> Holy Communion	11.00 am
Sunday Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> Morning Praise	11.00 am
Sunday Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> Pet Service	11.00 am
Sunday Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> Reflective Holy Communion	11.00am
Sunday Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> Harvest Festival	5.30 pm
Sunday Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> Morning Praise	11.00 am.
Sunday Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> Holy Communion	11.00 am
Sunday Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> Family Service	11.00 am
Sunday Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> Reflective Holy Communion	11.00am

**Sheila's Celebration** -The Celebration of Sheila's life was held in the Village Hall, on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July. Liz Broomhead masterminded all the arrangements, and the event ran smoothly. It was particularly helpful of Bryony Coombes to allow her field to be used for off-road parking for visitors.

Harold organised the free bar, but wasn't able to be there on the day, due to ill-health (get well soon,

Harold!), but the running of the bar, and the provision of cups of tea was very effectively carried out by Jill and Pippa. A magnificent buffet was supplied by Pam Naden who had the foresight to provide the means for people to take food home with them (the rest went to the British Legion that evening).

Sarah Lacey produced some beautiful flower arrangements which were much appreciated, and Leon Goodwin's IT skills meant the rolling display of the 600 or so photos and videos from Sheila's life allowed people to appreciate what a wonderful, fun-loving person she was. The pleasant background music to the rolling display was kindly provided by Tony Woodruff

In addition to family members, it was good to see friends from the Village enjoying the event – especially those who'd made a real effort to get there (thanks, George!). As a result of seeing old friends chatting, it occurred to me that such get-togethers would be worth having regularly – I was then told by Keith Quine that already happens – at the Rural Social Group, so I shall be attending these in future! Donations to the Village Hall Kitchen Fund on the day amounted to £220. Dr Charles Adomfeh & family, good friends of ours who live in the USA, made an additional, very generous donation of \$500 – much appreciated. The grand total of £786 was raised. So, altogether, a good day, celebrating a good life; thanks to everyone.

**Jane Allen** has made the difficult decision to leave the village. Age and ill health have forced her to relocate to Hebden Bridge to be with her daughter Felicity. Jane has lived in the village for over 40 years and has been an active resident. She was a key member of the Well dressing team, helped raise money for The International Protection for Horses and joined in many of the village activities. She was fiercely independent and quite a character, so when Fiona asked me to draw a cartoon for her on behalf of the village (as a planned tea party was going to be a bit difficult for her) I had a field day! She chuckled when she saw the drawings and was also pleased with the card we gave her signed by some of you. The card reminded me of the painting she

Our original plan had been to repair the crumbling concrete edges and damaged overflow outlet to the Stanner, during this summer and then try to remove as much silt as possible, in tankers during the winter months. However, at the meeting it was agreed and supported by the majority of public present, that if we took fast advantage of the abnormally low water levels, there was an opportunity to dig out and remove the silt. This was a method used by farmers over the preceding century and most recently in the 1970's and early 1980's.

The following Tuesday our team assembled. The sheer volume of silt meant any hand digging operation was impractical, so we used a rubber tracked mini digger within the pond to remove silt into dumper trucks and trailers to be removed and

Although we had previously removed and re-homed the large carp that had been illegally placed in the pond, there were still some smaller fish and by nets and hand we managed to save a number of fingerling size fish, which we retained in natural water over the period.

On Wednesday we swept the pond base and removed a further 2 tons of silt, cleaned all the edges and waited for the 2.5 cubic metres of cement to repair the ponds badly broken edges. Concreting and a proper repair and sealing of the overflow, plus reseating the cover for the central spring, was completed during Wednesday and the concrete allowed to set overnight. Finally on Thursday we used a farm tanker to refill the pond with around 7,000 gallons of natural water and released the fish back into the pond, as it would have been illegal to release them anywhere else.

A real team effort and despite current drought conditions the pond is holding up well, the ducks seem happy, and we look forward to it fully re-filling when the water table (hopefully) rises this autumn.  
David Annat

**New Look- Hartington Grand Order of Oddfellows** - Good news- this tradition which started in Hartington in 1841 when they would meet at the Devonshire Arms till 1930's, is back as strong as ever under the new Chair Scott Wager. The Vice Chair is Colin Deaville, Secretary Jackie Wilton, Treasurer Nik Searston and Kris Owen – Social Secretary. They are establishing monthly meetings, the purpose of which is to come together to plan social

events and directly help the community; a recent example being support for Mr Terry Bennett. The Contact details – 01298 687322 or email [socialhartingtonoddfellows@gmail.com](mailto:socialhartingtonoddfellows@gmail.com) The secretary will be attending the open event in the Village Hall on September 5<sup>th</sup> – 6-8pm to promote activities and membership.

The annual march will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> alongside the well dressing at the St Giles' Wakes celebrations. This will commence at the Royal British Legion (RBL) at 12 noon with the opening ode. From here the Oddfellow's, led by Warslow Silver Band, leave to make for scheduled stops on Dig Street, Bankside and Mill Lane Farm culminating at the School House in The Dale.

The band and Oddfellows will arrive at the school well, by the War Memorial, at 2.40pm where the well will be blessed by Rev'd Adele and a Hymn sung. From here the procession will lead off to the Village Well- there, a service and blessing will be held. Following the "closing Ode" the Oddfellow's will retire to the RBL. We look forward to welcoming the community and visitors. In the evening, 8pm, there will be live music entertainment in the RBL.

**Great North Run-** Good Luck to Sue and Phillip Parker who will be doing this on September 10<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for "Cardio-myopathy UK". Sponsor forms are available in the Royal British Legion and Sue Peach Newsagent.

**Willow Weaving Workshops** are coming to Hartington! Starting with a small berry basket on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, there will be different events throughout the year so you can come and learn this ancient craft. For more information and to book please visit: [www.joellejoanne.com](http://www.joellejoanne.com) I hope to showcase what people can make at the open day on the 5<sup>th</sup> September. Will bring along some of my examples of different baskets and sculptures.

**Informal Flora** -The next class will be held on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the usual time of 1.00pm - 3.00pm, in Hartington Village Hall. Cost £15.00 per person, per session. Linda and Sarah look forward to seeing everyone again after the summer holidays. Please let us know if you are hoping to come; there is as always lots of chat, tea, coffee and homemade cake on offer to make the sessions even more fun! Remember to bring your aprons, secateurs and diaries with you so we can sort out dates for following sessions, thank you. Linda - 07757844977, Sarah 01298 84319.

**Hartington C of E Primary School-** We look forward to welcoming the children back on 5<sup>th</sup> September after the summer holiday. The next 7 weeks are filled with lots of opportunities to live our

school mission and Christian values alongside our community following the story of the Good Samaritan

- 5-9<sup>th</sup> September – Wells Dressings- the Theme- Beresford Dale
- 20<sup>th</sup> September – the "3 Dales Sports" - postponed from the summer term
- 30<sup>th</sup> September – Macmillan Coffee morning
- October 2<sup>nd</sup> St Giles Harvest Festival where the boxes will be taken to the Ashbourne food bank 3-5<sup>th</sup> October
- Football and Tag Rugby will be the competitive festivals for both KS1 and KS2 alongside 5 weeks of Curriculum swimming
- Orienteering Course will be in full use both in the school grounds and at the YHA.

We will also be linking with the community through the intergenerational project – "Active Across Ages" as well as Rose Clark- PDNPA warden as we prepare to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Village Trail in 2023 and willow weaving with Sally Wheal.

**Wildflowers in Hartington** Our latest volunteer day took place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at the Youth Hostel and thank you to the fourteen volunteers who spent the day working on both the pond and orchard. Great progress was made clearing the areas, including the pond ahead of relining later this year to restore it to its former glory. Lots of nettles removed as well. We also carried out the first cut and rake of the grass in the orchard area.

Once the pond is restored, not only will it become a haven for wildlife again, but our intention is also to make it accessible both for guests of the Youth Hostel and members of the community to visit and take in the beautiful surroundings, with activities such as pond dipping taking place.

Organised in partnership with the lovely team at the Youth Hostel who provided hot drinks and lunch to keep us going, our volunteers came from near and far - Hartington to Birmingham, Crewe & North Yorkshire to name but a few. All agreed it was a very enjoyable day in a glorious location and further volunteer days are planned for later this year, anyone is welcome to join.

The pollinator friendly plants in the new village planters continue to do well, especially the herbs around the bus stop and if you need a sprig or two for cooking, please feel free to help yourself. Thanks again to the volunteers who have been keeping the planters watered – especially important over the hot summer months.

Across our other wildflower areas, lots of bees and butterflies have been seen taking full advantage of the flowers in bloom over the Summer, and as we move into early Autumn, plans will be made to cut back



where appropriate, followed by removal of cuttings to prevent too many nutrients returning to the soil (which wildflowers don't like too much of).

If you have any wildflower seeds you've collected and have some spare, we'd love to hear from you – we are currently collecting to give out to others across our community who want to grow wildflowers and will be giving out free seeds to those who visit our display at the Hartington Community Group event on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Finally, Hartington Wildflowers has recently featured in the local press as well as the Peak District website! With photos from the Bankside and Youth Hostel areas, we hope it will provide inspiration and ideas for others around the area to do similar in their gardens or land. If you'd like a copy of the article, contact details are 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](mailto:wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com) or feel free to call Phillip Neal on 07714 895175.. We also have a Facebook page - **Hartington Wildflowers** that contains helpful guides and information about how to encourage wildflowers in your garden.

**Hartington Village Hall:** As we move into the Autumn, we are delighted to see that as well as our established groups moving forward, we are seeing new group sessions appearing including a **Pre-School group** at 10.30 on Tuesdays starting on 13<sup>th</sup> September, an **Introduction to Lip Reading** at 4.00 on Wednesdays from 21<sup>st</sup> September, and **Folk Singing** (dates to be confirmed). Several one-off events have also been booked: a **Berry Basket workshop** on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, a **Well-being festival** on the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup> September, a **Bingo evening** on 8<sup>th</sup> October as a fund raiser for our Parent and Child Friday Club, and a **family Halloween disco** on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Our full calendar, continually being updated with activities, can be viewed at <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/bookings/calendar>.

## Biggin News

**St Thomas's Church-** Everyone is welcome to join us on the last Sunday of each month at 6pm for Evening Prayer. Join us for a cuppa and a catchup at 5.30pm before joining in with a quiet and reflective service. We will be using the Common Worship Morning and Evening Prayer Book and on occasion exploring Taize and Iona forms of worship. It's a regular opportunity to be still and to grow in

Our AGM will take place at 6pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – our Hall is owned by the community and managed by a team of volunteers. Please come along to hear about progress made over the past year and contribute to our plans for 2022/2023.

**Hartington Village Hall Lottery Update:** our July winner with Number 101 was Josie Clayton of Mayfield. Our August winner with Number 34, drawn by Joanne Benson at the Pilates group, is Mr and Mrs Vern Whilock of Foxt, Staffordshire who are long term members of the Wednesday Social Dance club, this is their second win this year. The August draw for a £300 prize was our final one in the 2021/2022 cycle. The impact of our three lotteries, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 has been immense, providing the critical 'seed' money to bring in successful grant bids to bring about the refurbishment of the Hall.

At a special Hartington Community Group open meeting to be held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 we are launching a third lottery for 2022/2023 with, as before, monthly prizes of £100, with bumper prizes of £500 in December 2022 and £300 in August 2023. The unwelcome water feature which has appeared on the west facing gable end wall of the Upper Bakehouse has dominated our property management thinking in recent months but with funding now secure for the repairs we will push ahead in the Autumn on the kitchen refurbishment. We expect that the kitchen refurbishment costs will be met from the 2021/2 and the new 2022/3 lottery monies.

**Thank you to everyone who has supported us so well in the past three years – the lottery seed monies of £10K has been instrumental in bringing in over £60K in grants.**

Anyone interested in supporting this worthy cause please contact David Graham, our lottery promoter, on [hartlot2@gmail.com](mailto:hartlot2@gmail.com). September and October draws will both take place on Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> so please make sure you take out your subscription before then!

prayerfulness. St Thomas's will be expanding opportunities for prayer in the coming months.

Our next festival service will be the Harvest Festival led by Rev'd Alan Griggs on 9 October at 2pm followed by refreshment and an auction of fresh produce as last year. The food bank box will be at the back of the church for donations of tinned and packet goods. If anyone is available to help with refreshments, please let Julia know as help would be very welcome. Keep an eye on the church notice board

and social media for information about decorating the church for harvest and harvest donations as well as for information about the harvest supper which will be on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The next community service will be the All Souls' Community service on 6 November at 6pm led by Sarah Lacey.

St Thomas's is delighted to work closely with Biggin School. The school will be holding its school harvest service on 7<sup>th</sup> October in church in the afternoon. We hope to produce a temporary piece of art inspired by nature in the churchyard based on found natural objects. Parents, friends and family are very welcome to join us. If you would like to help with refreshments, please talk to Julia or a member of the PCC. Key Stage One and Reception will be helping us to plant more bulbs during the autumn term ready for February's Snowdrop Festival. Following from our first Messy Church event in June this year we will be offering a messy church activity in the Autumn for mums, carers and small people which we hope will become a regular part of St Thomas's calendar. If you would like to be involved with the organisation of messy church for toddlers and babies or have an idea for a community service, please talk to Julia or a member of the PCC.

We are looking for someone who would be interested in helping us to develop St Thomas's potential to raise funds through tourism or help organising secular events in the church. We are also a Fairtrade church and would like to grow this aspect of stewardship. If you have some time to spare and would like to either help out or to be part of the team responsible for developing any of these aspects of St Thomas's plans, please talk to Julia or a member of the PCC.

In other news we are making progress with the idea of a regular social group – 'Coffee, cake and chat' hopes to meet once a month in the village hall – we want to welcome everyone so it will be much more than a knit and natter. More information to follow soon. We also continue to make progress with the churchyard project. Along with the other nine churches in Rev'd Adele's two benefices we have more of a presence online – we can be found here: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13220/>. We can also now receive online donations and have our own QR code for anyone who would like to make a donation.

**"Billy's Seat"** - Quote from Granville- "After reading my article in your magazine and the addition by Mr and Mrs Lamb I rang them and made arrangement to visit them at home. So pleased I did. They are a wonderful couple, and we had a good hour chatting and reminiscing. By the way, Bill makes a great cup of tea. He even explained how he inadvertently singed his eyebrows and nearly blew Rita off her seat at the bonfire. We did have a chuckle about that. Time just

flew and then I went on with my walk. Tissington trail to Hartington Station then back over the fields to Heathcote and Biggin. Of course, I called at the Church but when I got to the seat instead of saying thank you I asked him why he had dropped me into a "right old pickle". With a wink of course. Granville

**Biggin C of E Primary School** -I hope everyone is enjoying a lovely, restful break after a very successful and busy summer term. We are especially proud of all our fabulous Year 6 leavers. They shared lots of their special memories at their Leavers Presentation in the last week and have been such a big part of school. Many thanks to all the family members who came, despite the extreme heat, to be in the audience and help give them a good send off. Although they will be missed by us all, we know they have worked extremely hard to be ready for their exciting new adventure at High School and wish them every well-deserved success.

We are looking forward to a wonderful Autumn term as usual and hope you might like to be involved in the following events if you can. Everyone is very welcome to join us at St Thomas's Parish Church for our school Harvest Festival on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, at 9.15 am. Parents, grandparents and carers of young children are also welcome to join us in school on Friday afternoons for a play and a story. Please telephone school (01298 84279) in advance to let us know you are coming. Also, we are always keen to hear from members of the community who would like to talk to the children about their jobs and hobbies. Please call school if you think you can support us with this work. Teresa Nicholls

**Waterloo Inn** I like to say a big Thank you to all that came and supported our beer festival and fun day, due to the hot weather certain events were unable to take place but we still had a great time. We raised an estimated total of £900 to the Mountain Rescue Search Dogs. A big thank you to all the staff at the Waterloo and friends that helped to set things up, clear tables and help run stalls. Also a thank you to all that provided a raffle prize, cakes and biscuits. We have just finished our first season in the Derbyshire Dales Boules League, we have managed to be in the middle of our league. This takes place on a Sunday evening at 6pm, lasts about 2 hours. We are considering doing a mini tournament for anyone to take part in, three people per team. This has been a great season for us and a very enjoyable evening. Debs, Stevie and Steve.





## Earl Sterndale News

**“Church Social Saturday”**- Our Summer Afternoon Tea, took place on the 16th of July. The event proved to be another sell out, the weather was good and helped bring many of the visitors to our village, into our church, for a welcome rest and home-made refreshments. Thankyou everybody for your help and support.

**Queens Platinum Jubilee**- Earl Sterndale PCC would like to say thank you, for a number of anonymous donations that were made to our church on Jubilee Saturday.

**Golden Wedding**- Congratulations and best wishes to Roland and Jessie Etches who celebrated their Golden Wedding on the 10th of June 2022.

**Weddings** -Congratulations and Best Wishes to Steve and Hazel of Wheeldon Trees, who were married in Ashbourne on Friday the 29th of July.

**Congratulations** and Best Wishes to Jade Bradbury and Eric Lawrence, who were married on Saturday the 6th of August at Hartington Church.

**90th Birthday** -Special Birthday wishes, to Mary Wheeldon, on your 90th Birthday. Wishing you a lovely day and a Happy Year. Thankyou Mary, for all your help and support with Earl Sterndale Church.

**Earl Sterndale Methodist Chapel news** - Our regular activities are now being held each month. Services continues at 10am on the 4th Sunday each month and visitors are always welcome. We look forward to joining the congregation at the church for their flower festival service on August 28th. The community coffee morning on the first Wednesday each month is a relaxed morning, and it is good to see friends able to join us again.

During August we have tried new activities. On August 17<sup>th</sup> a **“POPUP”** café opened in the chapel and there was a steady stream of customers enjoying delicious cakes and savouries. Residents and many walkers appreciated some refreshment after their walk. Thank you to Elaine and Alison who, run the Chapel Hall tearoom in Hollinsclough. They suggested trying out a mid-week café in the village. We hope that the café may be repeated from time to time. Please look out for notices of future dates.



**MESSY CHURCH.** A morning of activities for children was held on August 18<sup>th</sup> focussed on “Gods wonderful world.” With the help of Dave from Brick corner café in Buxton children used Lego to build and

programme a frog which was linked to iPad and could jump, croak and race with other frogs. We also made a collage of all things creative and linked it with our theme.



Looking forward the chapel will be open as a check point for walkers undertaking the Bullock smithy hike on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. this long-distance walk is organised by the scouts from Hazel Grove.

**Our Harvest festival is at 10am on September 24<sup>th</sup>** and will be led by Rev Andrew Parker. The chapel will be decorated for the occasion. We will not be holding a harvest sale this year but would still welcome gifts of dried and tinned goods which will be taken to the Buxton food bank after the service.

**The Parish Council** recently arranged AED (automatic external defibrillator) familiarisation and emergency life support training, in the Chapel. Several public-spirited villagers took the opportunity to attend, which was fun and informative. Our grateful thanks to Tideswell and Hope Valley First Responders who provided the training accompanied by audio visual presentations and ‘Hands- on’ manikins. The next council meeting is 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**Earl Sterndale C of E Primary School** - We had our first live school play performance since 2019 (As opposed to our more recent socially distanced Hollywood productions). We did our own version of Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone, complete with an encore of magic tricks. The children performed wonderfully, and a great time was had by all.

Likewise, we had our first proper Leavers Party / Summer Fair since 2019, including our infamous tennis ball race down the hill. We had many stalls and games for the children, and everyone had a fabulous evening. Thank you to everyone who attended and thank you also to everyone who very kindly donated prizes to our raffle and auction.

Our school leavers service took place on the last day of term, the Harry Potter Theme carried forward with musical and dance routines, as we said a fond farewell to Fay and Freddie and wished them well in secondary school in September. A big thankyou and fond

farewell was also given to Miss Taylor, last year's student teacher.

**Diary Dates - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September** Social Coffee Morning (in church) 11am till 3pm

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September** Family Bingo (in church) 7.30pm **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October** Social Coffee Morning, (in church), 11am till 3pm.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October** Harvest Festival Service 6.30pm **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** School Harvest Service (in church) 2pm. **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** Harvest Sale (in church) 7.00pm

**Sterndale Moor Social Club-** please see insert giving details of this wonderful community resource.

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Keep an eye out for our 2023 calendar full of local photos. This should be available from September and will make an excellent Christmas present, whilst also supporting The Pomeroy Trust. Please contact [pomeroywmh@talktalk.net](mailto:pomeroywmh@talktalk.net) if you would like more information or to register your interest.

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