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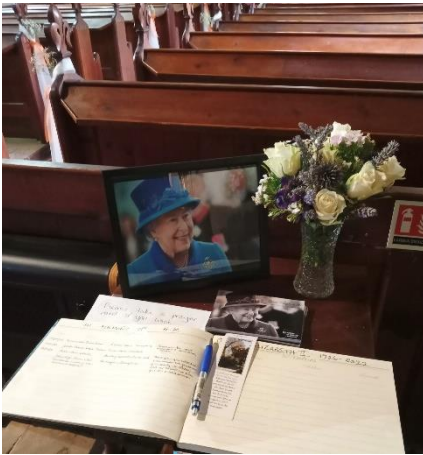
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The Three Village Communities acknowledging the passing of Queen Elizabeth II

Alongside the national and international sadness on hearing of the death, at 96 years of age, of our longest reigning monarch, our three parishes acknowledged the immense contribution and service she had made. Here is a “snapshot” of what happened during the period of national mourning:-



Biggin With our Flags at half mast, a book of remembrance and a beautiful evening prayer service with candles, we quietly mourned the passing of our Queen here in Biggin. Our commemorative telephone box will remain as a mark of respect and a tree planting is planned.

Hartington's Well dressing, planned as a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, suddenly turned into a poignant message of thanks and a tribute to her incredible reign, that ended so unexpectedly just a day before the well was erected.

At the same time, again planned as a Jubilee celebration, the 'Walk of Words' in St Giles Churchyard incorporated illustrations and words from her Majesty throughout her life. The display is still in place and serves as a fitting tribute to her wonderful life and service to our nation.

David Annat on behalf of Hartington Parish Council, said “Our Village was incredibly lucky that the Well Dressing and Church displays were in place as hugely impactful tributes to our Queen. The number of visitors standing and photographing the well during its two-week display, had to be seen to be believed.”



A simple and reflective service of thanksgiving for the life of the late queen was held in St Giles Church on Sunday September 11th. A recording of the slow air, 'The Dark Isle, ' was played on the bagpipes at the beginning of the service and a bouquet of garden roses was placed upon the altar. This was done in loving remembrance and gratitude for so many years of selfless service given. Thank you Ma'am. R.I.P.

Earl Sterndale School lowered the Church Tower Flag to half-mast for our Queen. Members of our church PCC opened the church on Saturday the 18th September for the community to be able to come into church, to sign a book of remembrance and light a candle



Vicar letter- As I write this, I am recovering from a second bout of Covid, which is perhaps sadly something that many of you will be able to empathise with. One of the consequences for me of this illness has been the need to isolate and rest and sadly spend much less time than I would ordinarily do outdoors. One of my favourite pastimes is walking; I walk every day mostly with our two dogs for company. Walking has evidently been proven to have both mental and physical health benefits, but for me it is also about spending time with God in his creation.

I came across these words written by John Muir, a Scottish-American environmentalist recently, 'I would rather be on a mountain thinking about God than in church thinking about a mountain.' I can relate to his sentiments - being outside in the wonder of creation has always created in me a sense of freedom, belonging and joy. In addition, walking provides some sense of healing and whole-making as I am in no doubt that God ministers to us through his creation - perhaps this is why during recent illness the longing to walk outside has been high!

Scripture is full of references to praising God in creation; 'You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace, the mountains and the hills will burst into song before you and all the trees will clap their hands. (Isaiah 55:12). The Israelites sang psalms and prayers as they walked together, and you may already be aware that some Psalms were sung by Pilgrims walking to Jerusalem. Psalm 121 is one example which starts, 'I lift my eyes to the mountain where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.'

We will of course be remembering some journeys in our Christmas stories...of which there are many; Joseph and Mary travelling to Bethlehem to register for the census along with many others; the shepherds walking hurriedly to find Mary, Joseph and Jesus after being visited by angels and then the long journey of the Magi who followed a star to find the new King...Each journey offering time to reflect and wonder, to pray and to praise God and to take time on the journey to heal, to grow and to become more aware of the splendour of the creator as He calls us onward.

I hope that in this season you will have time to travel slowly, to walk and pray and praise God for all we enjoy in creation. That you will take time to reconnect with God and his good creation and to do this in the light of Christ, through whom and for whom all things were created. Every Blessing, Adele

Hartington Surgery update- Autumn Flu and Covid booster vaccinations have started. The aim is to combine both your Flu and Covid booster vaccine at the same time, wherever possible. If you have already had one of these vaccinations this year, or do not want to combine them, then there will be some alternative clinics at a separate time. The Surgery has no control over the vaccine delivery which is delivered in small batches. As soon as vaccine arrives, the clinics are added, and eligible patients are contacted. If you are eligible for a vaccine, you will be contacted by text, letter or phone call. If you do receive an invitation, it is highly recommended that you attend for vaccination to prevent, potentially, serious illness.

Plans are underway to re-surface the area in front of the Surgery entrance and re-build the wall which separates the parking area from the access to the rear parking area. Most of the work will be completed over a weekend. Apologies in advance for any disruption. Please be aware that the front parking area is reserved for Surgery patients who have mobility problems or have a Disabled Parking badge. Please do not park in this area unless you fit these criteria.

From October 2022 the Dispensary closes at 12.30pm every Wednesday and will close at 6.00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Dispensary opening times – (Reception opening times are unchanged)

Monday 8am - 6pm, Tuesday 8am - 6pm, Wednesday 8am - 12.30pm, Thursday 8am - 6pm, Friday 8am - 6pm

Please take note of this when ordering or collecting prescriptions. Thank you for your co-operation

Tales of the Field Tales from the field- As winter is creeping in, I am found wandering the garden lamenting the loss of the pretties I have so admired this summer. The roses, which were dug up and transported in a carrier bag to Biggin from my late grandparent's garden, were stunning this year and my bee garden was covered in butterflies,



literally fighting for space with the bees – it the time of year I start a project to keep me busy in the garden through winter. The arrival of a long awaited grandchild last year prompted me to begin building a swing frame, I am now eagerly awaiting grandbaby No.2 this month and as often happens with my projects, its developing into somewhat of a slightly larger project, currently consisting of the swing, a climbing frame soon to be castle, a slide bridge over a sea of lavender and not forgetting the small Romany caravan (recently acquired after literally months of begging for it to be sold to me – thank you for finally giving in :) that I'm renovating and plan to turn into a lovely little reading room. I hear the whispers of my family that it is turning into grandma's theme park but isn't it lovely to just let our imaginations go wild, to see the world through the eyes of a child again! My children have grown up and flown the proverbial nest, with their own nests now so I can create and be as whimsical as I please here without a thought for boring matters like sensibleness and practicality. Grandparenting is wonderfully liberating for the mind!

I read that the late Queen and I have something in common on the topic of grandbabies and whimsical creations. Her majesty redesigned a playhouse for her own grandchildren which belonged to her as a child. The house, which has a thatched roof and individual rooms, was a gift from Wales when she was 6 years old and is called 'the little house' during its recent renovation, the Queen chose new fabrics and wallpapers herself and even moved it to Windsor so she could oversee the project. (Photos of the Queens play house can be found online if you are interested) it is still used by her grandchildren and I'm certain this beautiful gift will be enjoyed for generations. The legacy of the Queen, of their much-loved GanGan, will live on in 'the little house'.

Childrens Corner- The cold weather has arrived and we're all spending more time inside so I asked my co-editor Millie to share a review on a free social media app she loves using.

It's called **BeReal** and it encourages being in the moment. It sends a notification at a random point throughout the day, once you receive the notification a two-minute timer starts. The point of the timer is to prevent 'preparing' for a photo. Wherever you are or what you're doing, you can show friends and family what you're up to. You can take a photo on time, post a 'late' photo or miss it entirely but the point of the app is to be in the moment and see what people all over the world are really doing!

'Its good fun and makes you realise that the insignificant moments are just as special as the big moments in life. It's a creative twist on social media as it catches you off guard in a wholesome way.'

Early learners & pre-schoolers app is recommended by Olivia, who is 5. It's called "the very hungry caterpillar" and is free. 'I can water plants and watch things grow and the caterpillar eats which is cute'

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Sunday 6 th November Morning Praise 11.00 am
Sunday 13 th November Remembrance Service 10.15am
Please be seated by 10am
Sunday 20 th November Reflective Holy Communion 11.00 am
Sunday 27 th November -Family Service 11.00 am
Sunday 4 th December Holy Communion 11.00 am
Sunday 11 th December Morning Praise 11.00 am
Sunday 18 th December Christmas Carol Service 6.00 pm
Saturday 24 th December Crib Service 4.00 pm
Saturday 24 th December Midnight Mass 11.30 pm

PCC- The next meeting is on November 30th at 7.00pm in the Bakehouse. It is with sadness that the death of Mrs Rachel Horne has been announced. Mrs Horne was a well-known and lifelong visitor to Hartington, being the daughter of the late Rev'd and Mrs Geoffrey Prime. St Giles Church P.C.C. wish to offer our sincere condolences to the family.

Following the sad and unexpected death of **Rachael Horne**, in August, a memorial service in celebration of her life, was held at St. Giles' Church, Hartington, on Friday 14 October. Rachael was the daughter of Rev and Mrs Geoffrey Prime, and had spent much of her young life, until her marriage, living with her family at Dove Cottage. She loved Hartington, it's Church, and it's people, and was much loved and respected by all who knew her. She will be sadly missed. After the service her ashes were buried in the family grave, and the service was followed by an enjoyable meal at the Charles Cotton Hotel. Jennie Dullage.

Jane Allen- Sadly, Jane passed away in September. Her funeral attended by family was on the 5th October at St Cuthberts church in Ormesby North Yorkshire where she was born, baptised and married. A memorial service is planned in the future where her ashes will be interred

alongside her husband Roy in St Giles church Hartington. Jane was a key member of the Well dressing team along with Roland Tacey who also sadly passed away recently. Both were remembered during the recent Well Dressing service.

Gordon Stone. Gordon died on 25th September 2022 at Presentation Sisters Care Centre, Matlock. He had been in care for about 18 months, during which time his health slowly deteriorated, with a sudden decline in the days leading up to his death. All his close family were able to visit in those last few days and he would sometimes smile in recognition, as different members of the family visited his bedside.

He was born on 8th June 1929 and grew up in Winster, doing his national service partly in Malaysia before returning to Winster and a job with the Co-Op. He and Jean were married in 1953, with Gordon continuing to work for the Co-Op, becoming manager of the Hartington shop in 1958. When the local Co-Op group went into liquidation in 1968, Gordon and Jean took over the business and from that time until retirement in 1992, Gordon spent the largest proportion of his working hours, plying his van round, whilst Jean ran day to day business in the shop, having a 'day off' on Sunday, when Gordon ran the shop for the reduced Sunday hours.

The van round ventured far afield, including Pike Hall, Biggin, Friden, Newhaven. Heathcote, Sheen, Newtown, areas around Longnor, Alstonefield, Wetton, & Ecton, mainly visiting farms and cottages. Gordon thoroughly enjoyed both being 'out and about' and the constant interaction with people entailed in running the round. Even after retirement he continued to help with the van round, with the business now in the hands of new owners, Luke and Rose Gregory.

Retirement in 1992 at long last enabled Gordon and Jean to enjoy leisure time together and to settle into

more of the social scene, both enjoying dancing classes in particular. Possibly inspired by Ron & Eileen Riley's musical involvement, Gordon took up playing the electronic organ, buying his own substantial bit of kit that lived for several years in a corner of the house. Another link with Ron, was their shared involvement with the Oddfellows, both participating in the annual Wakes week march. He ventured so far as to attempt computer lessons, but never really got to grips with this aspect of 'modern' technology. Email addresses proved a stumbling block, he rationalising that if the postman could successfully deliver letters with slightly varying addresses, then surely the same principle could be applied to emails!

Gordon and Jean enjoyed a long and happy retirement, something to be hugely grateful for. With Jean's death in January 2021 and failing health, Gordon moved into the Matlock care home in late February of that year. Lockdown rules, at the time required that he spend the first week in isolation at the care home. In a short space of time, he lost his wife and home environment, moving into an unfamiliar setting where he knew no-one and was initially isolated. It took an immediate toll on his health and weakened him further, but he bravely made the shift into care, where he eventually made his mark, still displaying that happy, smiling countenance that he so often bore throughout his life. He always enjoyed the company of others, preferring company to any solitary pursuits and he continued to interact happily with a number of the carers. Dementia robbed him of much of his short term memory capacity, but the older memories lingered and recognition of people remained with him to the end.

The following words written by two of his grandchildren within days of his death, help to paint a picture of the father, grandfather and great grandfather his family remember:

'Yesterday my Grandad passed away in the early hours of the morning at the grand age of 93. After rapidly deteriorating from last Monday we weren't sure he was going make Wednesday night but he managed to stay with us till both my brothers got to see him too.

A bit about my Grandad; he was called Rolf Gordon Stone but he was known as Gordon. He was well loved in the community. He used to be the other half of the shop him and my Granny owned in Hartington but he would go out and do food deliveries, while my Granny would run the shop with help.

He didn't have an easy life growing up with his biological mum walking out on him and his brother and dad. Then his dad getting remarried, but it was the classic his step mum treated him and his brother poorly. He met my Granny in his 20s on a night out with a friend when they went to the village of Hartington to a dance.

He would often try and make us laugh and was a very outgoing person, happy to talk to strangers, was a big Derby County supporter, and wasn't afraid to dress up

as various characters on village social occasions, once as Wild Rose.

I am grateful for the short time I got to see him in his final days and to be able to spend time with him, by his bedside, unlike my Granny who I couldn't visit.

I try and remember the good times such as, when a child, him taking me for a ride on his bike round their drive and then when he got fed up, saying "I have a bone in my leg" and rattling his false teeth and making silly faces to cheer me up. I shall miss both my Grandparents very much and be grateful I got to spend the time I did with them. RIP Grandad'

'My grandad R.G., my last living grandparent, died over the weekend. It was less of a sudden shock this time -- he took a turn for the worse last Monday, and I went up to Derbyshire to see him on Saturday morning, by which time he was no longer verbally responsive. He'd suffered from dementia, and the loss of my granny a year and a half ago dealt a huge blow, so we had been losing him piece by piece for a while.

Still very strange to think that just over two years ago, in the middle of the first lockdown, I stayed for the week with both of them (someone had to take care of grandad while granny was at hospital for a time) in the same house they'd occupied all my life, in the tiny Derbyshire village where me and my brother and sister spent huge chunks of our childhoods. Although they'd both grown infirm and a stairlift had been put in, that place was like a time capsule. For it all now to go, feels like coming unmoored. Except for during the pandemic, I haven't actually lived in Derbyshire since I was two, and yet largely because of my link through them and my memories of them, it feels more like home than anywhere else.

He was more stereotypically northern than, and nowhere near as bookish as my granny -- the kind of man who fast-forwards through the romantic scenes in James Bond movies, or recently, changes channel halfway through King Kong because he's mistaken a lull in the action for the end of the film.

I found it hard to hold a conversation with him -- at least until we could have the same conversation ten times a day because he'd forget we'd had it -- but he was nevertheless, for the most part, easy to be around because he was quick to cheer or clown, to respond warmly or impishly or goonishly, depending on the mood. When he was grumpy -- which he was, increasingly -- it was often in a very funny way. We would enjoy him initially refusing to take part in a game, then shouting out the answers anyway, or trying to convince us that changing the channels too fast would fritz the telly, or latterly, complaining that he was 'sweating cobs' one minute and then 'freezing' two minutes after you'd opened the room door to let air circulate.

I remember his remarking on my inability to cut straight slices of bread -- "You've gone all uphill and down dale!" -- or recently, after failing to watch the end of King Kong,

he just made up his own ending and insisted he'd seen it: "The woman left on the boat, and a big tear rolled down King Kong's cheek, and then he died." Aye-aye," he'd say, when we poured into the house after driving up for the holidays, as if we'd just stopped in from down the road.'

Wells Dressing -A big thankyou to everyone who helped with the Well dressing this Year. It was extraordinary right from the start and for those who are not familiar with this Derbyshire tradition here is a summary.

For the first time we had no water in the Pond to soak the boards. This is a process that takes a week, enough time for the boards to get really soaked to give the clay more chance of staying 'wet' and therefore keeping the flowers fresh.

With the help of Richard Sherratt, it was decided to make a platform at our yard – a mini pond in fact. Colin Deaville and Michael Bassett arrived with a trailer carrying the boards and bags of clay retrieved from last years Well. These had been kindly stored at Morson's Farm. A week passed during which David and I started soaking the clay in an attempt to break it up. We had a couple of months earlier driven over to Denbigh Pottery near Belper to buy new clay with the intention of mix and matching.

On Sunday 4th September Alex Leslie and his children Jack and Amy, along with Andy Bray volunteered to help 'puddle' the clay (well not exactly volunteered but were press ganged!) Basically, you tread on slippery clay and try and mulch it down until the water has mixed into the clay to a manageable consistency. It takes for ever! It's very tiring and you get covered! (Sorry Cathy for returning your family plastered). However, we've mastered the art now thanks to Andy Bray who brilliantly oversaw quality control and after loads of coffee, chocolate and coke, the boards were filled with lovely smooth wet clay.

(Thankyou Ian, Mick and Fiona Parsons for all those years you covered this job. We hadn't realised how much hard work was involved). Colin and Michael came back in the afternoon to collect the prepared boards and place them at the School and the Village Hall.

September is a difficult time of year to find flowers to dress a Well and particularly this year being at the back end of a drought. On our walks, David and I stripped broom bushes, alder trees, berries, and cicely seeds. Liz Broomhead had planted statice in her garden, so we were guaranteed a lovely strong colour of blue, white and yellow. Janet Bray and Cally Gregory have wonderful gardens full of unusual plants and bushes and kindly they became a "hunter gatherers" too. On the Monday of well dressing week, Mary, Janet and I met in the village hall to start the process of dressing the Well, and during the morning helpers started to trickle in.

The main Well consists of three sections, the top, the part that frames the main picture and the main picture. To begin with we place the drawing onto the prepared

boards, prick out the design with a cocktail stick, peel the drawing off the clay and then join the dots together using thick wool. A bit like a dot-to-dot painting. Then it's a case of referring back to the coloured drawing and filling in with whatever is suitable. We filled the drawing with Coffee beans for the lettering, sunflower seeds for the Palace, popcorn for the marmalade, risotto rice for the sandwiches, fir cone scales for Paddington's coat, red rowan berries for his hat and the soldiers and cupresses for the grass. For the gate we used broom seeds and cicely seeds, while the sides were filled in with Niger seeds and hydrangea petals for the sky, filling in with shrubs etc and whatever we could find.

The theme was originally designed to be a celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee when it was designed in June this year, inspired by the tv sketch of Paddington taking tea with the Queen.

However, on the Thursday when the Queen suddenly became ill and subsequently died we were faced with a real dilemma. Was the Well still appropriate? In fact, as we heard the news while still petalling, helpers all decided the theme and message still worked and in fact took on a much more poignant meaning. The 'Thank You Ma'am' became a heartfelt thank you for the Queen's whole life - not just her Platinum Jubilee.

We were so grateful to those that came to help. This year we were joined by a lovely group of people. I would like to thank Julie and David, Cathy Manson, Kay, Sarah Farmer, Leslie Birch, Liz and Stuart Hitch, Dorothy, Janet, Anne Holt, Cally, Jenny and John (aka petal). Also, the lady who had recently moved to Butterton, Jo from Reapsmoor, Mandy from Warslow, and a special thankyou to Mary for being my number one and committing so much of her time.

On the Friday evening Colin, Alan Deaville and Michael put the Wells in place. It is always astonishing for us to see our creation in the vertical position as we have been literally "face down" on it all week.

Finally on the Saturday the Service began at 2.45 at the School Well with the Warslow Silver Band and Hartington Oddfellows marching and then on to the main Well for 3pm. The service was conducted by Rev Adele and a huge gathering took place. The following Monday the Press came to Hartington and Mary, and I were interviewed by BBC Derby at 7am at the Main Well. Not sure we enjoyed that bit but the coverage did bring many more tourists into the village and it was lovely to see it being photographed by so many people. We had social media sites ranging from Derbyshire Dales and the Peak District to Escape to the Chateau Fan Club covering the event with pictures of the well and astonishingly over 70,000 likes on their Facebook pages.

We were asked, for the first time, to leave the Well in situ for two weeks where the image held up surprisingly well and raised over £450 which will go to a charity. After the two weeks, David and I picked out all the above seeds

from both wells and put the clay back in the bags ready for Colin and Michael to take back to Morsons farm.

As you can see there is a lot involved behind the scenes and although I get a lot of recognition for the design, I just wanted to acknowledge those who made it all possible and enjoyable creating what turned out to be probably the most memorable Well we have created. THANK YOU ALL!

NB. The School designed their own Well this year and what a colourful display it was. With more children attending the school now it is hoped that this wonderful tradition will continue so thank you Fiona, Janet, Kay school children and parents for making it so vibrant.

Sue/Phillip Parker- Congratulations to both on completing the Great North Run in September in under 3 hours raising over £2000 for cardio myopathy

Sue Bruce – Congratulation on receiving the Post Office Community Service Award from Nick Read – CEO Post Office. This acknowledges Sue working in partnership with the Post Office for 20 years- “being there in person for your customers and community”

Harvest Supper- October 2nd – Organised by St Giles PCC, over 80 people enjoyed a lovely event after the Harvest service in the Village Hall. As well as delicious Pie and Peas from Ash Butcher in Leek we were treated to lovely fruit crumbles made by the community. The gifts received in church and blessed by Rev'd Adele, received from the community parents/children of our school were taken by 4 of the school children to the Ashbourne food bank. They were extremely grateful. Thank you to Dorothy, our Church warden for organising and to the HYPAC Leaders for their service/ waiting on.

Hartington C of E Primary School- Term started on 5th September when we hit the ground running with the dressing of the school Well. This year it depicted Beresford Dale as we have worked with the National Park Rangers achieving the John Muir award and Ambassador School status. Thanks to Mrs Oliver for helping to design the Well and assisting the children along with Mrs Parsons and Mrs Baggle. Thank you to everyone who donated money raising £88.56. **September/October Activities-** 15.9.22- Rev Adele invited into school where she taught the children about the Christian Seasonal calendar, brought her robes for the children to try on and understand what the different colours represented. They discussed the Christian Value of friendship, listened to Bible stories, made and exchanged friendship bracelets and sang songs. 20.9.22- 5 Dales Sports day'. Held at Biggin School was attended by 5 cluster schools; 27.9.22-MAST- Collective Worship on 'Creation', also Class 1 and EYFS attended a inter school football competition, while in the afternoon class 2 children undertook the same activity at Parwich; 30.9.22- Macmillan Coffee Morning; incredible support enabled us to raise a staggering £566.45. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and helped in any way. The

late Bell Kerr would be very pleased with everyone's efforts. The children also performed a 'Street Dance', that they had learnt the day before, following a visit from a 'Street Dance' specialist; 7.10.22- MAST delivered the Bible story 'God's Wonderful World' through their puppet shows. This was very current as our Church Harvest display was 'God's Wonderful World' that was created in time for the Harvest service and supper on Sunday 2nd October, which some of the children took part in.

Forth coming events: Remembrance Service at the War Memorial 11.11.22 - followed by a visit from the Community Police Officer to deliver On-Line Safety. 17.11.22 Earl Sterndale, Biggin and Hartington will come together at St Giles Church for a Messy Church Session; KS2 attending Tag Rugby festival, 18.10.22 at Parwich; 6.12.22 whole school attending the Open Centre in Derby visiting a Hindu Temple and Synagogue. **Diary of Christmas Activities-** PTA- Christmas Market 12.11.22 10- 4pm; Nativity, St Giles Church- 14.12.22- 6pm, followed by Pea & Pie Supper in school organised by PTA (ticket only), Visit to Buxton Opera House – Pantomime 'Cinderella' 15-12-22 School Christmas Dinner - 21-12-22; School Party -22.12.22. School closes 22.12.22, re-opening 9.1.23. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Wildflowers in Hartington Not unlike the work the gardeners amongst you are now carrying out in your own gardens, Autumn is a time for clearing and preparing for next year across all our wildflower areas – removing this year's growth, digging over some of our areas and planting / seeding ready for next year. One helpful wildflower we are using to help manage grasses is Yellow-rattle – a parasitic plant that takes nutrients from grasses and helps keep them under control.

Even though the numbers of wildflowers are reducing as we move into the colder months, there is still plenty to see - now is a great time to find mushrooms and toadstools which are in abundance currently. You may be fortunate to see the beautiful (but poisonous) Fly Agaric – red with white spots which loves damp woodland areas.

Thank you to everyone who visited the Hartington Wildflower stand at the Community Event on the 5th of September – we had lots of interest from those who attended, giving our tip sheets about how to encourage wildlife in your garden as well as free wildflower seeds – we still have some left, if interested contact details are below.

Our new village planters have been a great success this year since they were installed in April, thanks to the generous funding from both the Parish Council and Peak District National Park Authority. With the introduction of pollinator friendly plants, we've seen an increase in the number of bees and butterflies visiting them, as well as positive feedback from residents and visitors alike. Many thanks to everyone who has been involved in making this happen – the building, installation,

planting, ongoing maintenance, and watering has all been carried out by many volunteers from across our community.

We've continued to organise volunteering events across our wildflower areas – including the Youth Hostel Pond and Bankside in October. The pond at the Youth Hostel is now ready for relining in November and will then fill up with water naturally over winter ready for wildlife to return in Spring. At Bankside, we've dug the area over to remove the grasses and have seeded and planted some new wildflowers ready for next year. We will continue to do work on our areas over the winter months, and if you'd like to help at a future event, please do get in touch – these are always enjoyable, as well as providing you with the opportunity to help support nature recovery locally.

Finally, on the 22nd November we are delighted to be welcoming back to Hartington the author Roger Morgan-Grenville, who visited the village in March during his 1000 mile walk from the south coast to Cape Wrath in Scotland. Roger was raising funds for Curlew Action whilst at the same time researching for a book, he is currently writing about how local communities such as ours are working to address biodiversity loss. He has written books on a wide range of subjects including cricket, honeybees, and cattle! Roger will be sharing some of his experiences with us at the Rural Social Group meeting on the 22nd at 2pm in the Village Hall – all are welcome to attend for what is bound to be a fascinating and enjoyable event.

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 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.

Hartington Village Hall: Our full calendar, continually being updated with activities, can be viewed at <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/bookings/calendar> . On 6th October we held our AGM followed by a Management Group meeting. Minutes and documents supporting our meeting can be viewed at <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/agenda-minutes/>. Our last financial year ending in August 2022 saw an income of £8,256 from hire and a further £14,770 from grants, donations and our lottery. However our spend was £32,273 with the majority being on the new heating system and asbestos removal. At year end we held £21,673 as a reserve though awaited invoices for a 5 year electrical inspection, new windows for the Upper Bakehouse and repairs to the Bakehouse gable wall and roof. The repairs to the Bakehouse have been successful with no sign of further water ingress.

We have committed to going ahead with a kitchen refurbishment with a design that will be displayed in the

Hall with an invitation to community members to pop in and offer constructive thoughts via a comments box. This is your chance to influence the refurbishment. The likely cost will be £17-£20K, so our lottery seed monies will need to attract match funding from one or more grants.

A budget in these challenging times has been set, again with the opportunity to view on our website. We have set an aspirational income target for 2022/3 of £26,460 with an anticipated spend of £35,242. The spend is again heavily influenced by repairs and improvements with an anticipated consequence that our reserves will shrink to below £10K. However please bear in mind that when the present Management Group of volunteers came together in Jan 2018 the Hall was facing bankruptcy yet has seen almost £80K invested in improvements over the last 4 years together with a return to financial stability and, most importantly, a very significant increase in the number and range of groups using the Hall.

We would welcome further volunteers to occasionally help out – an addition to our cleaning pairs, decoration, and/or admin. Just let Liz or Keith know.

Christmas in Hartington 2022- The following items tell of some of the activities planned. There will be a village Christmas tree from the Parish Council – the “light up” and supporting programme will be Sunday December 4th. Full details of all events will be posted on village website and facebook as well as posters around the village.

Hartington Sings begins again on Weds 2nd November when we will start practising for local Christmas events. We will meet in the village hall at the same time, **5pm to 6pm, each Wednesday from 2nd November to 14th December excluding 9th November**, for a fun community sing. If you can't make every week, don't worry, just turn up and join in. Absolutely

everyone is welcome, you don't have to live in Hartington, and we accept



all ages from 3 to 100 (school age need to bring a parent/carer). We hope to sing a couple of songs at the Christmas tree light up at 5pm on Sunday 4th December, then carol singing around the village on Friday 16th December and at the carol service at church on Sunday 18th December. Please contact me with any queries. *Liz Hitch* 687148 liz.hitch@btinternet.com

Walk of Words for Christmas at St Giles

We hope you enjoyed visiting St Giles' churchyard to see the Walk of Words which give quotes from Her Late Majesty the Queen. We refresh the posters and words every 6 months or so. The next 10 boards will be in place for Sunday 27th November, the first Sunday of Advent, each board featuring beautiful artwork completed by people from the village, including the school. We need

volunteers to complete the Christmas artwork so please get in touch with us urgently if you haven't yet done so. Thank you. Lucy Annat 84625 or Liz Hitch 687148

Hartington Farm shop & Cafe Christmas Party Menu

Have you planned your festive get together with family, friends, work colleagues yet? Our Festive Lunch menu is now available to book on selected dates only. Our cafe is perfect for larger groups of up to 45 persons, Check with us directly for available dates. Times from 12 - 2.30pm. Full Payment required on booking with pre order and any dietary requirements-please see menu attached to this edition. We are also taking bookings for Tea with Santa join us for some Festive Family Fun. **Father Christmas will be visiting us on Wednesday 21st December**

£18 per child (under 12 years) Includes a present from Santa (gifts suitable from 1years to 10 years) Tea includes

* Ham or Cheese Sandwich with sausage roll OR * Hot Dog with Chips OR * Vegetarian Sausage with Chips
* Christmas Cupcake * Baby-chino or juice carton
Adult £15 pp -Includes Festive Bap choose from Bacon, Brie & Cranberry OR Chicken & Stuffing OR Brie & Cranberry with Festive Drink (choose on the night) please let us know on any dietary requirements. Please note that tickets are limited and booking early is essential when booking we will need your child's name and age. Full payment is required on booking Arrival from 4:30pm, Food served at 5pm, Santa arriving at 5:30/ 5:45pm, Santa will then read all the Children a Christmas Story & presents received, Photo with Santa.

Cafe will be open serving festive treats with Alcoholic, soft / hot drinks as well as our Gift Shop open for those last minute hampers & Gifts Please call 0129884496 to book your table.

Biggin News

St Thomas's Church: Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone involved with the harvest festival and the harvest supper. Our next community service is a quiet, **reflective All Souls service of remembrance on 6 November at 6pm** for those wishing to remember loved ones. Everyone is welcome. **The annual Remembrance service is on 13 November at 2pm.**

There will be an evening prayer service on Sunday November 27 at 6pm. Why not join us for a cuppa and a chat at 5.30pm before the service? There will be no evening prayer on the last Sunday in December.

Everyone is welcome to help decorate the church for Christmas on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 December. We will be making the garland for the gallery front on Saturday 10 December. Why not drop in and give us a hand? No experience necessary. We would also be grateful for any holy, ivy, fir cones, seed heads and evergreens which can be dropped off at church.

Our candlelit carol service will take place on 18 December at 3pm. Children, and anyone else who wants to, are invited to come dressed as angels, shepherds, and wise men and women. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council - Heathcote Mere suffered from the summer drought which completely dried out the Mere. This presented a short window of opportunity, before there was any heavy rainfall, to remove the vast amount of silt and build-up of excess soil and weed in the Mere whilst retaining the clay base and preserving the remaining wildlife. This project has been successfully completed and the Mere has started to fill up with water again.

Plans are underway for a Covid-19 Memorial Plaque which will be placed in the Parish Council Cemetery. Further information to follow.

The annual Remembrance Day service will take place at St. Thomas's Church, Biggin at 2pm on 13th November, followed by a short service at the memorial and refreshments will be served in the Village Hall. There will be a road closure from 2.30pm until 3pm at the junction where Main Street joins Drury Lane.

To ensure that there are residents who are trained to use the defibrillator, located outside Biggin C of E Primary School, the Parish Council is hoping to arrange some Emergency Life Support CPR and AED training for a limited number of parishioners. If you are interested in participating in the training, please contact one of the Counsellors or the Parish Clerk.

The 'new look' telephone box is going to be used as an information point for Parish History. This is work in progress and will develop over time. Parish history contributions of photos and information are welcomed.

Faults on the highway and street lighting continue to be reported to Derbyshire County Council by the Parish Council. Progress is very slow, sometimes non-existent, and issues often must be reported more than once. It would be helpful if others also reported these issues as well via the Derbyshire County Council online portal. The poor road condition at Back Lane (Cheapside) will be reported again to request some remedial repair work.

If you need to contact the Parish Council you can email Parish Clerk, Sandra Hampson, via email at Sandra.hampson@hotmail.co.uk. Further information can be found by visiting www.hartingtonnetherquarterpc.co.uk.

Biggin C of E Primary School-We have had a brilliant start to the new academic year in Biggin! We've enjoyed masses of outdoor sport, including a fantastic afternoon when Monyash, Earl Sterndale, Hartington

and Parwich schools all joined us on our fabulous field for the 3 Dales Sports Event. Great fun was had by all and it was a super opportunity for all of the children to develop their skills and sportsmanship working in larger groups.

Our work as a church of England school continues as we welcomed the new Priest-in-Charge, Rev Adele Barker, into school. We celebrated Harvest as usual, but this year stayed on in church, to create wonderful natural sculptures in the style of Andy Goldsworthy. This week, Jason Wilton, local artisan who has worked closely with this artist is coming into school to talk about the work he has created.

Children have been involved in a full range of clubs this autumn including Science and Gardening Club. The latter has been working on creating a Bee and Butterfly friendly garden area for next spring.

We are especially proud of our 'Little Explorers at Biggin' group. These are our own Year 1 and Reception children working alongside other preschool and home-schooled children aged 2 – 7 years of age, from the community. They meet at school every Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm for outdoor learning and fun. Ring school on 01298 84279 if you would like to reserve your space.

Upcoming events:

- Key Stage 2 visit to Tatton Park for World War II learning
- Biggin Book afternoon, 17th November
- Messy Church for KS1 children, 17th November at Hartington
- Biggin Pantomime trip, 20th December
- Christmas and Christingle Service at St Thomas's Parish Church, 21st December

Please call school if you would like a closer look at what we do!

Village Hall- A programme of maintenance has started on the Hall, the most noticeable being painting of the external woodwork. The interior painting will start soon. Our first Craft and Coffee afternoon on Thursday

afternoon 27 October and a children's Halloween Party will have taken place on Sunday 30th October by the time of publication.

Future events:

Thursday 24 November	Craft and Coffee
Saturday 26 November	Christmas Market 12 to 4, please get in touch if you'd like a stall!
Wednesday 7 December	Senior Citizens' Christmas party
Sunday 11 December	Warslow Silver Band
Christmas concert 6:30	
Thursday 28 December	Craft and Coffee
Friday 20 January	Big Quiz night

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.

'Coffee, Chat and Cake' - Join Biggin's new community group in the village hall between 2-4pm on the last Thursday of the month to meet with friends. Everyone is welcome. Keep an eye on the noticeboard and the community page to find out more about our developing programme.

WATERLOO INN- Thank you for your support, we do not have any events planned for November. Our next event is New Year's Eve with music to dance the evening away to. We had some good singing at our Karaoke evening followed by our recent live music evening which was a great evening. We had a good first season with the boules team coming middle of our league. Our Boules tournament was great fun. We now have a Friday Darts and Dominoes team as well as a Wednesday Dominoes team. Thank you to those people that have sorted these for us. Our quiz evening is now monthly on a Thursday commencing at 9pm. Best Wishes Steve, Debs and Stevie

Earl Sterndale News

Earl Sterndale Flower Festival - Our Flower Festival this year, was, Seventy Years of Her Majesty The Queen.

Wonderful floral tributes, representing Queen Elizabeth's life, were arranged at the altar, in the church tower entrance, and in the newly refurbished, church window bottoms. We thank Mr Nigel Cantrell, and Mrs Mary Wheeldon for their help with church window bottom restoration. We welcomed many visitors over the four day event, thank you, everyone, for your support. The Sunday Evening Holy Communion Service was given by Reverend Margaret Slyfield. A very good congregation for a very special service.

We wish to thank everyone for help given, Flower arrangers, bakers, tea ladies, stewards, and Churchyard mowers.

September Social Saturday A very important day, when we opened our church, for the community to be able to come and sign a book of remembrance to Queen Elizabeth.

90th Birthday – Mrs Mary Wheeldon. I would like to say a big thankyou to all who made my birthday so special. "Thank you" to my family who made the day possible, to all who came to visit me, for all the many cards, flowers, and goodies I received. "Thankyou" from Mary Wheeldon.

The Funeral of Mrs Ann Lindley took place on Friday the 30th September 2022 at Buxton Methodist Church, Ann was then laid to rest in Earl Sterndale Church Yard. Our thoughts and prayers are with Anne's family at this sad time.

Diary Dates

Remembrance Sunday (church and chapel) Meeting at War Memorial in Churchyard at 10.45am followed by a small service in church. Saturday 19th of November, Earl Sterndale Church Christmas Fair (in church), 11am till 3pm, all welcome. Earl Sterndale Family Bingo (in church) Monday 28th November at 7.30pm. Earl Sterndale Church Christmas Carol Service (Sunday 11th December (in church) at 6.30pm. Earl Sterndale Family Bingo (in church) Monday 19th December 7.30pm

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The Parish Council- still have a few celebration mugs of the late Queen's Platinum jubilee, available at just £8.00.

The next council meeting will be on Monday December 5th at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church.

Earl Sterndale CE Primary School- Everyone is excited to be back in school after the long summer holidays. We've had a fun term reminiscent of pre-Covid times. We have an action-packed term ahead in the lead up to Christmas with the following dates to note:

- School Open Morning for Prospective New Starters – Thursday 10th November
- School Fundraising Christmas Film Night – Friday 2nd December (6pm in school)
- School Nativity Performance in church – Thursday 15th December - 2pm and 6pm

School will be open on Thursday 10th November from 9:30am until 11:30am for any children who are currently in pre-school who might be interested in attending our lovely school from September 2023. If you know anyone who would like to come along and have a look around, please let them know about our School Open Morning.

Parish Register

Hartington -Funerals - Friday October 14th Mrs Rachael Horne; Wednesday October 26th Gordon Stone

Earl Sterndale- September 30th - Burial of Mrs Ann Lindley

Biggin-17th September - the marriage of Charlotte Bradbury and Joshua Wilkinson.

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