

News And Views



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Hartington Station - straddling the parish boundary of Hartington Town Quarter and Hartington Nether Quarter

At the time Hartington Station was constructed at the close of the nineteenth century, its builder, the London and North-western Railway Company [LNWR] was regarded as the 'Premier Line', the greatest railway enterprise in the country. So why did it bother with the insertion of thirteen miles of rural track between Parsley Hay and Ashbourne? Primarily it was because the LNWR regarded it as a 'missing link' in its desire to provide a competitive alternative route between Manchester and London, via Buxton, Ashbourne and Uttoxeter, helping to alleviate the pressure on the ever-busier existing lines between the two great cities; local traffic was very much a secondary objective.



It is a curiosity that a station was built at Hartington, almost two miles from the village, but not at Biggin, where the line passed close by. Biggin was a smaller settlement in 1899 than it is today but a station was improbably provided for the even tinier community of Alsop-en-le-Dale; the LNWR probably had an eye on developing

tourism in nearby Dovedale and serving the larger settlement of Alstonefield which, like Hartington, lay about two miles away.

Whatever the reasons,



Francis William Webb

Hartington was quite a grand example of rural station architecture, soundly constructed with, for example, Canadian Red Cedar timber for the platforms. The picture displays its resplendent character on the line's opening day, 1st August, 1899.



The gentleman standing beside his personal saloon carriage was Francis William Webb, the LNWR Company's Chief Mechanical Engineer and Locomotive Superintendent, distinguished in his natty waistcoat and trademark stovepipe hat.



James Oliver

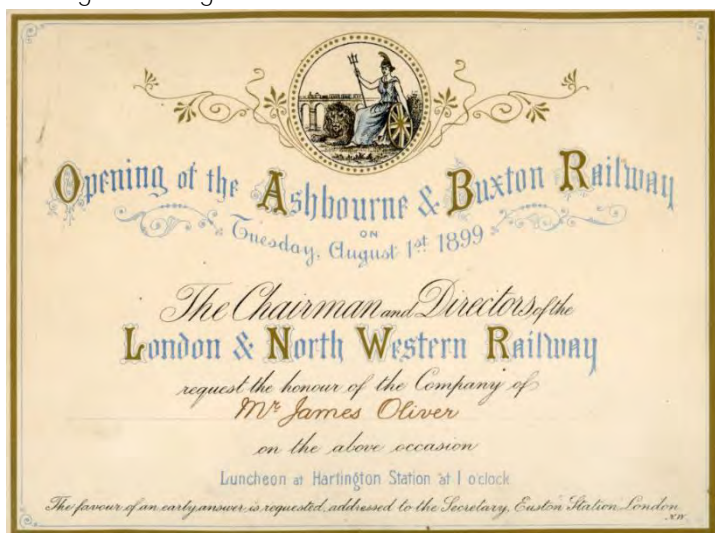


Francis William Webb

Amongst the crowd in the opening day picture was James Oliver, grandfather-in-law of Janet Oliver.

Hartington Station was chosen as the venue for the Grand Opening of the Parsley Hay – Ashbourne line, when a special train from Buxton conveyed all the dignitaries and LNWR big-wigs. The new line was independently inspected the next day before regular public passenger services could commence on 4 August, with four return trains each day between Buxton,

Ashbourne and Uttoxeter. In October 1899 the number of return trains rose to six, the two additions conveying through carriages between Buxton and London but the projected introduction of express trains between Manchester and London failed to materialise. The route was never fast enough to compete with other lines and the Buxton – London through carriages were withdrawn in 1917.



According to an article in the October 1899 edition of the Railway Magazine, prior to the opening the LNWR “conveyed all the inhabitants of Hartington to Ashbourne and back in a special train, free of charge, an outing which was much appreciated”. For most participants this was almost certainly their first experience of train travel.

In another issue we will share some of the memories of first-hand experiences in the 1940’s through to the 1960’s and the closure of the line

Vicar’s Letter

“Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.” Matthew 11:28-30, The Message

Have you, or are you thinking of giving up chocolate for Lent? No chocolate for a few weeks seems to be a favourite discipline for the season. If chocolate is not your thing, perhaps you fast from something else. Whilst many go without something in Lent, for others the season is more about taking up something rather than **putting something down...as we use the time** to prepare ourselves for Easter. Many of us desire to mark the passing seasons in some way, but there is often some uncertainty about how to do so and what to do to make it matter. What we decide to do (or not) will be different for each of but perhaps we can all decide to try to take time slowly and journey intentionally.

As this is the first Lent for me as Priest-in-Charge of the White Peak and Youlgarve Benefices I am very much watching and learning how the season unfolds. I am sure that there are many traditions that each particular parish follows, and it will be a delight learning and joining in. It is always good to journey together as it is far more difficult as individuals to journey meaningfully through a season like Lent towards Easter when that journey is not shared. Quite often we are called to gather and make a corporate response as community together, all taking responsibility for walking in close relationship with God. It is a reminder that we are in this together and each person has something to bring and contribute. Making space, allocating time to mark the season and joining together in fellowship means that when we arrive at the feast of Easter, we are ready and prepared to celebrate the goodness of God once again.

I hope that particularly this year we will have time and space to slow down. Our world can feel very rushed, hurried even frenetic at times **which isn’t always a good thing. Some things are much better taken slowly – so perhaps if you haven’t decided how to observe Lent just set aside** a few minutes each day to stop – many of the most precious things in life are not obtained quickly – and if we rush, we might arrive at the finish point and wonder what it was all really about.

During Lent, Hartington Church is running the Prayer Course on a Wednesday evening. During Holy Week we will have compline and our United Benefice Maundy Thursday Service will be at Middleton this year. On Good Friday we will be having a walk of witness between Biggin and Hartington followed by an hour at the cross. More details are available on the website and in the church. Do come along and join us, you are very welcome! May you be richly blessed as we journey together. Rev Adele

Church Electoral Roll- Each year, churches complete an update of their electoral roll, and we often get asked about what this is and why you may want to join the roll if you go to church.

The electoral roll is a parish church's register of electors. In the same way that being on the civic electoral roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church electoral roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Being on the electoral roll does NOT make you a "member" of the Church; simply regarding your church as your spiritual home does that.

You can, of course, be a full and active member of your Church without joining the roll. Being on the electoral roll does not entail signing up to any additional commitments, however, it does help the Church show its strength - something that is increasingly important especially for smaller rural churches. Representation on the governing bodies of the church depends on the number on the electoral roll.

Joining the roll is compulsory if you wish to either stand for election to the PCC or other synodical council (such as the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod) or attend the APCM and participate in votes.

If you have any questions about the electoral roll, or would like to register for the electoral roll, please contact any member of your local church or email whitepeakandyoulgravebenefices@gmail.com

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On the section for Information, you can submit Feedback and rate if you would recommend this Practice to your Friends and Family.

Tales of Field **January certainly feels like it has a few more days popped in there when I wasn't looking!** February brings hope of Spring and I can already see my daffs and euphorbia poking a tentative shoot above **ground...although I'm told repeatedly by my mum to dig up the latter for fear my dopey dog may eat it and** have an agonising Shakespearian-esk death! (in truth Stanley has a preference for hand fed ham over terrible tasting plant leaves - **so I feel it's pretty safe in the garden from a lazy bulldog**). My mum does have a tendency to overreact **to risk... just the mention of walking to the village pub after dark** prompts a risk assessment on possible encounters with a serial killer.

As we watch the news we are often bombarded with negative emotional and upsetting stories around the world and closer to home, wars, hunger, poverty and struggles. **It's** important we balance these with a good dose of **gratitude for living in our villages, we aren't immune to sadness,** struggles and loss, but we are relatively safe and comfortable. My work also involves being surrounded by great sadness so I am mindful that a day of work, **the news and a 'beware of the Biggin serial killer' chat with** my lovely mum may be too much in one day!

So let us all take some time off from reality to appreciate the garden, the fields, the changing trees of our beautiful villages today and hope it fills us with enough happiness and peace to juggle and manage whatever the next few months bring our way.

Children's Corner On your next walk around your village, how many colours of the rainbow will you see In the plants, birds, animals, flowers around you? Take photos or just point them out as you go and enjoy the longer brighter days of spring.



Delighted to welcome a new contributor to News and Views: Natural England based out of Parsley Hay



During the mornings at our Parsley Hay base, you may have spotted our LIFE in the Ravines trucks being loaded with trees ahead of another busy day of planting. As a part of your local community, we thought this newsletter would be an excellent way to share our progress and work.

With an EU LIFE grant, we are protecting ravine woodlands in the Peak District Dales Special Area of Conservation (SAC), where 99% of its 600,000 ash trees are infected with ash dieback. Over 80% of these woodlands are made up of ash, which is why well-loved areas like Dovedale and Lathkill Dale are under threat. Also, because of the SAC's unique species composition, intervention is crucial, which is where LIFE in the Ravines comes in.

LIFE in the Ravines and partner organisations will restore up to 25% of the Peak District Dales SAC, hit hard by ash dieback. This five-year project began in September 2020 and aims to restore sites in the SAC, including popular walking spots in the Wye Valley, Dovedale, and Lathkill Dale.

As part of the project, infected or dead ash trees are removed during the winter season to allow a diverse mix of tree species to grow in the ravines. However, as spring approaches and birds are readying their nests, the team will put down their chainsaws and start preparing for the next phase of this year's work. Our goal is to plant another 7,000 trees in the SAC by April 2023, after planting over 7,000 since September 2022. Consequently, a healthy and diverse mix of tree species will be planted over 11 hectares of high-risk woodland, protecting it from ash dieback.

In addition to being a Natural England project, we're collaborating with well-known organisations such as The Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, National Trust, and Chatsworth Estate.

We will start spring and summer work in the next couple of months, including deer impact assessments, ash dieback surveys, and planting maintenance. Feel free to chat with us if you see us on site...you can't miss our luminous orange gear! Alternately, send us an email at lifeintheravines@naturalengland.org.uk if you want to learn more.

The Three Villages “Caring for our Environment Project”

Many in the communities across the 3 villages are actively engaged in supporting, developing and enhancing our spaces and places. They want to share what they are doing as well as the opportunities where people can get involved. This is the first of a regular feature in News and Views, highlighting some of the work that is currently being undertaken both in the community **and the churches. The focus in this edition is “Ponds in Hartington”, in the future the focus will be on the developments in Biggin and Earl Sterndale**

Hartington Wildflower Group It is lovely to see the recent emergence of Snowdrops around the villages as a sign that Spring is on its way. During the Winter months, our focus has been on maintenance work to get us ready for the Spring. On the 2nd February, volunteers from the Wildflower group and wider community helped to tackle the yellow irises in Hartington village pond. This was a continuation of the restoration work completed in 2022 by the Parish Council with the removal of a great deal of mud. Working closely with the Parish Council, and with advice from local environmental consultants, the yellow irises have now been thinned out, with mud removed also, and the stronger plants retained ready for renewed growth in the Spring, and ready to welcome back wildlife. These are lovely plants that are very beneficial in ponds - both supporting wildlife and as oxygenators, however they grow aggressively unless managed - leaving dry land and poor growth as the irises spread which had become very noticeable in recent years. The intention going forward is to have an annual maintenance schedule in place to help keep the right balance of plants in what is such a lovely feature in the heart of the village. A big thank you to all involved in this work.

After extensive restoration work over the last year, the Youth Hostel pond is now full again of water, with pond plants being reintroduced. Further work around the pond area will continue this year with the intention of making it open & accessible for all – it has one of the best views of the village from the bench there! We have been fortunate to secure a donation of number of young trees from the Woodland Trust for planting in March – if you would be interested in receiving one, please contact us.



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.

St Giles, Hartington Eco church As Reverend Adele noted in the Jan/Feb edition of News and Views, St Giles has recently signed up to the Eco church scheme. One of the Church of England Five Marks of Mission is **“To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth”** and the Eco church scheme is already used by many churches across the country to meet this responsibility, providing lots of practical guidance and advice. The scheme encourages churches to create a plan of action that positively impact our care for creation across five categories:

- **Worship and teaching**
- **Management of church buildings**
- **Management of church land**
- **Community and global engagement**
- **Lifestyle**

We’ve developed a plan over the next year to support each of these areas including recently signing up to become a Fairtrade church, introducing environmentally friendly cleaning products for use within the church. Churchyards provide a haven for wildlife and in our churchyard, we are planning to install bat boxes and bird boxes that have been built by members of HYPAC and have been working with the District Council on more wildflower & wildlife friendly mowing options. Our plan is to achieve a Bronze Eco church award in the next few months.

St Thomas’s, Biggin Eco church St Thomas’s has been working with the Eco church scheme for a while and was awarded Bronze status last year – testament to the hard work and commitment from members of the church and community.

Maintaining areas that are wildlife friendly in the churchyard need not mean creating a wilderness. At St Thomas's it has meant installing bird, bat and owl boxes and a house for our resident hedgehog. The next step will be to introduce an insect hotel.

Old nest boxes should be cleaned in the autumn but it's not too late to put up new boxes in March in a **sheltered position about 3m from the ground where there’s a clear flight path. And of course, at St Thomas’s we’re looking forward to the return of the swifts in April. Swifts are more dependent on churches than most birds for nesting sites and they’re declining in numbers. The anti-bird chain curtain prevents the swifts from entering the church if the door is open. It’s almost impossible to get birds out once they’re in the church. Let us know what birds you see in the churchyard.**

Eco church hints and tips -In this section, we will provide hints and tips on what you can do as individuals, families, and members of your community to help support our environment and lead a more sustainable lifestyle. For our first tip, if you are not sure where to start, a good way to identify opportunities is to complete an environmental footprint questionnaire – WWF do one which can be found at <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

Small changes will make a difference, other suggestions to consider: · When shopping, use Fairtrade goods and environmentally cleaning products wherever possible · In your garden, with the approach of Spring, make your garden more wildlife friendly – introducing pollinator friendly plants, avoiding the use of insecticides, and leaving part of your lawn unmown for example, · Installing LED lightbulbs at home, reducing your carbon footprint and saving money at the same time.

Biggin News

St Thomas Church Thank You to St Thomas Church for their kind donation of £32.00 which was raised on Remembrance Sunday. This has been donated to the poppy appeal.

Date	Service
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

St Thomas’s Services’ for Mothering Sunday and Easter

- **19th March 11am Mothering Sunday family service and baptism.**
- **9th April 9am Easter Holy Communion**

Would you like to make a donation for St Thomas’s Easter lilies in memory of a loved one? Donations can be given to Kathryn Jackson, Kay Clayton or Julia Hewgill by Friday 24th March.

St Thomas's and Biggin School are collecting Easter eggs for Buxton's food bank again this year. If you would like to give an Easter egg, please leave it at the back of the church by the morning of the 31st March or drop it off at school. We are holding the Easter Bunny basket 100 square raffle again this year. If you would like to join in, please see Jayne. And, with **the coronation approaching we're dusting off the flower tower. We'd love some more dark blue or white flowers.**

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council-Reminder- Emergency Life Support CPR and AED training is booked for Saturday 11th March 2023 in Biggin Village Hall. Limited places are still available for people living within the Parish of Hartington Nether Quarter. The training will be funded by the Parish Council.

It is hoped that there will be a number of people who have received defibrillator, life support training throughout the Parish. This is a valuable opportunity to receive Emergency Life Support training. If you are interested in participating in the training, please contact one of the Counsellors or the Parish Clerk.

Biggin C of E Primary School **It's been a busy half term and we've enjoyed lots of great learning. It's a key part of our vision** that children enjoy reading for pleasure. We are pleased with the way our new phonics reading scheme has been received by the children in Key Stage 1/ Reception and how **much these new books are enjoyed. We're proud of** the progress all children are making in this key skill.

➤ Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day, the theme- animals. Please let school know if you can help and join in the fun.

Key Stage 1/ Reception have been learning about animals in their Science lessons, we have completed our bird watch and ensure the birds in the school grounds are well-fed. The children have excellent bird identification skills building on their knowledge each year. We have been rewarded by lots of visitors including a pair of bullfinches and a flock of redwings.

➤ On Wednesday, 1st March we are hosting **'Animal Encounters' with a chance for everyone** to see birds, invertebrates and small mammals close up! We welcome, local home-schooled children to this event as well as preschoolers.

A key focus for us- **"how to be good citizens"**. This has included work on disability awareness, recycling and the environment. The waste collection team are visiting school on Monday 27th February, bringing one of their refuse lorries for us to have a look. The whole school will visit Severn Trent in Derby to learn

about how we are supplied with clean water and how waste water is treated

➤ Our free Little Explorers Club on Wednesday afternoons 2.00pm – 3.30pm continues with lots of outdoor learning experiences for preschool children joining Reception and Year 1. Please come and join the fun if you have children aged 2 to 5 years. You can book a place by emailing amanda.miles@biggin.derbyshire.sch.uk or calling school.

Village Hall

Coffee, Cake and Chatter - Social group at Biggin Village Hall, the last Thursday of the month between 2 and 4pm. Everyone welcome. At the November Coffee, Cakes and Chat meeting we had a good discussion on the development of a mixed media map of the village, a project which will be advanced during the year.

March 30- Wild flowers, Philip Neal. Seed swap - bring and swap all kinds of seeds.

April 27 - An artist making maps, Sue Prince. Bring and buy table

May 25- Garden Birds, Kevin Reynolds Raffle

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW for the Bierkeller Schunklers Oompah Show evening on FRIDAY 10th MARCH. Splendid fun for all the family, singing, dancing and stomping guaranteed. Only £10 each. **It's not compulsory but fancy dress** (beer keller style) would be fun – prizes for the best dressed. Bring your own drinks and steins for that beer. Tickets from Village Hall Committee members.

On the King's coronation weekend – Sunday 7th May – there will be teas, displays of pictures and conviviality in the hall. Look out for further information.

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.**

Congratulation to David and Jennifer Brindley on their 60th Wedding anniversary 5.1.23

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Earl Sterndale News

Jennifer Hoskin would like to thank all residents of Earl Sterndale who generously donated to the house to house sale of poppies in aid of the Royal British Legion, which resulted in a magnificent total of £188.59p.

Our first PCC meeting of the year, took place on Wednesday the 1st of February. Reverend Adele, shared her good news, that Reverend Margaret Slyfield will be joining her, to share church services. We look forward to working with Margaret and wish to extend a warm welcome to her.

Church Yard

We would like to say a big thank you, to Mr Simon Smedley of HGV, for his kind and generous donation, for some very much needed, restoration work on our churchyard.

Funeral

The Funeral of Mrs Anne Wardle, took place at Earl Sterndale Church, on Thursday 26th of January 2023. Anne passed away on the 22nd of December 2022 aged 83 years. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Anne's family at this sad time.

Coming Events

Our Mother's Day Service will take place on the Sunday following Mother's Day, 26th of March at 11am

Easter Sunday, 9th of April at 11am (Holy Communion). Both services to be taken by Reverend Margaret Slyfield.

Parish Council -The next meeting of the Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council is Monday 13 March. A reminder that elections for the new parish council take place on the 4th of May and anyone interested in standing can collect a nomination pack via the Derbyshire Dales District Council website. It is the **"Great British Spring Clean"** from **17th March to April 2nd: let's get our village sparkling!**

Has anyone any ideas how the village can celebrate the forthcoming Coronation and any volunteers in organising these ideas would still be very welcome. Contact Parish clerk at pat.sutton@hotmail.co.uk

Earl Sterndale CE Primary School **We've had** a lovely start to the year with the Infant children enjoying their weekly climbing sessions and the Juniors participating in an adventure STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) course, both at White Hall.

The children have lots to look forward to in the next half term too including:

- a specialist visitor from the Buxton Museum who will teach the children about the prehistoric big cats which once roamed free in Derbyshire;
- an educational visit to the Derby Open Centre and Derby Cathedral;
- **the Junior's residential week at White Hall.**

We will also be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of this half-term to raise funds for victims of the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria.



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5 th March 11am	Morning Worship
12 th March 11am	Bishop Libby - Holy Communion at Youlgrave
19 th March 11am	Mothering Sunday – All Age Worship
26 th March 11am	Holy Communion
2 nd April 11am	Palm Sunday – Morning Worship
7 th April	Good Friday procession from Biggin to Hartington for 2pm
9 th April 9am	Easter Day – Family Holy Communion
16 th April 11am	All Age Worship
23 rd April 11am	Tbc
30 th April 11am	Bishop Malcolm – Holy Communion

All are invited to our Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 29th March at 7pm in the Bakehouse in the Village Hall. Please come to find out what has happened over the past twelve months and what the PCC is planning for the following year.

Hartington C of E Primary School-Mr & Mrs Briddon – MAST visited on the 20th January and performed the bible story ‘**Three Brave Men**’. They will attend again on the 10th March – ‘**David & the Shepherd**’. Hannah Will – MAST visited on the 24th January and engaged the children in the story of **Noah’s Ark, and is due to attend again next month**. The whole school took part in a cross country at Parwich, organised by Primary Stars. The sports event also included children from other small schools. We have now engaged the services of Primary Stars to deliver PE sessions on a Wednesday afternoon. If this arrangement works out a further after school club might be offered on a Wednesday after school.

Rose Clarke & Graham Knight from the Peak National Park took an assembly with the children to discuss the schools involvement with the 19th Anniversary of the Village Trail as we are an Ambassador School working in unison with them.

Rachel Wilkes from Music Partnership will be delivering after half term for 5 weeks with both key stages. She will then commence another 5 week session in summer term 2 culminating in a whole school performance.

The school would like to apologise to the residents of Hartington village and the parents of pupils for the disruption outside the school due to the scaffolding and work being undertaken on the roof.

Unfortunately, it looks like it will take a longer than planned due to the weather and further complications that have been revealed once the tiles have been removed. Easter Holiday - school closed 3-14th April.

Village Hall - after the success of the charity fund raiser, ‘**Winter Rock and Blues Breaker**’ in January organised by two of our Trustees, Andy and Rob, we have two more events planned:

22nd April: ‘**Kitchen Disco**’ with DJ Rob and Friends with all profits going to support our kitchen refurbishment;

27th May: ‘**Jazz in the Village**’ with Scottish duo Ian Millar on saxophone and Dominic Spencer on piano. We are told to ‘... expect warm, intelligent, reflective and human music...’. Visit www.millarandspencer.co.uk to get a flavour of their music.

Tickets for both events are available from Hartington Post Office and The Village Stores or phone Liz on 07900 054802.

Our kitchen refurbishment will start on 3rd July. In the meantime volunteers have been busy decorating the Upper Bakehouse, fitting weather strips to the rear doors to reduce draughts, and painting the new toy cupboard bought by the Community Group for the popular children’s activities.

Please see our calendar, which is constantly updated, for all our future events: www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/calendar

Charity fundraising gig ‘**Rock and Winter Blues Breaker**’ Hartington Village Hall 28th of January was enjoyed by a capacity crowd with DJ Rob and The Rotters performing for free. The evening raised over £1500 for three charities from ticket sales and raffle. £525 to Hartington Village Hall, £525 to Buxton Mountain Rescue Team, and £525 going to the Children’s Heart Unit Fund. Thanks for the great raffle prize donations and help from many people including local businesses and the Oddfellows. The British Legion ran the bar with great skill. A great night was had by all. “Hartington definitely rocks.”

Local businesses donating raffle prizes- AJ & S Peach, Angel Blooms, Beresford Tea Rooms, Fiveways Country Stores, Hartdale Motors, Hartington Village Stores, Paws, The British Legion, The Cheese Shop, The Devonshire Arms, The George at Alstonefield, The Greyhound

Warslow, The Waterloo Biggin, The Jug & Glass, Upper Hurst Farm, and Whim Ales. Prizes from Eileen, Louise, Tracy, also the Oddfellows. Thanks to all for a great night.

KITCHEN DISCO- Hartington Village Hall - 22nd April 8pm till late **Remember the 'Boiler Bash' back in March 2020 when we raised over £2500 pounds towards a new boiler and central heating system for Hartington Village Hall?**

Well now it's a 'KITCHEN DISCO' and yes, you've guessed - this time we are raising funds to replace our antiquated kitchen and bar. The bar will be open and there will be great music from DJ Rob and friends, a raffle with fantastic prizes to win and an auction with even more fantastic lots to bid on. We also plan to have a Kitchen Lottery where the winner will receive £100.

Lucky tickets are just £5 and are available from Sue at the Post Office, the Village Stores or from Rob & Kate on 07917 669449. Why not reserve a table of 6 or 8? The lucky ticket draw will take place on the evening.

Every penny will go to the Hartington Village Hall New Kitchen Appeal. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Here are the results of our last two draws of the Village Hall Lottery: January – the draw was held at the Hartington Post Office/Beresford Tea Rooms on Wednesday 11th. Sue Bruce made the draw, and the winning number was 105, held by Lucy Abbott of Minton House, **just a stone's throw** away from the Post Office. Lucy is a previous winner who then very kindly donated her win back to the Village Hall and through Gift Aid added a further 25% to the donation.

February - the draw was held at the Hartington Community Group Meeting on 8th February when Logan drew No. 39, making Sheila Johnson of Cheadle, a Wednesday evening Dance Club member, the winner of £100. This was welcome good news for Sheila after a difficult time recently. As always we wish to thank ALL our loyal Lottery supporters, without you it would be difficult to make the improvements we all value at the Hall. David Graham

HCG AGM and General Meeting Our AGM and General meeting took place on the 8th February, and was very well attended with 30 members of the community attending, thank you to all who took part in the meeting. As noted in the Chairs annual report for 2022, the meeting demonstrated the strength, energy and cohesiveness of our

community – with the strong return of all pre-covid groups and the energy of the new groups led and populated by local people. The Community Group remains well funded and is supported by a large number of volunteers. Many activities took place in 2022, one of the memorable highlights was the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

For 2023, several main events were discussed during the meeting, including:

- Village Hall Kitchen Disco – 22nd April,
- King Charles III coronation weekend 6 – 8 May – more below,
- Jazz in the Village Hall – 27th May,
- 10th Anniversary of the village trail – 1st July,
- Well dressing – 9th September,
- Harvest Support – 1st October

Future activities and events will be published in News & Views, on notice boards around the village, and in the calendar which can be found on the village website. Minutes of the meeting can be found in the community section of the village website.

Save the Date – Sunday 7th May Coronation Big Lunch



We are delighted to confirm that a village lunch to celebrate the Kings Coronation

will take place on Sunday 7th May in the afternoon, so please save the date in your diary. The lunch will take place on the field behind the war memorial, with the village hall also available in the event of inclement weather, and is open to all residents, as well as any guests that may be staying with you over that weekend. It promises to be a fun event, with a bouncy castle already booked for the day! More information to follow, and volunteers will be needed both on the day and leading up to it – if **you'd like to** take part, please email Phillip_neal@hotmail.co.uk or call on 07714 895175.

HCG receives Derbyshire Dales CVS community award. It is the 21st year for the Derbyshire Dales CVS Annual Award and this time the award went to Hartington Community Group! Each year the award is presented to a voluntary or community group in celebration of their achievement and commitment to their cause.

Staff and Trustees of DDCVS joined the Hartington Rural Social Group on 24th January where CVS Chair of Trustees, Martin Townsend, presented the Award to Liz Broomhead. In addition, Liz received

a framed certificate and £200 for the organisation. Martin congratulated Liz and all the team on their hard work and commitment to providing an excellent group for their community.



Liz Broomhead MBE steps down as Chair of HCG Liz was one of the founding members of the HCG back in 2011, when a small group decided to get together to do something for the Queens Jubilee in 2012. Since then, what became the HCG has gone from strength to strength **under Liz's** leadership as Chair, supporting the many different groups and activities we now have across the community. Liz has ensured that the HCG is a sustainable organisation – with strong finances, a robust group constitution and excellent relationships with other groups both within the village and externally.

Our community group would not be where it is today without the energy, enthusiasm and love Liz has for the people of our community. Liz announced her intention to step down as chair of the HCG in 2022, and during the AGM the new Chair of the HCG, Phillip Neal, thanked Liz on behalf of the community, presenting Liz with a rose bush for her garden and a bouquet of flowers, along with a card signed by many members of the community.

Hartington Oddfellows held a Burns Night Evening at The Royal British Legion on the 21st January where over 30 guests attended. All guests had traditional Neeps & Tatties, a blessing of the Haggis was made plus a Scottish themed quiz took place and a raffle. The group would like to say thank you to The Royal British Legion, Fiona & Beresford Tea Rooms for help with the food, Tonya for the quiz & everyone who donated prizes to the raffle. The evening was a great success, and we will be planning to do the same next year.

Obituary

Luke Gregory – Luke passed away suddenly and peacefully at home on 12th December 2022, aged 76. Loving husband of Rose and loving father to Julie, Martin and Wendy; cherished grandad and great grandad. Luke spent most of his working life in the quarry as well as farming, pub landlord, special constable bandsman. For the last 14 years of his working life as a shopkeeper alongside Rose at the General Stores, Hartington. Here they made many lifelong friends. The family were deeply moved by the number of Family and Friends at the service in St Giles Church. Thank you also for the many cards of condolence and generous donations, amounting to £1,700; this has been given to Blythe House Hospice and Warslow Silver Band. He will be greatly missed by so many.

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Pomeroy War Memorial Hall We finally have some good news to share. Our amended planning application was approved at the Peak District National Park Authority Planning Committee meeting on 27th January 2023. We now have permission to reinstate the entrance canopy and bargeboards, replace the windows and doors, improve the existing emergency escape ramp, install a septic tank, remove the redundant chimney stack and install PV cells. Further details **can be found on the Authority's planning portal:** <https://portal.peakdistrict.gov.uk/08221062>. Our planning decision letter is also on display on our noticeboard near the post box at the Duke of York, Pomeroy.

The winners of the 100 club were Lesley Kelly (Dec) and Liz Spillaine (Jan) who will receive £25 each.

To join our 100 Club please contact Jenny on 07791 337323 or Bekah (bekdicken@gmail.com)

Our next committee meeting will be on Wed 29th March, with an AGM planned for Wed 28th June, both 8pm at The Duke of York, Pomeroy. The AGM is open to the public 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, email: pomeroywmh@talktalk.net or contact us through our website <https://www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk/>

Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club You are invited to join us this winter/ spring for interesting talks and relaxed company. We welcome new members (£5.00 annually), but you **don't have to be a member to come along**. Talks are £8.00 for non-members and £5.00 for members. Refreshments are served. All the talks listed below are at Alstonefield Village Hall.

Wed 1st March-2-4pm -Alstonefield in Colour Part 2- Martin Snodin

Wed 5th April-2-4pm- **Drugs, Sex, & Rock 'n Roll** (and everything under the sun)-a brief history of cigarette card collecting – Ken Sharples

Wed 5th May 3-5pm Farmers Wife- Farmers Life- Rachel Metcalfe



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