

# News And Views



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## Hartington Station – Straddling the Parish Boundary of Hartington Town Quarter and Hartington Nether Quarter – Part Two

The article in the previous edition of News and Views recorded the grand opening in 1899 of the Parsley Hay to Ashbourne railway line at Hartington Station, and the London and North Western Railway Company's failed ambition to upgrade it into an alternative route for trains between Manchester and London. From the 1920s the line settled into a pattern of local services, typically including up to eight return passenger trains each day between Buxton, Ashbourne and Uttoxeter. Competitive local buses had reduced the trains to three per day by the time British Railways ceased its passenger schedule in November 1954. The line remained open for freight and excursion trains until final closure in October 1963 [Hartington to Ashbourne] and 1967 [Buxton to Hartington].

Today it is hard to imagine Hartington Station as a bustling place but Derek Horobin, who was born in Station Cottages in 1942 and lived all his life at No.4, remembered a childhood more-or-less surrounded by industrial activity, with Station Quarry to the rear of the house, wagons being loaded with limestone almost outside the back door; the railway station at the front, the platform trolleys loaded with cheeses and milk churns; and the coal merchants' collection point sandwiched in between.



*Hartington Station, 4-9-1962, one of the last passenger-carrying trains. Photo courtesy of J. W. Sutherland*

In 2014 Irene Wibberley recalled that she attended Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Ashbourne, from 1934 until 1942. Her home was then Rock Cottage, high above Wolfscote Dale; on schooldays she rose from her bed, walked to Hartington Station to catch the train, went to school, caught the train home, walked to Rock Cottage [always along the lanes rather than the footpaths – you might get a lift!], had tea, did her homework, and went to bed. Irene also recollected that during World War Two the Monday morning trains to Ashbourne conveyed pupils from Manchester Grammar School who 'boarded' at QEGS before returning to Manchester on Friday afternoons.

We are delighted to receive this feedback from Mary Sherratt, now living in Lincolnshire, who receives N&V by post. "I attended Ashbourne Grammar School -1940-45, catching the 8.08am train,

returning on the 4.30pm. I lived at Church View, Miss Twigg on Hyde Lane, domestic science teacher, had a Ford car and kindly gave me lifts to the station. It was wartime, petrol was rationed; she was allowed sufficient coupons to travel to and from the station, sometimes enough for a full run. The snow was often a challenge but no excuses for Miss Twigg, school expects, wherever she went so must I. When the snow was really deep, I would follow, walking in her footsteps and then a long wait if the train was stuck in the Hindlow tunnel. The station master, Mr Robinson (Sally Oliver infant teacher at Hartington School, father) had a good fire in the waiting room. The coaches were single compartments, no corridor and no toilets”.

Audrey Morson (nee Gee) also remembers walking to Hartington Station to attend school in Ashbourne in the early 1950s, until the trains were withdrawn in 1954. Jennifer Brindley (nee Hall) now of Biggin, recalls her father Ted Hall (village Butcher) and Arthur Gee (Nettleor Farm) alternating in giving lifts to the station for Jennifer Hall, Jean Gould (Poole Hall) and Lesley and Margaret Lloyd (daughters of the Doctor) to catch the train to attend Cavendish Grammar School Buxton and Audrey to travel to Ashbourne to attend secretarial college. This was from 1952, until 1954 when the early morning bus became operational.

The line south of Hartington closed 7 October 1963. Derbyshire Railway Society wanted to buy and preserve the line but negotiations failed in the summer of 1964. The line from Hartington south through Ashbourne to Rocester Junction was taken up and all fittings removed in the autumn 1964. Some of the “navvies” who worked to remove the lines had “lodgings” at the Devonshire Arms, where Liz Broomhead [Nadin] lived. She remembers their gentle Irish brogue, mountains of porridge consumed and the monthly pay day celebrations with a drop of whisky.



*The final passenger-carrying train at Alsop Station, a Manchester - Ashbourne excursion which would have stopped at Hartington, 26-5-1963. Photo courtesy of J. W. Sutherland.*

Hartington retained its line to the north partly because of private arrangements for Hartshead Quarry [adjacent to Station Quarry] to transport stone by rail, but that quarry closed in 1966. The other reason for keeping the line open was that the railway delivered by tender from Buxton, water for domestic use at Station Cottages. This need became redundant when the cottages were linked to mains water supply in 1967 [the last water train ran on 5/9/67]. The tracks and fittings north of Hartington were thus taken up by contractors Henry Boot between

July and October 1969, although the signal box at Hartington has been retained for preservation.

**Vicar Letter-** The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May will be a historic moment in the life of our nation. The service is a consecration to service and will happen within an act of Christian worship filled with great tradition and symbolism. The Coronation along with an extra Bank Holiday Monday is aimed at bringing together the country with a focus on community, hospitality, and service.

Among the villages across the benefices, many events have been planned including those in our schools, lunches and parties in community and volunteering activities. It is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate together and give thanks for all we have. The journey to the Coronation starts after Easter and a booklet of daily prayers has been produced by the Church of England and is available in our

churches and online via church House Publishing. I have included two prayers here: one for community and a prayer for the King.

### **Celebrating community**

Living God, you bring us  
Together in community  
And teach us to love one another  
As you have loved us.  
May we be beacons of your light  
In the communities  
In which we are set,  
That through truth,  
Justice and action  
We may see your kingdom  
Come upon earth,  
In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A Prayer for the King**

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,  
Bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,  
And all who are in authority under him;  
That they may order all things  
In wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,  
To the honour of your name, and the good of  
your Church and people;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

However we choose to celebrate and mark the occasion I hope that this will also be a time for celebrating God's love and goodness across our communities and an opportunity together to serve each other within our communities. Every Blessing, Adele

### **Hartington Surgery news**

The recent snowfall we saw in the middle of March meant supplies of medication were delayed arriving at the Dispensary from our wholesalers in Leeds and Warrington, we had 5 days of disrupted supply while the wholesalers tried to deliver large amounts of medication that they were unable to deliver due to two days of snowfall. As we usually receive 2 orders per day from both wholesalers, the delivery drivers found themselves with excess stock that they could not fit into their delivery vans, which meant an extended delay before we received all our expected stock. Many thanks for patients being patient with us during this period.

Patients are encouraged to always ensure they have a week's worth of medication at home and to not leave it until they have run out before they order their repeat prescription; it is the patients responsibility to remember to order it and abuse towards Dispensary staff is not acceptable. Dispensary phone calls are answered between 11am and 6pm, online orders can be ordered any time via patient access (this requires registration information from the Surgery first, please ask about it if you would like this) or via the NHS app. Please bear in mind that once we receive and accept your order it will take 72 hours before it is ready for collection, therefore, if you place an order online at 10pm on a Friday night it will not be received until Monday morning, which means it would be ready for collection Thursday morning onwards. When we accept the order online it changes the status to approved, many patients think this means it is ready for collection, this is not the case, it purely means we have accepted your order and the dispensing process will begin.

When ordering by telephone please do not ask for 'everything I have' or 'the same as last time' be prepared with the names of your medication. For patients who struggle with the medication names, dispensary staff are more than happy to read them out and the patient can tell us if they need them or not.

Patients who have an appointment can collect their acute medications shortly after their consultation.

### **Hormone Replacement Therapy Pre-payment certificates (HRT PPC)**

As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, women can buy a HRT PPC. This can be purchased online at a cost of £19.30 which will last for 12 months, any prescriptions that are received for HRT during this time will not incur any prescription charges. Any prescriptions for other items during this time would still incur the prescription fee of £9.65 per item. For women who are prescribed multiple items it would be



more beneficial to purchase a standard pre-payment certificate, please ask Dispensary for further information about pre-payment certificates or check online using the following link; Get a prescription prepayment certificate - GOV.UK ( <https://www.gov.uk/get-a-ppc> )

**Anticoagulation audit Dispensary** have been contacting patients who take anticoagulants, these are medications that are taken to reduce the risk of the formation of blood clots, they are commonly referred to as blood thinners. Apixaban, Edoxaban, Rivaroxaban and Warfarin are the names that you may recognise. Patients who take this type of medication should carry an anticoagulant alert card with them; this is important so they can inform other health professionals that they take anticoagulants or in case they are found in an emergency, where it would be beneficial for medical staff to know they take this type of medication which will result in safer, more effective and efficient medical care being provided.

Some packets of medication contain alert cards or there are standard yellow ones that are available. For any patients that do not have an alert card please collect one from the Surgery the next time you collect your prescription or attend for an appointment. If you have not recently told us if you have, or need, an alert card we would appreciate you letting us know.

Hannah.....is going to be supporting our nursing team for healthcare appointments and we would like to welcome her back to our team following past support of our Covid vaccination campaigns.

**Hartington Surgery Patients Group and the Acquisition of a 24-hour ECG Monitor** This registered charity has been in existence for over 30 years and has been responsible for raising funds to purchase equipment directly supporting the patients of the Surgery that would not normally be available to them via the NHS. Examples being, Wheelchairs and Nebulisers, and most recently - the self-check blood pressure machine and centrifuge. These have been of tremendous benefit to the communities of the parishes which the Doctors and staff of the Surgery serve.

The challenges which our communities face due to rural isolation include the need to travel long distances to access the 24-hour ECG monitoring and long waiting times. This is essential to the doctor's diagnosis and management of cardiac conditions. This was brought to the attention of the Patients Group who had purchased the previous 24 hr ECG monitor which was no longer up to date or supported. The Group agreed that additional funds would be required to purchase a new machine and ensure continuity of this service within the community.

Members of the Patients group appealed to the following The Parish Councils of Alstonfield, Hartington Nether Quarter (Biggin), Hartington Middle Quarter (Earl Sterndale), Hartington Town Quarter, Longnor, Parwich, and Warslow/ Elkstones; Ashbourne Rotary Club and St Oswald's Masons Lodge ( in which the late John Dean of Hartington was an active member). The Patients Group is very grateful to these groups in helping towards funding this equipment, the remainder was a donation from the Patient Group and a gift from Trevor Wragg. The equipment (with an 8 year maintenance plan) has been ordered and soon to be in action. The Surgery confirms that it will provide appointments, and trained staff, to fit this machine, when it is required.



To acknowledge this tremendous achievement Hartington Community Group, Hartington Patients Group, in association with the Surgery, will be saying "thank you" in the Village Hall on June 8th 4-6pm If you would like to know more about the Patients Group, please contact Julie Coles, Practice Manager at the Surgery. The next meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm at Hartington Surgery. All registered patients are welcome - please come along.

**Tales of the Field** - As I write this in my garden and with the joys of Easter just a few days past ...I am surrounded by a cacophony of nature's wonderful reminders that life continues to renew despite perhaps our own sadness or worries making us believe differently. It's easy for us to forget the magic of our surroundings and to focus only on what in front of us. I am reminded every spring when the new lambs appear in the fields full of the joys of life and the slumbering perennials begin to wake and push a tentative peep above the still chilled (and often frozen) biggin gardens with a freshly grown shoot.

For me the cries of baa from the lamb's sound like constant cries of 'muuuuum' and when mum doesn't appear they are momentarily perturbed until distracted by a fellow lamb that reminds them leaping around is just so much fun. When our loved ones are lost to us, through separation, illness or the finality of death, how wonderful it would be to be so easily distracted by the joy of leaping with friends like the lambs, to be honest, at my age leaping around may be a little risky but we could all take inspiration to lean on friends for support in times of need, maybe a coffee and a quick chat, with perhaps the odd small leap to remind us of the joys of life if we feel so inclined!

### **Childrens corner LOOK UP!!!!!!**

Ask a friend, parent or favourite adult on the grass with you and stare at the clouds, you'll be amazed at just what you can spot in just a few minutes... and research tells us this activity encourages creativity, has a calming effect and connects you with the natural world around you, as well as each other.

Those fluffy clouds that look like cotton wool are cumulus clouds!

Can you spot one that looks like an elephant? A snake or even your grandma? 😊

And do you know what clouds are actually made of?

Candy floss? Cotton wool? They're actually very small droplets of water or ice crystal and they are so light they can float in the air!

Enjoy the magical world around you!



### **The Three Villages “Caring for our Environment Project”**



Hartington Wildflower Group. Bird and Bat boxes installed in the Churchyard. A big thank you to all the children from the Hartington Young Childrens Activity Club (HYPAC) who made some fabulous bird and bat boxes which were installed in the St Giles churchyard at the end of March. Thanks also to the HYPAC adult leaders for their support. Churchyards are a haven for wildlife, and the installation of these new boxes will attract more birds and bats to this lovely place. If you get chance, why not take a walk around the churchyard, and see if you can spot them

**Coronation Weekend – Big Help Out volunteering event at the Village Hall.** On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 9 to 12, we will be creating our latest community wildflower area in the village thanks to the support from the Village Hall management committee. The land is currently predominantly grass



so we will need to dig this over, remove the grass and plant / sow some wildflowers. We need volunteers to help on the day, so if you'd like to get involved, please send an email to [wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com](mailto:wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com). We also have a Facebook page - **Hartington Wildflowers** that contains regular updates as well as contact information.

**St Giles, Hartington Eco Church.** Congratulations to St Giles for receiving the Bronze Eco Church award in March in recognition of the work done by members of the congregation to promote environmentally sustainable practices and support for nature in and around the church and churchyard.



## Heathcote Mere

HEATHCOTE MERE IN THE PARISH OF HARTINGTON NETHER QUARTER

# The wonder of water

Heathcote Mere has been here for hundreds of years. It is unique in this limestone landscape. Limestone is porous and so lets water through. Here at Heathcote a volcanic rock covers the limestone rather like a pond liner so the water cannot seep through.

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council acknowledges: The Heathcote family; Lynn Burrow, Peak District National Park Ranger; Richard Gregory, Longcliffe Quarry and Derbyshire County Council

Drivers took their cattle and sheep past here to Newhaven where they would sell them at the annual fair. The mere provided a welcome stop for watering the animals.

Illustration by Jenny Gill © 2018

- ◆ **WHERE EAST MEETS WEST**

The mere was an important watering stop for packhorse trains. Routes went from east to west. Horses would have carried coal from the east and salt from the west.
- ◆ **STIFF PENALTIES**

As early as 1745, fines were imposed on anyone taking down a wall or defiling the water in any manner. Managing animals around the mere was taken seriously and fines were issued if they were not taken off the common by September. The reason for this was to reduce polluting the water.

Today, the rules controlling commoners' rights on the common still exist.
- ◆ **WATER FOR PEOPLE**

To the far left of the mere, there was once a well for domestic use. Villagers came to collect water in pails. Local folklore claims that gypsies and travellers christened their children in the mere.
- ◆ **WATER FOR WILDLIFE**

Today, the mere attracts many birds such as waterhens, coots, mallards and herons and pond life, including great crested newts. Overhead you might be lucky to catch sight of skylarks, kestrels and lapwings.

The limestone grassland here provides a variety of habitats for flowers. In the spring, look out for lady's smock, also known as milk-maids and cowslips. During the summer, you will see the delicate harebell.

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### Mr. Trevor Wragg honoured by the Dry Stone Walling Association

A wonderful meeting of Derbyshire Dry Stone Walling Association held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, in The Devonshire Arms, brought wallers together from all across Derbyshire to celebrate Trevor's outstanding contribution to Dry Stone Walling and to the teaching of Dry Stone Walling. Unbeknown to Trevor the meeting, specially arranged in his honour was where he was to be awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Dry Stone Walling Association. Trevor was presented with his certificate and a pair of engraved Whisky tumblers by the renown West Yorkshire Dry Stone Waller, Mr Bill Noble. Members of the Derbyshire Branch all wore "I am Trevor trained" with Trevor's badge stating he is "The world's greatest dry stone waller". After brief speeches everyone tucked into the buffet.

## Biggin News

St Thomas Church Following many years as church warden for St Thomas Church, Julia has decided to step down at the next PCC meeting. We would like to thank her for everything she has done and we will be sad to lose her. We would also like to thank her husband Kyle who is also standing down for all the hard work he has done to help keep the church in order. Sandra Lovatt

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

### Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council

The Village phone box is to become a history box to display photos and information of Biggin Parish



history. If you have any photos or information that you would like to share, please pass it on to a member of the Parish Council, especially anything relating to

the Queen's Coronation.

The Parish is looking for expressions of interest for Snow Wardens, ideally three people, in order to share the role throughout the Village. Snow Wardens will be provided with training, equipment



and a small supply of grit. The role involves gritting pavements when snow/ice is forecast to help prevent people slipping/falling. If you think this is something that you would be willing to be involved with, please contact a member of the Parish Council or the clerk. If you need to contact the Parish Council you can email Parish Clerk, Sandra Hampson, via email at [Sandra.hampson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Sandra.hampson@hotmail.co.uk). Further information can be found by visiting [www.hartingtonnetherquarterpc.co.uk](http://www.hartingtonnetherquarterpc.co.uk)

### **Steven Lovatt MBE**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February we were invited to Windsor castle for a very special day to see our son Commander Steven Lovatt collect his MBE from HRH the Princess Royal for services to the Royal Navy.



Steven attended Biggin primary school then Queen Elizabeth's Grammar school in Ashbourne before going on to do his degree at the university of Manchester. After finishing his degree he joined the Royal Navy doing his officer training at Dartmouth Naval college.

**Biggin C of E Primary School** - We enjoyed an exciting end to the Spring term; school trips are always a special part learning. The whole school was hosted by Severn Trent at Derby where we learned about water treatment and conserving water. It was a fun and interactive day, where everyone learned about how our water gets to our taps, what happens when we've used it and how not to waste this

precious resource. Key Stage 2 had an interesting visit linked to their learning about Tudor history, exploring Bakewell Old House Museum, seeing an example of a house from this period right on the doorstep. Children enjoyed dressing up and learning about daily life. Trips like these do so much to consolidate everyone's learning and make it more real.

The children worked in groups to learn about the Stations of the Cross and why they are important to Christians, especially for reflection and prayer. The children created living sculptures using their hands to represent each of the stations. We took photos of each one and created a trail within St Thomas's churchyard for visitors to follow over the Easter weekend. Thank you for all the lovely feedback we've had. Parents joined us in Key Stage 1 for Easter treats prepared by the class and a cup of tea. A perfect way to break up for the holiday!

Not everyone took a complete break though. Lots of parents from Little Explorers led by Mrs Bunting turned our wild area into a beautiful wildlife garden for the children to explore and use. This area is now nicely cleared and has a bug hotel, pond, mud kitchen, toadstool table and log seats and sand pit. The children love it. A massive thank you to Mrs Bunting from us all. (Little Explorers is our club for preschoolers and their parents or carers to come and work with our Reception and Year 1 children. It happens in school every Wednesday from 2.00 pm until 3.30pm. Please call school on 01298 84279 to book a place).

### **Upcoming events:**

- Open Invitation to come and have a free Coronation Afternoon Tea in School on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15pm. Call school to book a place please.
- Primary Stars Sports events at Parwich on 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May.
- Mountain bike club starts on 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- 3 Dales Sports Event at school on 19<sup>th</sup> June.
- Key Stage 2 Humanities Day at QEGS.
- Schools Together Messy Church at school on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Biggin Village Hall** The painting of the Hall interior continues and general smartened up is underway. New LED lights have been installed in the main and side halls, making things a lot brighter but with a pleasant warm light.



**On the King's coronation weekend – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 weekly:** every Thursday doors open at 7, play starts at 7:30. Buy one or more sets of cards and play for half house and full house. Then there's the Flyer for the cash accumulator, added to every week until it's won! A fun game evening for everyone.

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### **Earl Sterndale News**

**Earl Sterndale Methodist Chapel news** Our community coffee morning in March focussed on the need for money to help those affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. We were delighted to be able to send £130 to Disaster emergency committee. Thank you to all who came and gave generously.

Although there wasn't a church service on Easter Day this important day was marked by a simple wooden cross decorated with spring flowers which was placed outside the chapel.

**The Coronation of King Charles.** We are opening the chapel from 2-4.30pm on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> to anyone of any age who would like to get together to meet family and friends from the village. Hot drinks and cakes will be available. We hope that this will give the community a chance to all meet up. Any offers of help or donations of cakes would be appreciated. Please contact Margaret if you can help Tel 83412

**St Michael & All Angels Church-** Firstly we would like to apologies for the cancellation of our Mother's Day and Easter services. As the final quinquennial reports came through earlier this year, it was revealed that we have two major problems, in need of attention. Our first- the Church needs a full electrical rewire. We have an electrician booked and hopefully this job will be done in May. Our second- our church tower, which needs masonry restoration work.

At this time, we are not holding services or church events, in church for safety reasons, but as soon as our electrics are sorted, we will begin again. Monthly Bingo nights are being held at Sterndale Moor Club for the time being. We do have some money, which will enable us to start our church restorations.

Our PCC are investigating grants and we will need to have many fund -raising events. If anyone has any

**Waterloo Inn-** Over the Easter we had many music events, and we thank those of you that supported us. We have Ian McKenzie on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the Coronation, fancy dress as royalty of any era is optional. Our annual Beer Festival is on the 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August with the fun day on the 12<sup>th</sup> August. If organisations would like a stall, please let us know. Events are normally advertised on our Facebook page and website. Debs, Steve and Stevie

ideas, please let us know. Donations to our restoration fund, would be gratefully received, please contact any members of the PCC

Our first fund raising event will be at the Packhorse Inn, Crowdicote on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of May (For King Charles Coronation) A Celebration Quiz, start 8.30pm. (All proceeds for church restoration funds)

We have other events being planned for the summer months. We are also making plans for our annual Flower Festival in August.

Earl Sterndale Church Annual PCC meeting, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, at 7pm.

Monthly Bingo's Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May-8pm- Sterndale Moor Club. Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June -7.30pm- Earl Sterndale Church.

**Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council** - The village of Earl Sterndale should soon see activity by the Lengthsman in keeping the village tidy and looking at its best. There should also be a new bench on the Green commemorating the Coronation of King Charles III. There is an election on 4th may for a new parish council. I am retiring from the council and as Chair. All good wishes to the new council. Kind regards Ian Saunders

**Earl Sterndale CE Primary School** The children had a very interesting visit to the Derby Open Centre on the last day of term before the Easter holidays. They went into a Hindu temple and learnt about Hindu worship and customs, such as how it is impolite to sit with legs crossed or point at someone. The children also participated in a Hindu wedding where two of the children were dressed up as the bride and groom and everyone else as wedding guests in traditional Hindu outfits. We also found out about Jewish worship and some of the ceremonies that Jews perform and the clothes that they wear. We enjoyed a lovely half an hour looking around Derby Cathedral and all the children had a chance to sit in the Bishop's Chair! The children

were very well behaved and respectful in the different places of worship. This term the children are looking forward to:

- Our Coronation Tea Party which will be held in school during the afternoon of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.
- The eggs in the Infant classroom which will soon hatch into Ranger chicks.

## Hartington News

### St Giles Church Services

7 <sup>th</sup> May 11am	Coronation Celebration
14 <sup>th</sup> May 11am	Rogationtide Walk
21 <sup>st</sup> May 11am	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup> May 11am	Morning Worship
4 <sup>th</sup> June 11am	Morning Worship with Baptism
11 <sup>th</sup> June 11am	Morning Praise
18 <sup>th</sup> June 11am	Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup> June 11am	All Age Worship

### Bellringing at St Giles in May and June to celebrate King Charles' Coronation May 6<sup>th</sup>

- St Giles Bell Ringers will 'Ring for the King' in the morning, approx. 10:30 – 11:00 am. June 3<sup>rd</sup> There will be a full Peal to celebrate the Coronation, rung by The Ancient Society of College Youths. This will start at 5pm, and will take until 8pm to complete. The Peal also coincides with the 10th anniversary of the first full Peal on St Giles bells, which was rung on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2013 to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

**The St Giles churchyard Walk of Words** started in summer 2021, following limitations on use of the church building imposed by covid. It's been so appreciated by visitors and locals alike that, since then, we have produced two displays each year, one in summer and one before Christmas. Last summer, for example, we focussed on quotes from Queen Elizabeth II to coincide with the Platinum Jubilee.



This summer the 10 boards will be in place for May half term, continuing through until autumn. We will present a variety of thoughtful quotes selected by folk from the church and beautifully illustrated by local artists

- A whole school visit to Lower Plumpton Farm.

We're very excited that our new school website will be launched later this week, where our latest news and photos will be readily available to view.

including children from the school. Please do make time to pop into the churchyard to read and admire them. We do hope you appreciate them. Please get in touch with us if you'd like to help with the artwork in future; all ages are welcome. Thank you. Lucy Annat 84625 or Liz Hitch 687148

**PCC-** The Annual Parish Church Meeting was held on March 29<sup>th</sup>, chaired by Rev'd Adele and was well attended. After many years of service our secretary, Sarah Lacey stood down. We are very grateful to Sarah for all the work she has undertaken, ensuring the PCC was run effectively, especially during interregnum. There is a vacancy for this position-if you are interested in finding out what is involved, please contact Rev'd Adele- 01629 630409

**Hartington Town Quarter PC - Public Meeting on Proposed Café and Cheese Shop in Stonewell Lane** Well over 100 people attended the meeting chaired by the Parish Council on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. This was an astonishing turnout and an almost unanimous show of hands against the proposal, clearly demonstrated resident's opposition to the plans. Minutes of the meeting are published on the parish council website, and we now await any further information from the developer. The mandate from the meeting means the parish council will prepare a full plan of action against any such development proposal on these important green fields.

**War Memorial** The 12 Juniper trees, representing the 12 servicemen who lost their lives in the two world wars, have now been planted at the rear of our listed war memorial. Our thanks to councillors Alan Grindey and Richard Sherratt for removing the very overgrown previous trees, two of which had died. Once removed we found there was space to replant without moving and rebuilding the imposing semi-circular wall behind the memorial.

There is still some work to renovate the wall slightly and to re-set the stones around the memorial, which were uplifted by the roots of the previous



trees. Our contractor will hopefully complete this shortly.

We watered the new trees extensively after planting by Derwent Treescapes, prior to the recent rain which will help them establish properly. Juniper should retain their shape and require far less pruning over the years and should remain as clearly independent trees, a poignant reminder of the heroic residents they represent.

We are also proposing a plaque to explain to visitors the history and significance of the memorial and the associated trees.

**Drainage** The County Council's attempt to jet the drainage from the pond to the Stanner only served to confirm there is a complete blockage under the road. We have requested these works from both Flood team and Highways.

Three councillors walked the entire culvert system with the DCC Flood Team and we are pushing hard for a survey of all culverts to establish exactly what remedial work is required. The Flood team estimate this will cost in the region of £25,000 including a full camera survey. We await their budget allocation for the coming year to hear if progress can be made.

**Telephone Box** We intend to repaint and renovate the telephone box, which we now own, in its original colours. We believe it could be used as an audio depository for the history of our village, including the war memorial. To this end, we will be seeking support and ideas from residents and village groups over the next couple of months.

**Coronation** The Parish Council fully support the work of the Community Group in organising this event and are currently working with them to see if we can agree some form of lasting memorial to the event, in a permanent position on the village greens. David Annat

**Hartington Community Group Coronation weekend celebrations** – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May



Hartington residents, families and friends are invited to take part in the various activities over the

weekend in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.

Starting with a mock Coronation held by pupils from Hartington C of E primary school on Friday afternoon on the Green, then a Coronation lunch on the Sunday afternoon, followed by an opportunity to get involved in local volunteering activities on the Monday morning and ending with a Family Fun afternoon on the Green organised by the Grand Order of Oddfellows there is plenty to get involved with. During the weekend there will also be a chance to see how Hartington celebrated the previous Coronation in 1953 with a display in the Village Hall.

More information on the weekend's activities will be found on the enclosed N&V flyer, on the community Facebook page and noticeboards around the village. If you'd like to find out more or get involved in the volunteering activities please contact Phillip Neal, Chair of the Hartington Community Group – [Phillip\\_neal@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Phillip_neal@hotmail.co.uk) or 07714 895175

**Hartington C of E Primary School** The end of term saw a wonderful celebration Easter Service attended by Parents, governors and friends of the school. The children have produced a beautiful Easter Garden in church. Easter eggs galore, thank you to the Oddfellows for their gifts of easter eggs for every pupil. The Summer term is packed with creative and exciting events,

- Work towards the 10th Anniversary of the Village Trail, which will include a visit to Eyam, art and drama displays in preparation for the Celebration event on July 1st
- Litter picking around the village with the intergenerational project Active Across Ages and the "Silver Sports"
- Maypole Dancing display in the Village hall.
- Contributions by then children for two of the Walk of Words Boards in the church yard

**Hartington Village Hall:** a new weekly evening Pilates class start on Wednesdays 6.00-7.00, **27<sup>th</sup> May: 'Jazz in the Village'** with Scottish duo Ian Millar on saxophone and Dominic Spencer on piano. Visit [www.millarandspencer.co.uk](http://www.millarandspencer.co.uk) to get a flavour of their music. Tickets available from Hartington Post Office, The Village Stores or phone Liz on 07900 054802.

Two successful applications to Sport England will see new equipment for our table tennis club

(Tuesdays from 7.30) and indoor bowls (alternate Thursdays 2.00-4.00). We hope to host a three-day Arts Festival featuring local artists in mid-August. If interested in participating contact Andy Papas.

At our Management Group meeting in March, we regretfully took the decision to increase our hire fees from September. Our current electricity contract runs out at the end of April, seeing an additional £1,500 on the new 12-month contract. Local use will rise to £14ph-Main Hall and £9ph-Bakehouse. External hire fees will be £20ph and £10ph. In the hope that electricity costs will fall over the next 12 months we will review the future May 2024 contract and, if possible, reduce hire fees from then.

**Hartington Village Hall Lottery Results:** Here are the results of our last two draws of the Village Hall Lottery: **March** – the draw was held at the Hartington Village Hall on Wednesday 8th and our Pilates Instructor Teresa drew the winning number 23, held by Angeline Titterton of Buxton.

**April** - the draw was held at the Hartington Village Hall on 11th April during the Parkinson's Coffee morning, at which Kay Bagglely drew No. 24, the number held by Hartington residents Kay & Richard Gregory.

Both March and April winners receive £100 and our thanks as always go to them and every one of our loyal Lottery supporters, who enable us to make the improvements we all value so much at the Hall. David Graham

**Communities come together to help raise funds for Parkinson's.** To mark World Parkinson's Day on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April, a fundraising coffee morning was held at Hartington Village Hall. People visited from near and far to help raise monies to support the Buxton Parkinson's Support Group and the research arm of Parkinson's UK to help in finding a cure. The weather was in our favour that morning keeping sunny and dry for the event. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of the amazing people who contributed, we raised a fantastic £1,404.74

Appreciation and gratitude go to -The people of Hartington and surrounding villages who gave up their time to bake wonderful cakes. All the individuals, local businesses in Hartington, Tissington and further afield in Buxton and Derby, who donated raffle prizes and items to sell. Everyone who helped on the day in whatever

capacity and family and friends who have continually supported Parkinson's over the years. Kay

**Tabletop Sale-April 16<sup>th</sup> raising funds for Child and parent Clubs - Tuesday and Friday-** thank you to everyone who helped with this event which raised the grand total of £310. This was counted and verified as correct by Isla Webley and will support the running of these 2 sessions which are a welcome opportunity for preschool children and their parents to meet socially on Tuesdays – Wiggles and Giggles. Isla also identified BHF as the charity to benefit from funds raised- this was in memory of John Dean, school governor who raised so much for the BHF.

### *Calling All Gardeners!*



We will be running plant sales through the summer to raise monies for the Village Hall and the Sculpture Studio. These will be sited in the public car park and the

Sculpture Studio (behind the Farm Shop).

If you are splitting or clearing away any perennials or have any spare plants, we would be very grateful for your donations. We'll need them throughout the summer.

Please contact Janet on 07711 370630 or [hartingtonsculpturestudio@gmail.com](mailto:hartingtonsculpturestudio@gmail.com)

Thank you very much!

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### **Obituary**

**Susan Tacey** passed peacefully 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023, aged 78. Susan was born on 7<sup>th</sup> March 1945 on the 'Fosse Way' in Thrussington in Leicestershire to her parents, motor engineer, Oswald King Napper and Hilda Napper (nee Fazakerley).

She had two older brothers, Peter and Michael. The family moved to Weymouth due to her father's health issues, having been told to move near the sea. Oswald ran a garage in Weymouth, and they then moved to Bournemouth. They eventually moved to Derby where her father bought 'Journey's End', a vehicle reclamation yard. The site also had a café called 'Olympia Transport Café', which Hilda ran, and lorry drivers used to stay overnight.



Susan started working for her mum in the café where she met Roland, her future husband, who were married on the 7<sup>th</sup> September 1968. Roland, a former pattern maker, worked for the business sorting the accounting. They ventured out on their own and went into business running the Buckingham Hotel in Buxton. From there they moved to and ran The Corner House Tea Rooms at Hartington.

Following retirement, both were characters in the village and had many happy years together. Roland sadly passed away in September 2022. Susan was always a keen sportswoman and was a Lady Captain at the Cavendish Golf Club in Buxton and regularly played at Kedleston Golf Club. She enjoyed driving and was very proud of her fashion, liking designer outfits and accessories. Susan was also keen on supporting charities such as Guide Dogs for The Blind. She will be sadly missed.

**Derek Horobin** -The family would like to thank everyone for their kind donations in memory of Derek amounting to £225 and have been forwarded to Hartington Surgery Patients Group where they will be used for the benefit of the patients in the practice.

**Alan Bates**- The family of Alan Bates of Woodyard Cottage, Hartington would like to thank all those who sent their best wishes or attended his funeral service held at St Giles Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> March (after the original service was delayed due to snow from 10<sup>th</sup> March).

He was given a wonderful send off by his family and friends with a lovely service from Sarah and Reverend Adele as well as Reg and the British Legion members which he would have loved and appreciated. Donations of £150 are to be given to St Giles Church

Alan was the last of the seven Bates children raised in Woodyard Cottage but his family will keep the legacy of the family cottage going with pride.

**Sally Gullane** (nee Shirley) – died 27.3.23- Funeral at St Giles Church 20.4.23- Sally was born to Tom and Tilly Shirley on 28/12/1929, the youngest of four, at the Market Place, Hartington. She attended Hartington C. of E. school. On leaving school she worked for Ellis Haulage on Mill Lane. At this time, she enjoyed the local Whist drives and Dances. She always enjoyed walking the dog down to the river at Beresford Dale.

Whilst living at Hartington she met and married Luke Gullane in 1951 and moved to Bankside and they later moved to Ladmanlow, Buxton where, in 1958, they had their daughter, Janis. In 1973 the family moved to Derwent Road, Buxton where Sally would live for fifty years.

After a period of bringing up their family, Sally worked as a manageress at the Mushroom farm, Buxton until it closed. Then at Otter controls until 1992, leaving to care for her husband who passed away later that year.

Sally always loved Hartington and would regularly return to see her many friends.

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**Pomeroy War Memorial Hall.** Our first meeting in 2023 was held at the Duke of York on Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Now that planning permission has been granted, the next thing to consider is the exact location of the Roman road. The road is thought to run through, or very close to, the field at the side of the hall. No development can take place until a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) for archaeological monitoring/an archaeological watching brief has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority. Local archaeologists are now being sought.

Now we have a schedule of works, a feasibility study and drawings, next we need costings for the work from local heritage builders. Interest from any local builders is welcome. The hall was originally built by local craftsmen, and it would be wonderful to include local people again.

The committee agreed having a plaque with the names of those who the hall was built to commemorate should be on the outside of the hall.

The Pomeroy Trust information leaflet has been updated to be displayed on the notice board. A book is also being written about Pomeroy to hopefully raise funds for the hall. More information to follow.

Once the weather improves, remedial work can restart on the hall (e.g., locating the stop tap).

Fundraising - The winners for the 100 club were Emily Mellor (13) for February, Ben Wilson (17) for March and Joan Bonsall (1) for April.

The final total raised for the sale of the 2023 calendars was £260. Thank you to all those who

supported us, both those who bought calendars and also members of the committee who produced and sold the calendars.

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held at the Duke of York, Pomeroy on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 8pm. All welcome. Please contact us through our website: [www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk](http://www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk). Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroy Memorialhall> or please email: [pomeroywmh@talktalk.net](mailto:pomeroywmh@talktalk.net)

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Baptism - Ada Moss, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Hartington

Internment of Ashes - Monica Allen, Mar 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.

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