

# News And Views



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## Jug & Glass

In this edition we are discovering the story of one of our long standing Sponsors – The Jug and Glass – this is the first part of two sharing some of its early history. Thanks are given to Mrs Joan Bonsall, who has researched much of our local history and shared this item with us and whose son Daryll and Vicky are the current proprietors.

'The Jug & Glass' is an old Coaching Inn sited on the most northerly point of the horseshoe-shaped Parish of Hartington Nether Quarter; a small civil parish – created from a subdivision of the old Hartington parish – which, since 1893/4 has been administered from Biggin, encompassing the nearby hamlets of Friden, Heathcote, Newhaven and Pikehall. Known locally as 'The Jug' it's probably the longest continually occupied, licensed public house in the parish.



Situated within the White Peak area of the Derbyshire Dales, its position of 1,148 ft. (361 metres approx.) above sea level, positioning can be bleak during incremental weather, nevertheless, panoramic views over the Staffordshire Moorlands and beyond, stretching towards the Welsh borders throughout the year remain – along with the sunsets – second to none.



'The Jug' - as in times past – stands steadfast on Carboniferous foundations formed some 350 million years ago. Pure Derbyshire limestone, hewn from a 'once-a-week quarry' hidden within woods a few miles north-east from the inns fabric, whilst earlier built walls, finished in rough render attempt to disguise the old ring horse-tether irons of past times.

In 1768, the adjacent road (A515) was described as exceedingly hard gravel, mountainous and most disagreeable. However, numerous people continued to travel the main highway between Derby and Manchester. The road was turnpiked in 1770, but 'The Jug' is known to exist far earlier. Sited beside a packhorse and rider route transporting copper to Denby smelters from Ecton Mine, whilst Green Lane across Northfield also provided a byway for market traders. The nearest map feature, 'moneystone' is thought of as a hollowed-out stone (probably a millstone) through which the age-old 'spit-on-handshakes' occurred sealing business deals of the day.



'The Jugs' earliest known licensee was John Webster from the nearby hamlet of Heathcote in 1753 and in 1770 John Wood was the proprietor with Hannah Wood named in 1783. A William Featherstone (known to be residing at the adjacent Lean Low Farm) has been mentioned as residing at 'The Jug' in 1813 but here records seem somewhat scanty. Nonetheless undoubtedly, Daniel Pett held tenancy from 1822-1828.

Advent of railways in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century saw construction of two lines in the immediate vicinity; the Cromford & High Peak (C&HP) to the east in 1825 and to the west the London & North Western (L&NW) in 1899. Both of

which (closed to rail traffic within the 'Beeching Era' of the 1960's), went on to be purchased by the Peak National Park Authority to be opened up in 1971 as 'leisure trails' for locals and the tourist trade.

Nevertheless, both lines remain linked by the 'drovers' Green Lane. Labour used in both projects moved back and forth undoubtedly helping support ale trade. Unfortunately, however not all for the good with one incident being recorded thus:

*'On Monday the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant, an inquisition was held before Mr. Thomas Mander, Coroner for the Hundred High Peak on view of the body of James McOwn (an Irishman) who had been employed on the Cromford and High Peak railroad. After an investigation of five hours, it appeared that Saturday last about six in the evening the deceased was at the house of Daniel Pett known as the sign of 'The Jug & Glass' at Hartington Nether Quarter with several persons that while there he was drinking ale until he became intoxicated, and then engaged in a fight with Joseph Heathcote a labourer that in the fight the deceased received no injury of sufficient consequence to produce his death but at the same was occasioned by a 'fit of apoplexy' with which the deceased was seized sometime in the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant and the jury returned their verdict: Died from a fit of apoplexy by the visitation of God'.*

Hereafter recounted licensees remain vague but (recently having met to speak with relatives of ancestors), Francis William Featherstone was surely at the helm in 1860. Thereafter tenancy succeeded to son John (/James) in 1871.

John remained landlord a decade later. But, in 1881 the great days of 'Coaching Inns' was over. The 'census' of that year showed 'Innkeeping' combined with other trades. Landlords were often also known as farmers, land merchants and miner come quarryman. Tenants of 'The Jug' were no exception.

**Correction to spelling of Miss Twigge from last edition front page. Mary (Sherratt) has asked me to publish this. My apologies for not spelling the name correctly.**

**Vicars letter** -June, July and August are our wonderful summer months. June is a month of growth and beauty are we are already experiencing warm weather and longer days. Our countryside is looking at its most exuberant as many plants reach their most beautiful in appearance. As the summer continues different species come into bloom whilst others fall back, and we enjoy much variety as the season progresses. As I write, the lanes are full of cow parsley, the fields with buttercups and blossom fills the hawthorn trees. Allotments and carefully tended gardens look neat...and greenhouses are helping tomatoes, cucumbers and chilli plants grow. It will only be a short time until crops are ready for harvest and the blossoms have gone to leave fruit and the ground starts to look more brown than green as the shortage of rain takes its toll.

In the church year we step into a season known as Ordinary time, which is a time of growth in our following of Jesus. Ordinary time starts each year for a few weeks after Epiphany when the visit of the wise men to Jesus is remembered and breaks for Lent, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost, then resumes after Trinity Sunday for the rest of the year until we reach Advent again! Ordinary time suggests something 'Boring' but it is not that(!) - as it allows a season for other things.....Ordinary Time includes for example, creation tide, with themes such as creation and the environment surfacing and taking the lead and encourages creative responses to saints days and patronal festivals. Across the Peak District we enter into the time of the much-loved Well Blessings, Flower Festivals and Fetes, village markets and concerts. Here, life is anything but ordinary!

Ordinary time allows a pause in the church calendar to recalibrate, to read, to spend time reflecting and resetting. We are all called as disciples of Jesus to live lives that reflect that and open ourselves up to continual growth and transformation in our lives. May our own daily walking with Jesus transform us in this season as we become more like Him in our ways and slowly but surely, see the church family grow and our communities blessed as together we live out and serve and tell others, showing the love of God for all.

A prayer, 'Day by Day', written by George Appleton  
O God, to know you is life eternal,  
To serve you is perfect freedom. Grant that I may  
Know you more truly, more intimately, more clearly, and serve you in freedom, with courage and flame, in all my days, Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

**More Good News for All** I am very excited to soon be joining Rev'd Adele and you all as Assistant Curate in the benefice of the White Peak Group and the benefice of Youlgreave, Middleton, Stanton in Peak and Birchover. I am so looking forward to meeting and getting to know you and learning about the communities I will be serving with you. We came along to a joyful family service in Youlgreave a few weeks ago and felt so at home there – I was so encouraged that you had been praying for the curate even before I had seen the profile! Thank you!

A bit about me – I am married to Guy, and we have 3 adult children, a daughter-in-law who is also a curate in Doncaster, a soon to be daughter-in-law and a very well-loved and spoilt 10-year-old sprocker spaniel. Before sensing that God may be calling me to ministry in the Church of England, we lived in Taunton, Somerset where I worked as a manager in a hospice. During our time in Taunton, we were part of a large village church on the edge of the town. For the last two years, I have been studying full-time at Trinity College in Bristol, where I have also had the privilege of being a part of two very different church communities in Clifton.



I love being outdoors; walking, off-road running and cycling are some of my favourite things to do so I'm very much looking forward to exploring the wonderful hills and countryside of the Peaks – Guy is particularly excited about getting to know the local rivers.

I am so thrilled that God has brought us to serve and learn under Adele's guidance in your wonderful communities and am looking forward to all He has in store over the next few years. See you soon, Lisa

Lisa will be ordained deacon on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 11am in Derby Cathedral - all are welcome to attend. She and her family will be living in the vicarage in Monyash which they will move into later in July.

**Hartington Surgery update-** Supply of Covid booster vaccinations for patients who are 75 or over, or who are immunosuppressed, have been subject to slow National vaccine supply and delivery. The Practice has only been allocated a limited stock of vaccine which arrives at the Surgery in 'drips and drabs'. This has hindered the recall and vaccination process in Hartington. If you have received a notification to say that you are eligible for the covid booster vaccination, it is recommended that you book your appointment as soon as possible via the National Booking Service to avoid further delay.

On behalf of patients registered at the Surgery I would like to say thank you to Hartington Surgery Patients Group who have worked with the local community to secure funding to purchase a 24 hour ECG machine. This valuable piece of equipment would not normally be available at a GP Surgery and patients requiring 24 ECG monitoring would be subject to long waiting times and travelling distance to hospitals. Funds were provided from a variety of sources including patient donations and contributions from local Parish Councils, The Rotary Club of Ashbourne and The Masons Lodge. This was celebrated last week at a Hartington Community event. If you would like to know any more information about the patient's Group, please contact the Practice Manager.

The Practice is now able to offer a new service for the fitting of Intrauterine devices (coils). If you would like more information about this service, please book a consultation with Midwife/Nurse, Jennie Dawson.

There have been recent disruptions to the surgery telephone service. This was out of Practice control and related to BT working on lines in the area.

Summer -safety in the sun! During hot weather, stay safe by applying high factor sun cream regularly, wear a wide brimmed hat and sunglasses, drink plenty of fluids and stay in the shade away from direct sunlight.

### **Hartington Surgery Patient Group (HSPG) working with the Community to purchase ECG 24-hour monitor**

This initiative was first developed in January 2023. Its successful conclusion was celebrated on June 8<sup>th</sup> when the various donors and the HSPG met. It was here that Dr Dawson was able to explain the importance and impact this equipment was already having for the patients of Hartington Surgery. It was also an opportunity for the Patient group to promote their work on behalf of over 10 parishes who have members of their community who attend the surgery. The attendees, shown here- enjoyed Drinks and homemade cakes followed by a glass of prosecco as Dr Dawson proposed a toast to all contributors. Thanks was given to Hartington Community Group who hosted the event.

Unfortunately, the Chair of HSPG was ill and unable to attend but she did send the following message “As the chair of the patient group at Hartington Surgery, I would like to thank you for coming to this event and a huge “thank you” to all who have made today possible. Liz has done a fantastic job helping secure and arrange the

funding for the new 24-hour ECG monitor. Thank you to everyone that have contributed, without these generous donations it would not have been possible. We are very lucky to have such a strong community support around the patients group. I have been part of the patient’s group for 14 years and over that time I have seen lots of new ideas and equipment supplied to the surgery. These important pieces of equipment would not have been available to our Patients via the NHS. The Patients group is a registered charity and submits accounts



annually. It also acts as a forum to provide constructive feedback to the surgery. We always welcome new members”. Charlotte Coles

HSPG identified the urgent need for a 24-hour ECG monitor to be based at the Surgery (the previous monitor, which was funded by The Patient's Group is now obsolete and the software is no longer supported). This preventative resource, enabling direct patient care, will ensure that patients who require this monitoring can access at the surgery instead of 4 journeys (there and back) to a hospital Stepping Hill Hospital or Derby. The medical staff, at Hartington, have the skills required to utilise this resource at no cost to patients/community. The monitor, and software, with an 8 year maintenance programme costs approximately £3500.

There are over 3000 patients registered with Hartington Surgery. The following 7 Parish Councils supported directly as well St Oswald Masons Lodge and Ashbourne Rotary Club. There were also 2 anonymous donors as well as significant contribution from Mr Trevor Wragg. Hartington Town Quarter PC; Hartington Nether Quarter PC; Hartington Middle Quarter PC; Warslow and Elkstone PC; Longnor PC; Alstonfield PC; Parwich PC.

Many members of the communities represented by these Parish Councils will remember John Dean – a wonderful supporter of the surgery – for many years delivering prescriptions with his wife June. John was a member of the Masons Lodge where he continued his lifelong fund raising for the British Heart Foundation (BHF). His grandson Jack is continuing his work by doing the Balkan 3 Peak Challenge in June raising well over a £1000 for the BHF.

**Tales from the field** -The summer sunshine has finally arrived in our beautiful villages and I’m sure many, like me will be eagerly watching the garden and enjoying every returning flower and plant with delight and every car journey into town involves an accidental plant or seed purchase along with the essentials!

My experiment to plant a bug and bee friendly area around the dead trees has been a huge success, its year two and we seem to be winning against the grasses attempts at reclaiming this spot. This year the foxgloves (always loved their latin name of grandiflora)are providing colourful skyscraper bee stops en route to the next garden, the buttercups sway in the wind (often ferociously as those of you in Biggin will understand it’s a windy old place) ox eye daisies are plentiful and are a lovely reminder of my mum, who passed away recently, as she sent me the seeds last year – flowers can be such a lovely reminder of people and places. But I noticed today I seem to have competition, my chickens have decided to plant their own patch of garden and have dropped their seed mix around the coop entrance, we have feathery corn, sunflowers and a few mystery sprouters providing a wonderful kitchen garden fit for any aspirational chicken, even my snooty hen Mrs Haversham seems suitably impressed with their efforts.

With us all mindful of climate change and trying to do our bit to provide bee havens within our own gardens and the shared spaces in our villages, (even Chelsea flower show had lots more ‘weeds’ in their show gardens this year) I shall be eagerly supporting the village seed swop scheme, although it appears, this year I may be behind my own chickens in the queue!

**Childrens Corner** - It’s that wonderful time of year again.... Bee time!! when here at news and views we are calling for all the village children to do their bit to care for our bees and provide them with a little snack as they fly through your garden. So, what snack can you leave for a bee??

A little pot of water is essential. An empty yogurt pot with a few stones in, topped up with water is an ideal drinking station, the bee can stand on the stone and take a drink without fear of falling in.

Plant a sunflower or other bright flower that the bee can snack on – and if you don't have seeds – ask your adult to drop us an email at [childrensnewsandviews@gmail.com](mailto:childrensnewsandviews@gmail.com) and we can send some out to you. And remember you don't have to have a huge garden or showstopper of a flower, even the smallest flower in the smallest plant pot is a bee stop they'll use and love you for. Hap-Bee summer!

**Introducing a French Group-** Parlez-vous français? From September, local residents across our parishes and Staffordshire Moorlands will be able to improve their linguistic skills by attending sessions with a new French Group. The group is being set up by Jessica Mulligan, who recently relocated to the Peak District with her family. She is an experienced French teacher and loves sharing her passion for France and the French language.

Sessions will take place on Thursday mornings at Hartington Village Hall and will be offered as a six-week course. The first course will start on 21 September 2023. There will be two sessions on offer each week:

- Improvers: For those with a little prior knowledge (perhaps GCSE/O-level), but it may be rusty! The course will begin with a review of the basics before progressing to new topics.
- Intermediate: For those with French O-level and perhaps A-level, or an equivalent level, who wish to refresh and further their knowledge. Each class will be divided into language work and a conversational section to improve fluency and confidence.

For further information, please contact Jessica Mulligan at [jessica.a.mulligan@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.a.mulligan@gmail.com), or on 07879 558 749. Bookings should be made by 31 July 2023 to secure a place for September.

**Pilates and Yoga sessions – there is one for YOU!** – These sessions are led by a number of highly qualified and very friendly tutors (held in Hartington Village Hall). The summer months are difficult to maintain numbers with holidays, so most groups are looking at a strong start again in September. There are sessions on different days of the week, at different times and for different levels and needs. The weekly programme is shown below- in early September more information will be available with contact details on various platforms including the village hall website

Monday – Yoga with Louise – 9.30-11am, Wednesday- Intermediate Pilates with Theresa- 10.30-11.30 and Chair pilates 11-30-12.30; Wednesday – Pilates with Caroline 6-7pm; Friday- Yoga with Anne- 10-11am

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### **Biggin News**

2 July	11am 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Thomas Church
15 October	Harvest Festival 11am.

**Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council** - A commemorative plaque has been erected on the Memorial Wall in the Parish Council Cemetery in Biggin in recognition of the sacrifices made and those affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. It is hoped that it will remain in place as a poignant reminder of those difficult times. It is hoped that there will be a short ceremony later this year to mark this which will be followed by tea and coffee in the Village Hall.

Operation 'Speedwatch' will remain in place throughout Biggin. This aims to remind drivers to adhere to the 30 miles per hour speed limit throughout the Village and be particularly aware of their speed around the school on Main Street and the children's play area on Drury Lane.

Dog fouling continues to be an issue in the Parish. It's not pleasant for walkers and children playing to be subjected to dog waste left by irresponsible dog

owners. There are a number of dual-purpose waste bins located throughout the Parish. Please remember to 'poop and scoop' in respect for those around you.

The Life Support Training was cancelled earlier this year to heavy snow. This is being re-arranged for a Saturday in September or October. If you live in the Parish of Hartington Nether Quarter and are interested in attending Emergency Life Support and AED training, please contact the clerk or one of the Councillors.

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).

**Biggin C of E Primary School** -Summer term is always a fantastic time for being active and enjoying sports and the outdoors. School is blessed with amazing outdoor spaces: a huge sports field, a playground, two sets of play equipment for younger and older children, a garden, a play area and wildlife garden with a pond and of course the beautiful Peak

District countryside on our doorstep. So it's not surprising that our children enjoy being active and have a good appreciation of being in nature.

Children have enjoyed an amazing array of outdoor activities this term already. We have fantastic sports coaches from Primary Stars and Derby County who are delivering expert coaching in our PE lessons covering tennis and athletics, some superb afterschool clubs including multi-sports, mountain biking and archery, all children from Year 2 and above swim at Ashbourne Leisure Centre and the whole school have been involved in competitive sports events with other local schools in athletics, fundamental skills, Kwik Cricket and rounders. Very soon we will be welcoming children from nearby schools to our Four Dales Sports event as well as holding our own sports afternoon for parents. All of this as well as active playtimes and taking advantage of local walks on the Tissington Trail or down Biggin Dale mean that children can develop great attitudes to exercise, fitness and wellbeing as well as great teamwork and sportsmanship. We are so proud of everything they achieve.

Upcoming events:

- Wednesday afternoons, 2.00pm – 3.30pm – Little Explorers preschool club – please contact school if you would like your preschool child to come along.
- Key Stage 2 Humanities Day at QEGS on 20<sup>th</sup> June
- Schools Together Service led by Rev Adele on the school playing field on 25<sup>th</sup> June
- School celebration of St Thomas's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Brass Concert for Parents on 7<sup>th</sup> June
- Whole school trip to Magma Science Museum on 12<sup>th</sup> July

### **Earl Sterndale News**

**Earl Sterndale Chapel** opened its doors on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> so that the residents in the village could celebrate the Coronation of King Charles. Many people came to enjoy tea and cake and chat with new and long-standing friends. Thank you to Laura from the Balloon shop and The Aces group for providing bunting and thanks to those who provided cakes and served the tea. The donations collected were shared equally between the Methodist chapel and the church.

Our community coffee mornings, first Wednesday monthly continue to be well supported. Margaret Sweetmore

Please contact school on 01298 84279 if you would like to come and look around school.

**Biggin Village Hall 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.

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023 - 10am until 2pm Drive Sale/Garage Sale around Biggin Village.**



Dig out all those unwanted/unused items. Please let us know if you wish to join in so we can pop it on a map to let people know where to go. Details on the Biggin community Facebook page

**Waterloo Inn** - As mentioned in previous edition, we do have a Boules team who play in the Matlock League on Sunday Evenings. There are 7 teams in our league, and we are middle in the table. It is a great social event and is totally fun. We must have a minimum of 6 players and maximum of 12 players each game. The boules pitch was built by locals of the Waterloo who play in the team, but anyone can come and use it. We have a set of rules available, and you can borrow some boules if you wish.

**Beer Festival and Fun Day 11- 13<sup>th</sup> August is our beer festival.** The Fun Day is the 12<sup>th</sup> August. All proceeds go the Mountain Dog Rescue Team of which some members live in the village. If anyone would like a stall or donate a raffle prize, we would be very appreciative. Raffle tickets are for sale in the pub. Thank You Steve, Debs and Stevie

**Earl Sterndale Church** -the Flower Festival will be held during **August Bank Holiday** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August. The theme -**100 YEARS OF WALT DISNEY** Open each day 10am till 4pm Refreshments served Daily.

**Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council**  
[www.hartingtonmiddlequarter-pc.org](http://www.hartingtonmiddlequarter-pc.org)

The meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023, was the A.G.M. with Dr Ian Saunders retiring as Chair and from the Council.

We would like to thank Ian, for his years of service on the Council, all that he has done in his role as

Chair, these last few years, and wish him well, in his retirement.

There were also Local Elections in May this year, so we have a few changes. We would like to welcome Alex Holland as our new Chair, with Mark Hodgkinson as Vice Chair. Paula Bradbury and Ben Mycock are existing members, with William Bradbury and Steve Campeau as new members, we hope they enjoy being on our 'team'.

To celebrate the King's Coronation, we bought china mugs, for the children of the parish, as we have done for previous celebrations. We also decided to purchase a commemorative engraved bench, to be placed on the village green. It is in the process of being sited and mounted on a concrete base. We hope the people of the village and visitors as well, enjoy sitting and taking time to reflect there. The next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023-7.45pm in the Chapel, to which all are welcome.



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**Earl Sterndale CE Primary School** The children have a very exciting half-term to look forward to ahead of the summer holidays, namely:

- Canoeing trips to White Hall
- Sports days
- Farm visits
- A trip to Alton Towers
- The School Play
- The Leavers' Party.

All are welcome to attend our Leavers' Party on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July (4:30pm–7:30pm). We will be holding our traditional ball race (a race of 500+ numbered tennis balls released from the top of the hill outside school to the bottom of the hill), a raffle, tombola, auction, cake stall, refreshments, children's games and much more. Please feel free to pop along for a slice of cake and a look around the various activities. If you're able to donate any items that may be suitable for either the tombola or the raffle (bottles, sweets, toys, chocolate, smellies etc.), please call school on 01298 83263 and we will arrange for someone to come and collect them from you. Alternatively, you can drop any donations off at school. Likewise, if you'd like to purchase any ball race numbers, please contact the school office on 01298 83263, or feel free to pop in, and we can allocate you a ball race number or two! Each ball number costs £1 and there will be some fabulous prizes.

## Hartington News

### St Giles Church Services

2 <sup>nd</sup> July 11am	Morning Worship
9 <sup>th</sup> July 11am	Morning Praise
3pm	Forget-me-not Memorial Service
16 <sup>th</sup> July 11am	Holy Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 11am	All Age Worship
30 <sup>th</sup> July 11am	Joint Benefice service at Youlgrave
6 <sup>th</sup> August 11am	Holy Communion
13 <sup>th</sup> August 11am	Morning Praise
20 <sup>th</sup> August 11am	All Age Worship
27 <sup>th</sup> August 11am	Morning Praise

**War Memorial** The Parish Council would like to thank the members of the Community for ensuring the new trees planted at the war memorial have been watered during the months of May, June, July, and August. This was particularly important during the long dry spell throughout May and June.

This has involved weekly filling of the bulk container in the field of Mr and Mrs Coombes by Richard Sherratt. Then on a weekly rota watering the individual trees by residents Fred Birch, Anna and Harry Wardle, Bryony Coombes, Kris Owen, John (Hartington Paws) and Brad Bradley. Many thanks for all your efforts.

We are aware that the stone flags need replacing, and this will be actioned as soon as the contractor recovers from an injury that has delayed the work.

### **Illegal Dumping of Waste in the Pinfold**

Around midnight on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June a lorry dumped a large amount of waste in the Pinfold some hundred metres along the Dale. The Pinfold is some 75 metres in depth from the road so easily concealed. A member of the Council heard the activity from above and attempted to drive a large farm vehicle to the site to obtain the number, but the two or three people had by then disappeared, leaving behind a large pile of mattresses and other trash.

We have reported this to both DDCC Waste Team and the Police but have no identification of the vehicle used. This is becoming increasingly common, with several incidents in Heathcote over the last year. If you see anything suspicious, please do not attempt to tackle the perpetrators but try and obtain the registration number and notify either the Parish Council or other authorities.

### **Coronation weekend celebrations a great success**

The Coronation celebrations in Hartington saw a variety of enjoyable activities taking place over the weekend 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May. Children from Hartington C



of E primary school started proceedings on the Friday with a mock coronation on the village green, supported

by an enthusiastic flag waving crowd. The Coronation Big Lunch then took place on a lovely sunny Sunday afternoon with over 160 people taking part. The bouncy castle was especially popular with all the children.

Despite Monday's wet weather, as part of the national Big Help out day, volunteering activities took place in the morning at the Village Hall and Churchyard, tackling a number of much needed jobs and making a positive impact in the space of few hours. The weather prevented the tug of war and wheelbarrow racing taking place in the afternoon, but the weekends activities then finished off with a Family Treasure Hunt followed by a very enjoyable Beetle Drive and Bingo afternoon held in the village hall organised by the Oddfellows.

Running throughout the weekend as well was the Jubilee History event organised by members of the history group, with a book available for all to record their memories of this coronation. Such a

successful weekend would not have been possible without the many volunteers who were involved and a big thank you on behalf of the community to all of you who took part.

**Hartington C of E Primary School-** What a whirlwind of activities and events have taken place in May and June- to name a few.

- The "Mock Coronation" on the village green with an enthusiastic flag waving crowd from the community. Big Thank you to Jen Ball for the costumes, David and Lucy Annat- for the 2 thrones and Jo Woolley for the amazing willow crowns, sceptre and orb.
- An exciting visit to Eyam Museum and village trail, as part of our preparation for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Village Trail. NEW DATE- October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Our annual Maypole Dancing on June 16<sup>th</sup> what fantastic performances by all 25 children, and then great fun as parents and friends took part. Cakes were provided by the school by catering manager Katie White, Helen Harrison and Sue Bruce. Thank You!
- Messy Church on June 22<sup>nd</sup> led by Reverend Adele- the theme the parable of the greedy farmer.

As the school year draws to a close we are delighted to be able to hold a "Community Lunch" on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, the first since the pandemic. Please save the date – more information nearer the time.

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying "Goodbye" to Mrs Plevy who came to our school last September. She will be very much missed by both the children and staff. We are also saying farewell to Mrs Flower who is retiring this year after 22 years of service to our school. We will miss her passion and devotion to the school. We wish her every success in her future endeavours.

**Hartington Village Hall: 27<sup>th</sup> May: 'Jazz in the Village'** with Scottish duo Ian Millar on saxophone and Dominic Spencer on piano played to an appreciative audience. Our next music event will be on **30<sup>th</sup> September** with American folk duo '**Hungrytown**'.

Our three-day Arts Festival featuring local artists has been moved back to 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November. If interested in participating contact Andy Papas.

We have received good news on our kitchen refurbishment which takes place over 3 weeks starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. In recent days we have received



two grants from **The Bingham Trust** (£5,000) and **Foundation Derbyshire/ Freemasons** (£2,000). With the tremendous support that so many from the community has given through our lottery together with a range of fund-raising events over the past two years, culminating in the £4000 raised at the April 'Kitchen Disco', we can cover the costs. During the refurbishment the Hall will be closed apart from a very small number of evening and weekend activities. A number of volunteers are involved in stripping out the kitchen before 3<sup>rd</sup> July and we thank them for their time and expertise.

We have also received a £500 **Magic Little Grant** to support two of our user groups, 'Wiggles and Giggles' pre-school group who meet on Tuesday mornings and 'Chair Pilates' who meet on Wednesdays.

We receive invaluable support from Support Staffordshire on many issues that affect our village hall. I am delighted to share the news that two of our Trustees, Rob Tenty and Leon Goodwin, are being recognised by the organisation for their invaluable volunteer activity at the Village Hall. Leon has set up and managed our online booking system for the past 5 years, recently stepping down from that role. Rob has been at the heart of so many of our successful fund-raising ventures, most notably both the 'Winter Blues Breaker' and 'Kitchen Disco' this year. We are so very fortunate in our community that so many step forward as volunteers and quietly, with no fuss, enhance the lives of all of us.

Please see our calendar, for all our future events: [www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/calendar](http://www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/calendar) . There are a number of weekend yoga and willow craft events over the coming months.

**Village Hall Lottery:** Here are the results of our last two draws-

**May** – the draw was held at the Hartington Village Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and was drawn by Kay Baggley at the morning Pilates Group. The winning number was 69, held by Sarah Carey, an NHS nurse who lives in Chesterfield.

**June** - the draw was held at the Hartington Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> at the evening Pilates Group when, Instructor Caroline Webster, drew No. 110, the number held by Hartington resident Vivienne Briggs.

Both 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

**The dressing of the Well** begins on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall from 10 am. We will be working through the week until Friday 8<sup>th</sup>, ready for the Well dressing ceremony on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. It would be lovely to see those that helped last year and anyone else who would like to join in. If anyone know of hydrangeas, we can source especially blue please let me know. Lucy

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**Pomeroy War Memorial Hall. Pomeroy War Memorial Hall.** Since our last meeting, the committee members have been hard at work. A wonderful hand carved sign has been created for the noticeboard by one of our committee - many thanks to Ian Webster. This can be seen from the road/ post box side.

Our clerk has been especially busy, not only researching the best way forward regarding our charity status but also how to best utilise the hall and adjacent ground, within the strict restrictions of planning regulations. We now have a list of Archaeological researchers and quotes for the written scheme of investigation. We also have a list of local conservation builders.

All this work has been done at the same time as researching the history of the hall and Pomeroy. The "booklet" is progressing well, and it promises to be a very interesting read. An update on the past year and all the findings from our clerk will be shared and discussed at our next meeting as well as the treasurer's report. Committee election will also take place.

The AGM is on 28th June, and everyone is welcome to attend, especially anyone who is interested in joining the committee. We still have a vacancy for a treasurer and our clerk is continuing to carry out both roles. We continue to fundraise for the hall.

The winners for the 100 club were Eileen Broomhead (25) for May and Ian Webster (76) for June.

Please come along to our next meeting which is an 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:

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### Parish Register

**Biggin** Wedding of Annabel Coles and Robert Duncan on 20<sup>th</sup> May

### Hartington

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