

# News And Views



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## THE 'JUG & GLASS INN' Part two

Nationwide, the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century witnessed a rapid decline of 'Coaching Inns'; due mainly to the birth of railways. Locally, workers having sought sustenance during construction of the 'Cromford & High Peak' (C&HP) and 'London & North Western Railway' (L&NWR) lines now turned to new pastures on the job's completion. With diminished footfall taking its toll, early 20<sup>th</sup> Century days brought extra hardships as World War One (WW1) loomed on the horizon. Nonetheless, foresighted publicans had also become 'land-merchants', thus taking opportunities to furnish the country and its military with vital crops and hardware needed to prosper; as previously all had mostly been imported.

1925 *The Naylor Family* (Note clothing of the era – Teenage-son in best short trousers, knee-length socks and hob-nailed boots. Floral top with long serge skirt and sacking over-pinnie. Thin Flannelette blouse with back-fastening cotton pinafore for daughter. Full working garb for Wilf with obligatory pipe and 'best-market hob-nailed boots,' whilst their Cow/Sheepdog bids a hasty retreat with his prized catch-of-the-day.



Sometime before WW1 Wilf Naylor became landlord. On his departure around 1926 Thomas Rowarth Senior held the property for some 60 years. Family recalls when his daughter-in-law gave birth on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 1933 the midwife was fetched from Parwich via tractor transport. Meanwhile a month onwards on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1933 the Dunn family's vehicle – a car – was stolen from the farm entrance some half a-mile away northwards.

1934 brought further grief to the doorstep when: a well-loved, respected, hard-working local and 'Master Wall Builder' visited 'The Newhaven House Hotel' for sustenance. But, following a somewhat lengthy visit, Joes' session was 'closed' by the then landlord. Although remaining jovial, Joe undeterred, set forth – on foot – for 'The Jug.' However unfortunately, he would never reach his yearned for destination. Joe was struck by a motor vehicle yards from the door. Consequently, this beloved character died from injuries sustained on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1934. During life Joe lived with his brother George Wood in a meagre wooden dwelling beside the old Wesleyan Chapel in nearby Biggin. Joe was interred in St. Thomas' cemetery alongside other family members.

Further misfortune lurked. Young Winston Dunn aged 4 years sadly drowned having fallen in a drinking-water Meer, south of 'Newhaven Lodge Farm' on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 1934. Neighbours from 'The Jug,' 'Leanlow Farm' and Parsley Hay' rallied forth as did John Bob Sherratt, from Hartington – who recorded many events in his diaries kept during 1933-35. Around this time the Rowarth family moved to take charge of 'The Newhaven House Hotel.'

William and Alice Mycock held tenancy of 'The Jug' around 1939, before leaving to settle and work at nearby 'Hartington Station'. They lived here for many years raising their family and thereafter – for a short period – were succeeded by Mr & Mrs Bishop.

The outbreak of WW2 saw hardship locally and nationally; at this time the tenant of 'The Jug,' was Clifford Dunn and his family

Photo: Clifford Dunn: Date – with his family and customers enjoying a get together.

On 10<sup>th</sup> April, 1943 a Vickers Armstrong Bomber, Wellington MkIII, DF 611/W of OUT crashed on a training flight.

Believed to be Canadians, the crew had taken off on an infrared bombing exercise. According to Cliffs' daughter Hilda, she was awakened by the noise at 05.30 hours and ran to her bedroom window. She saw the plane flying far too low before it careered across the A515 landing in a field on Blakemoor some 400 yards north from 'The Jug' on the opposite side. As noted by Alan Clarke



<https://www.peakdistrictaircrashes.co.uk/crashsites/peakdistrict>)  
Flight Sergeant Ronald Albert Jones had attempted an emergency landing. But as the Wellington ran to a halt it slewed around with wing-fuelled tanks splitting open and bursting into flames.

As Cliff and Tom arrived on scene from 'The Jug' and 'Newhaven', rescue of three of the planes crew of five was not viable; the pilot alongside navigator, Sergeant John Scott Spencer and bomb-aimer Sergeant Gilbert Kenneth Parsons were killed. Miraculously though, wireless-operator Flight Sergeant Robert James Perrin



Blakemoor – crash site as seen today from A515

and 23 years old rear-gunner Flight Sergeant John Douglas had been thrown clear of the wreckage. The rear gun-turret had been catapulted off from the main fuselage to roll back behind 'The Jug'. Remarkable it left John Douglas with relatively few injuries.

Memories of that day remained. Remembered by the crews Families and by families of helping rescuers; including William and Alice Mycock of Hartington Station. In 1982, Having settled in Carlisle, John Douglas travelled to 'The Jug' for a re-union with Hilda Kirkham (nee Dunn). "A wonderful lady", he said, "who had given up her bed for him on that fateful night in 1943".



Vickers Armstrong Bomber Wellington MK III, D F 611/W replica

**Vicar Letter-** September – a month of endings and beginnings. As summer draws to a close, and shorts and t-shirts are put away for another year, the usual rhythm of life returns with children heading back to school, youngsters packing up for university or college, and the TV is full of ads for all the new programmes about to begin. In the church, we look towards all that lies ahead in the next few months – Harvest Festivals, All Souls, Remembrance Sunday, Advent and then, of course, the culmination of it all, Christmas!

But before we get to Christmas, we enter the season of autumn a time of thanksgiving. Over the next few weeks of September and into October we give thanks for the harvest, holding services in many churches. Do join us as we say thank you for all that is produced for us, especially as we live in a rural area and see farmers go about their work.

In his letter to the Ephesians Paul encourages us all to live our lives in an attitude of thankfulness. It is hard and takes a lot of discipline and requires effort. If you're feeling down, try smiling - the physical act of smiling makes you feel more cheerful whether you want to or not. In the same way being thankful changes our outlook too. It doesn't mean that living lives of thankfulness ignores sufferings or that the suffering of others doesn't matter, because they do matter. There is a time to laugh and a time to cry. So many people say they mustn't



grumble and imply that their sufferings are too small to be of value compared to other people's. Which is not true as all our struggles and sufferings matter to God, however small they are. Paul understood that if we can learn to be positive and thankful during the good times, then that will help to sustain us through the bad times. He was in prison when he wrote to the Ephesians. Being thankful didn't diminish his hardship, but it did help him to endure it.

Each new day brings with it a new beginning and a challenge. So perhaps we can be challenged to be thankful! To make the effort to see the positive in a situation rather than the downside. To stop being critical and give thanks instead. And I think that if we can do that, we'll discover that whatever life may bring, it will be the better for having consciously tried to live it in an attitude of thankfulness.

**Surgery Update - Flu vaccines** - are reverting to the same criteria as before Covid. It is being offered to:

- : all patients 65 years and over
- : patients aged 6 months to under 65 in clinical risk groups
- : children aged 2 or 3 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023
- : pregnant women

Flu vaccines are ordered and should arrive at the Practice by mid-September (as long as there are no manufacturing or delivery problems that will cause delays). This year we aim to offer pre-booked appointments for flu vaccines, at a variety of times during the day, including late evenings on Mondays, to assist working patients who may struggle to attend during regular working hours. All eligible patients will receive an invite to book an appointment. We will use the Hartington Surgery Patient Participation Group Facebook page to add information about when we will be starting to administer the vaccines.

**Jack Dean Fund raising for BHF** I just wanted to say a **HUGE thank-you** to everyone who has supported and donated towards the challenge in the last few months. We have absolutely smashed the target and raised over £1,700 which is more than I ever imagined, thank you for all the lovely messages and encouragement from all my friends and family. Special thanks to the members of Hartington village for promoting the trip in memory of my Grandad. In terms of the challenge, we completed 90% of it, climbing 3 of the highest peaks in the area (highest mountains in Montenegro, Kosovo and Albanie). We battled through the snow, wind and rain all with smiles on our faces in an amazing part of the world. The Gods denied our final climb and we were forced to turn back at the final summit (highest mountain in Montenegro). It was closed due to snow and cold weather. We kept pushing up towards the peak until our fingers went blue and we couldn't see more than a few metres in front of us, the risk was deemed too high to carry on climbing for an extra 2 hours to get to the peak after half the team had already



turned back. Nevertheless, it was a monumental effort from everyone, we couldn't have done much more. I have met some amazing people from all corners of the globe and I couldn't have achieved what we did without them.

I am in the process of planning something to make up for it so watch this space, just going to have some time to recover first. (A potential return to the Balkans later this summer or next to finish off..?)

**Tales from the field** – DRUM ROLL!!! 2023 award for edible garden showstopper goes to peas! My enthusiastic over planting back in May, (remember when we actually had sunshine) I planted enough peas to feed possibly the whole village, I work on a theory when planting of one for me-one for the chickens, but this year I've got so many peas they clearly didn't eat as many budding shoots as usual or they've wised up to the fact that I give them the grown peas as treats anyway! Other success stories ...Salad leaves were tremendous and so were edible flowers and chillies. And after seeing a friend's glorious greenhouse (with the best greenhouse view ever) full of the tomato plants, my tomato envy got the better of me and I purchased a ridiculous cupboard sized tomato greenhouse online but what a success! For the first time ever, I have actually succeeded in growing tomatoes! Onto the Failures, definitely radish but only partial failure as when they went so leggy with all the rain and into flower they looked very pretty and the butterflies loved them, so they were immediately forgiven.

I do have challenging conditions here for my slightly ambitious and enthusiastic mini allotment, the wind can be bitter across the fields, and we have more rain than sunshine, not to mention rogue chicken attacks on my seedlings. But I still adore being in the garden, it's my solace after a tough day and I can usually be found

pottering aimfully of an evening, glass of wine and secateurs in my hand sipping and snipping. My garden isn't to everyone's taste, I have wild flowers and sweet peas clambering over a vintage bike used as a plant support, pots are often old metal buckets and I love my craft shed with its wavy roof that's still slightly wonky after a storm, it's a perfect spot to plan my next gardening project, create or just read without the distraction of the internet (which doesn't reach that far). My garden has come a long way from the bare patch of mud, grass and buried junk I faced when I moved in. It's now a real garden that's used and loved and as all gardens should, it will evolve and grow with my family. So as summer draws to a close, enjoy the last of the sunshine and flowers, whether it's the shared spaces in our villages, a view through a window or a fully planted garden that's all yours to do as you wish. I hope you feel blessed, as I do, to have such a safe and beautiful spaces to wander, dolly daydream and breathe.

**Childrens corner** As the summer turns to winter, we can start to plan how we can help the bugs and beetles make it through winter. I always like to make bug hideaways in corners of the garden where they can snooze away the winter in safety. A plant pot is the perfect holiday home, and you can fill the plant pot with things you can easily collect on a walk around the villages, pinecones, sheep wool, sticks, leaves - they'll create a perfectly snug snoozing spot for your bug and beetle guests to enjoy when things get chilly. Send photos of your bug hotels into news and views and you may appear in the next issue!

**Joint village 'Environment' section Helping local wildlife.** As we move into early autumn, now is a great time to start thinking about how to help our local wildlife ahead of winter. Provide food and shelter for wildlife, now and in preparation for next year. Clean all your bird feeders to avoid the spread of disease to winter migrants and put up a nest box well in advance of breeding season. A nest box could also prove a cosy spot for small birds to spend the night on particularly cold winter evenings ahead. Do you have space in your garden for a habitat pile? Piles of logs, branches or leaves provides a home to a range of invertebrates or for hibernating hedgehogs. Leave plants in the garden uncut over autumn and winter – the seed heads provide food, and the stems and dead leaves are good for hibernating insects.

**Hartington Wildflower Group. Youth Hostel pond area now open to all.** After 18 months of hard work to restore the Youth Hostel pond, it is now again open to all visitors. Why not pay a visit and enjoy one of the best views of the village from one of the benches? Access through the main car park (via the gate with a painting from one of our local residents, Jennie Dullage). Thanks to the hard work from many volunteers from Hartington Wildflowers and the YHA team it has now been restored to its former glory, and we welcomed the return of smooth newts to the pond recently which is sign of its good health. Wildflowers that have lain dormant for many years have now also returned, complemented by additional planting of local native species.

Work will continue to maintain and further improve the area, including plans to open up the pond for pond dipping activities. If you do pay a visit, please be respectful to the area and its neighbours by only walking on the designated paths.

**Autumn maintenance on our wildflower areas** We will be carrying out a variety of maintenance tasks on our wildflower areas during autumn, if you'd like to help out, please get in touch via the contact details below.

**Toad patrol around the Mere in the spring** A meeting with a representative from the Derbyshire Reptile and Amphibian Group gave us lots of good suggestions for how we might help look after the toads and frogs as they migrate to the Mere towards the end of March next year. We are attempting to understand the main routes they take on their journey – so if you've noticed toads around the Mere area, especially on the roads, do let us know.

**Getting in touch** -If you'd like to find out more, please let me know in person or phone (07714 895175) or 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. Phillip Neal



**The Grand Order of Oddfellows** will be supporting Hartington Wakes and Wells Dressing on September 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be the friendship's group 181<sup>st</sup> year in the village. The annual March is one of only two locations nationwide that still maintains this tradition, the parade is an annual celebration of all the good charitable work that has been carried out over the previous year.

During the last year Hartington Oddfellows have been very active, helping out at social events such as The Rotter's Band Night, Kitchen Disco in the Village Hall, Tennis Ball Run on Church Street, Christmas Raffle with

Mulled Wine / Mince Pies on the Village Green, Tug of War, Wheelbarrow Race, Burns Night Evening in the Legion, Treasure Hunt / stand up Bingo and Beetle Drive for the King's Coronation and lending a helping hand to villagers that required assistance with no job being too big or small. These are just a few events we have been involved with enabling us to raise money for our and other communities. £525 was raised for a local family and CHUF (Children's Heart Unit Fund), School Bus Trips, Christmas selection boxes for every child in the village school plus Easter eggs with some money returning to the unity for future events.

The annual parade departs at 12.30pm accompanied by the Warslow Silver Band with 4 stops before a blessing, by Rev'd Adele, at the School Well Dressing 2.30pm and Pump Well 3.00pm. This event is open to everyone and all are welcome to join The Oddfellows and celebrate this joyful occasion and 181 years of tradition.

***Additional events are being held during Wakes Week with a Beetle Drive on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September and Walking Treasure Hunt Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at The Legion (Times TBC) Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> there will be a Quiz Night at the Legion***



The late Ron Riley, author and Oddfellow, in his 1994 book 'Alcocks Lamp' *We still parade the old banner every year and my thoughts are very much on the grand men who have walked behind it!*

The Oddfellows friendly society meet every last Thursday of the month at their residency, Royal British Legion at 8pm. A calendar of events is displayed in the Legion. The group consisting of a mix of villagers from the local area, male and female sharing a helping hand for each other and the community.

**Hartington Farm shop and cafe won the England's Business awards for Best Cafe in Derbyshire.**

We would like to thank all of our customers for nominating us and voting, the support and kindness has been overwhelming and to our fabulous team for their hard work and fantastic customer service.



**It is so great to know that all the hard work that we have put in is appreciated and recognised.**

Our Cafe was entered into The England's Business awards by the general public nominating us, we then applied to enter the competition so customers could vote for us online and give us comments on why we should be entered. We then had a mystery shop customer from the Business awards team to judge their experience of



our cafe. A few weeks later we had a letter to say that we were a finalist!

**We feel so proud and honoured to be nominated, it's a great achievement being a finalist whether we win or not. So we decided to attend the awards evening at the Grand Leicester Hotel** - it was a fantastic evening and a very proud moment for us as a team and family as we were called on to the stage as winners !! We also picked up the Best Consumer award at the end of the evening this was for the most comments entered as well as most votes out of all the Business in Derbyshire.

**We now go on to represent our county at the national awards in November which is very exciting and we will post some more information on this soon.** Thanks Again to all of our customers in making this possible

Joanne, Hollie, Megan & Bethany and all the Team at Hartington Farm Shop & Cafe

**HYPAC** -The members of HYPAC – children and leaders- have enjoyed another year of action packed fun, back to normal after Covid!!!. The activities have been varied and often challenging – from Bell- Ringing, Bat/Birdbox making, Insect hostel making (where else than YHA!), litter picking, OzBox and Boogie Dance, looking after your pet, First Aid and of course a wide range of sporting activities led so brilliantly by Olivia Williams and her fantastic team of young leaders. The highlight of the year our visits to Lea Green and Canoeing, rock scrambling and trips down Mouldridge mine under the exciting watch of the Lea Green instructors. This is the second year that we have received fantastic support from **Belle Altrad- Engineering, Sheen**, sponsoring T-Shirts and leaders' hoodies, and our Annual BBQ as well as the purchase of a portable BBQ. The support of several parents has made such a difference, doing the register helping the children,



providing refreshments/transport and some delivering sessions a **BIG THANK YOU-** Mark Webley, Jayne Wilton, Martin and Nicky Crimlis, Clare Wager. The last session for 2022/23 was the BBQ- held in the Village Hall – yummy food -Burgers/Sausages from Critchlow's at Sheen, presentation of certificates and an opportunity to say thank you too so many people. It was to be my last HYPAC as I am stepping down after 15years, knowing that these fantastic parents will continue to provide opportunities to the children of our village Communities in a safe and exciting environment. A new steering group Chaired and led by Mark Webley – secretary – Nicky C and fantastic treasurer Leon Goodwin. **This last time was especially memorable for me as Jayne, Mark, Nicky and Olivia, provided so many surprises and gifts- the most special was seeing and talking with the leaders of the past years- WOW that was so fantastic. THANK YOU so much to everyone – children, parents who bring their children every week and all leaders and deliverers who so freely give of their time.**

Mark will be in touch in early September with current members as well as information for new members confirming dates and time- First session September 25<sup>th</sup> Before that there will be the AGM -September 11<sup>th</sup> – 5.30 -Village Hall. Here's to another 15 years or more- **HYPAC – “Opportunities for young people, led by young people”**

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### **Biggin News**

**Services-** Harvest Service on 15th October at 11am.

**Gilbert Wilton- 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday-** There is going to be something to celebrate in the Wilton family on the 9th October 2023. Gilbert will be 100 years old. He was born in Monyash on the 9th October 1923. Seventh child of John William and Jane Ann Wilton. The family left Monyash in 1928 to live at Cheapside, Back Lane, Biggin.

Gilbert was called up for service in the Royal Navy in 1942, he was a wheelhouse and compass operator, and a radar operator, along with a few other duties. He served on the HMS Baynton and then HMS Deane. He took part in the Atlantic and Arctic convoys, for which he has since received his campaign medals including three from our Russian allies of the time.

Three brothers served during this time of war, Victor with 53rd Reconnaissance, Ambrose with RASC, and Gilbert with the Royal Navy. Unfortunately, their much-loved brother Victor was killed in action on February 28th 1945.

In 1952 Gilbert married Audrey, they lived in Hartington firstly at the cottage on the dale and secondly at Hillcrest Hall Bank. Two of their three sons were born in Hartington.

They moved to Drury Lane in 1959 where David was born. They were married for 59 years before Audrey passed away in 2011. David's passing was another blow in January 2020.

Gilbert remains very independent in his own home on Drury Lane supported by Tony and Alan and their families. He's looking forward to a party to be held on his behalf by his family on Sunday 8th October. The whole Wilton family are very proud of him and wish him a very happy birthday.

**Coffee, cake and chat** will resume on the last Thursday of September between 2-4 at the village hall. We have a small grant from Derbyshire Dales to progress the parish map. In November we will be offering people the opportunity to make a Christmas table decoration including a candle. There will be a charge of £15 for this workshop. If anyone has any ideas for social group projects, would like to be involved with the wildflower group or wants to make the Christmas candle centre piece please contact Sandra Lovatt or Julia Hewgill.

**Waterloo Inn** We have started to hold a Meat Raffle once a fortnight at the pub, tickets are a £1. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday evenings. This week the winning tickets were Phil 337, Jackie 339, Ricky 332, Janice 316 and David 314. The next raffle will be drawn on the 20<sup>th</sup> August. We have the following events booked: Karaoke - Friday 13th October with Ellen Elvis - Saturday 14th October Eclectic Music Duo; Saturday 28th October - Halloween fancy dress optional Dawn Fury Sunday 31st December. More events maybe added.

By the time this is printed we will have had our Beer Festival and we thank you for your support in raising money for the Mountain Rescue Search Dogs England. A reminder that the Quiz is the 3rd Thursday of every month starting at 9pm.

**BOULES** - Sadly we are out of the cup and plate competition's. We have played 10 games with 20 points, we are mid table so not bad for our second season. We still have a couple of games left to play. The boules pitch is available for anyone to use for fun, just check if a match is being played on a Sunday evening. Steve, Debs and Stevie

## Earl Sterndale News

**Summer Fair-** Thank you to all the stallholders, helpers, visitors, and village ladies, who made cakes for our Summer Fair. We would also like to thank Cassie, Jen, and families from school, for creating fun with animal balloon models and bean bag games.

**Churchyard Mowing** Thank you to everybody who has helped to keep our churchyard tidy this summer.

A contractor has been found, to sort out the more difficult, overgrown areas, all is looking much better. It is also a pleasure to see the village recreation ground looking tidy and well maintained, well done to all concerned.

**Social Saturday Afternoon Tea** A very wet and thundery day, not many visitors. We did have over 20 orders for takeaway teas, thank you to everyone who supported. Our afternoon ended, with a visit from a local walking group, called, "Fancy A Walk Mate?" Thank you for calling and helping boost our church restoration funds.

**Consecration Anniversary Service-** A lovely service was provided by Reverend Margaret Slyfield, followed with tea and cake.

**School leavers Service** A well-attended service, for 9 school leavers, with Reverend Margaret Slyfield

in attendance. We wish all the children well, as they start their next chapters, at Secondary School.

**Funerals** The Funeral of Mr Kenneth Gilman took place on 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2023. Kenneth passed away on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy, to Kenneth's family at this sad time.

The Funeral of Mr John Sweetmore took place on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2023. John passed away on 29<sup>th</sup> of June. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to John's family at this sad time.

### Dates for Diary

September 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service, 6pm.

September Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, Whist Drive, in church, 7.30pm.

September Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Quiz at Packhorse, 8.30pm.

September Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Afternoon Tea, in church, 11am till 3pm. September Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, in church, Bing, 7.30pm.

October Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>, Quiz Night, 8.30pm. October Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>, Harvest Festival, 6pm.

October Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, Whist Drive, in church 7.30pm.

October Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>, Social Saturday, in church 11am till 3pm.

October Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bingo, in church, 7.30pm.

October Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>, School Harvest, 2pm.

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### Services

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 11am	Holy Communion
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept 11am	Morning Praise
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept 11am	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept 11am	All Age
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct 5pm	Harvest Festival
8 <sup>th</sup> October 11am	Morning Praise
15 <sup>th</sup> October 11am	Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 11am	Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup> October	Joint benefice service of Holy Communion at Youlgrave

**Birthday Congratulations** to- Audrey Smith – 90 years young on August 15<sup>th</sup> Audery has lived in Hartington all her life, she has a wealth of knowledge and memories which she loves to share.

**Hartington Village Hall:** We are delighted to say that our kitchen refurbishment has been completed on time and within budget. This is despite some remedial work being needed to the stone wall once two layers of panelling had been removed. We are indebted to the skill and work ethic of Andy Wain as well as Paul and James, GEMS for the electrical work, Matlock Glass for

new windows and T Nutt & Sons for the flooring. Our lottery subscriptions over two years raised £7K and this was matched by grants from The Bingham Trust and Foundation Derbyshire & the Freemasons. Our own fund raising, most notably the Kitchen Disco, plus two generous donations from villagers meant we can meet the costs. We are also exceedingly grateful to the numerous volunteers who stripped out the kitchen, cleaned and painted – great teamwork! Our next priority is to renovate the toilet facilities and replace carpets so again our lottery subscribers will play a vital role.

Bookings for the Autumn are coming in encouraging numbers. Bookings can be made online at <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking-form/> or speak to Judith Chantler or Liz Broomhead. The constantly updated calendar can be viewed at <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/calendar/>.

If you would like to come along to any of the following regular activities just turn up:

**Mondays:** Yoga (9.30-11.00) / Hartington Young Peoples' Activity Club (5.30-7.00) / Badminton (7.30-9.30).

**Tuesdays:** Wriggles & Giggles Pre-School (10.30 – 12.00) / Rural Social monthly (2.00 – 4.00) / Table tennis (7.30-9.30).

**Wednesdays:** Pilates (10.30- 11.30) / Chair Pilates (11.30 – 12.30) Pilates 6.00-7.00/ Social Dance Club (7.30 – 10.30)

**Thursdays :** French (9.30- 12.30) / Activities Club – bowls, boccia, curling etc - fortnightly (2.00 – 4.00) / Scouts & Cubs (6.30 – 7.30) / Folk Club – fortnightly (8.00 – 10.30)

**Fridays:** Yoga (10.00 – 11.00) / Parent & Child (3.30- 5.00)

In addition there are a growing number of weekend or afternoon activities as diverse as birthday, anniversary and christening parties, well dressing, flower arranging, willow weaving and well-being events so do keep an eye on our calendar and noticeboards. On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 19.15 we welcome American folk music duo 'Hungrytown' – see our posters. Tickets are £10 from the Post Office, Liz B, Keith or at the door.

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

**July** – the draw was held at the Hartington Post Office/Beresford Tea Rooms on Wednesday 12th. Anna Wardle made the draw, and the winning number was 120, held by Hartington resident Linda Wright, winning £100.

**August** - the draw was held at the Hartington Village Hall on Wednesday 9th and our Pilates Instructor Theresa drew the winning number 34, held by Mr & Mrs Whilock, regular Wednesday evening Dance Club members, the winners of £300. Congratulations to the winners and, as always, we wish to thank ALL of our loyal Lottery supporters. Our last two lotteries have raised £7K and we were able to secure grants that matched that sum with the remaining kitchen costs being met by our fund-raising efforts including the Kitchen Disco and two significant donations. It is no exaggeration to say that all improvements made over the past 4 years could not have happened without our lottery income as a springboard for grant income.

We will be running a 2023/4 lottery with the objective of refurbishing our toilets and replacing the worn-out green carpet in the entrance. Once again, we hope that you can support our community owned Village Hall. Past subscribers will be contacted directly while new subscribers can contact David on [hartlot2@gmail.com](mailto:hartlot2@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU**, Sharon would like to thank the following, for their kind act of support following her recent operation, beautiful flowers, delicious cakes, gifts and helping out with Barney was very

much appreciated. Eileen & Alan Wallace - Val & Keith Bradbury - Kate & Rob Tenty - Shirley & George Riley - Harrold & Jennifer Ball - Liz & Brian Broomhead- Danny Graham and to everyone from the village that has also sent well wishes. Kris Owen.

**CONGRATULATIONS** – to **Gordon** and **Celia Critchlow** on their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Hartington Community Group news-** Thinking about getting involved in a local group or activity but not sure where to find out more information about what is available? With over thirty different groups and activities, the Community section of the Hartington village website ([www.hartingtonvillage.com](http://www.hartingtonvillage.com)) is a great place to look, with contact details for each if you want to find out more. If you run a local group or activity that isn't listed and would like to be added please email [digitalteam@hartingtonvillage.com](mailto:digitalteam@hartingtonvillage.com) Also, look out for information in each News & Views publication and on the village community noticeboards as well, which are regularly updated.

**Tree planting for the King** A big thanks to all the children and staff from Hartington C of E primary school for their help in planting two trees to commemorate the recent coronation of King Charles III – donated by a local resident, a Rowan tree was planted in the school grounds with a commemorative plaque, and a Silver Birch in Mill Lane Car Park.



**Hartington Community Group (HCG) requires a new Secretary** to take on the role from February 2024. This is a voluntary role working alongside the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer to help co-ordinate all the group activities and events going on in Hartington and the local area - recent examples include the successful King's Coronation Celebration weekend in May and the open evening for all groups and activities held in the village hall last September.

You will be taking over the role from me, Liz Hitch, and I am very happy to support you through this. **It is absolutely not an onerous task.** It requires a bit of organisation and a knowledge of Word and emails and access to a printer. Once a year in February we hold an AGM to which we invite all members of HCG. Members include group leaders and individuals who are keen to support the



activities through the year. The secretary would need to take minutes (I prefer to call them notes) and distribute them to everyone in HCG via email, some require a hard copy.

We hold a general meeting once a year open to all members of the community, which follows the AGM, and is where we plan community events for the year. We meet as a committee (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) once every six weeks for an hour to keep on top of. I take notes at these committee meetings, in particular a note of the actions, so that we keep track of what we are doing. More information on the HCG and its members can be found on the Hartington Village website [www.hartingtonvillage.com](http://www.hartingtonvillage.com)

If you are interested to find out more, please contact me or the Chair (Phillip Neal, [phillip\\_neal@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:phillip_neal@hotmail.co.uk)) and we can tell you a bit more, not that there is much more to tell! Ideally you would be a good communicator, well organised, an encourager and happy to work as part of a team. Do think about it please. It's open to everyone, young or old, male or female. Thank you  
Liz Hitch [liz.hitch@btinternet](mailto:liz.hitch@btinternet).

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**Pomeroy War Memorial Hall** As a trust we have been working towards restoring Pomeroy Memorial Hall and bringing it back into public use. We carried out an extensive feasibility study and had very positive feedback from the local community that the hall should remain as a memorial and a public facility.

As a memorial, the foundation stones around the base of the hall bear the names of those who were involved in building the hall, either as builders, those who donated money or goods or those who served on the committee. The names of the fallen are not marked here but are included on the memorial in Earl Sterndale church yard. We would like to rectify this with memorials to the fallen of Pomeroy and Sterndale Moor at the hall.

The hall has not been used as a community building for many years. It therefore requires considerable restoration including upgrading the electricity and water supply and installing a septic tank. The ground and car park have become overgrown. The committee are now in the process of clearing the overgrowth from the entrance and car park.

The ground is thought to include a Roman road so before excavation can be carried out for a septic tank a full archaeological investigation will need to be undertaken. We are currently looking for suitable archaeological experts to carry out this work. We have planning permission for work to the actual building but currently not to improve access

to the hall from the main road and this will restrict future use.

Renovating a building over 100 years old and constructed of limestone will need to be carried out by conservation builders experienced in working with traditional materials.

The hall, despite being built as a community facility with public contributions of money material and labour, has never been registered as a charitable trust. Registering as a charity has become more difficult and expensive - but without registered charity status it is difficult to attract funding. We continue to work towards the most cost-effective ways of registering as a trust and upgrading the hall and grounds but there are considerable constraints (as above).

If we can't use the hall, it will not be viable to do the renovation work. We will not be able to make enough money to maintain it and without a viable business plan we will not be able to attract future funding. We would welcome any help with building, archaeology or general volunteering to help with our work at the hall.

If you have any photographs, memories or anecdotes connected with Pomeroy for our Pomeroy book, we would love to hear from you. We also welcome your thoughts on the future of the hall and what could be done with the building and the land.

The 100 club winner for July was George Grindon (number 40) and for August, Heather Birds (number 14).

The next committee meeting will be held on Wed Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 8pm at the Duke of York Pomeroy.

Please contact us through our website: [www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk](http://www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk) Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall> or please email: [pomeroywmh@talktalk.net](mailto:pomeroywmh@talktalk.net)

### **Parish Register**

**Biggin** Wedding - Pippa Salter and Timothy Townsend on 15th July.

**Earl Sterndale-** Burials- Kenneth Gilman - Pavilions Residential Home Died 12-6-2023. Graveside Service 27-6-2023

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