

News And Views



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The Packhorse Inn – our newest sponsor

My childhood was spent at the Pack Horse Inn, Crowdicote, a picturesque hamlet consisting of four farms, eight cottages, a smithy, a joiner's shop and a pub.

Looking back, it was a very happy time. I spent a lot of it down by the River Dove. I used to go fishing with my Father. It was always so tranquil by the river, just the occasional plop from a fish rising, or perhaps a dog barking in the distance. My parents had a length of river for fishing. You had to have a licence: at that time it was £1 for the season.



People came from as far away as Scotland. I don't know if it was for the fishing or my mother's cooking. We had some very elite visitors: Dentists from Sheffield, Opticians and a Lawyer from Manchester, also a Bishop and John Drinkwater the poet called one day.

Since being grown up, I find it hard to understand why such professional people came to stay. We had no bathroom, just an outside toilet. They came year after year and the local people got to know them.

This was around 1930 when no one had a car. Only the butchers, bakers or greengrocers had vans to carry their goods, and not a tractor anywhere, so the local wheelwright and blacksmith were kept busy.

The Smithy was next door to the Pack Horse, so I had very easy access. It was a great source of excitement the day they put the hoops on to the wheels. They had to build a fire around the hoops with logs so they could get them hot enough to fasten them on to the wooden wheels.

Stephen Gregory was the blacksmith. To hear his name brings fond memories back to me. He always allowed me to work the bellows to make the fire hot for the horseshoes. Just occasionally he would get a horse that was unruly. This was the only time I heard Stephen raise his voice. I was always afraid, so I stood somewhere so that I could make a quick get-away in case the horse broke loose. The memory of the pungent smell of burning hoof and the echo of the hammer on the anvil still ring in my ears.

The old Flour Mill is, of course, derelict now. Where the old mill wheel used to be, a local farmer would dam the water up to make it deep enough for the great occasion every year - sheep washing time. On a hot summers day, we enjoyed sitting on the river bank watching them, the lurid smell of wet wool and trampled butter burr wafted through the air for days.

The only means of clean water that we had was a well down the hill by the river. This was a daily chore that had to be done.

We had a marvellous contraption - a dolly tub on wheels, which we had to fill with a bucket. Then of course we had the arduous long haul back up the hill. We thought we had gone to Heaven the day they brought us mains water to a stand tap by the wayside.

Myra Grindey

The memories above were accessed by Angela Campeau – our thanks for her time.

In November 2019, Kristaps and Hannah moved into the Packhorse Inn along with their little son Nikolai and their 'expected baby brother' Artus, who was born in July 2020.

Their first two years turned out to be somewhat problematic relating to the pandemic with its associated



restrictions, hitting the pub and hospitality sectors significantly. They found themselves in a position of imposed closure. Rather than view their position negatively they decided to use this time as an opportunity to update the premises, trying hard to retain its historical roots/atmosphere. In particular they focused on the, 'bottom room', formally the smithy and in the more distant past the stables for the packhorses by creating stalls to accommodate seating. They then added horse and farming memorabilia.

Following lockdown, better days arrived and they looked forward to welcoming back locals and many visitors that frequent the valley. They now enjoy the company of locals and many campers that stay at the two campsites provided by David, Angela and Steve along with Nicks campers from down the lane.

Kris and Hannah embrace their local community and where they can support local causes. Notably through Angela and the two Janes' connections with Earl Sterndale church they have very much enjoyed hosting the monthly quiz which aims to raise much needed funds to support the upkeep and maintenance of this important building.

The family run pub provides a large range of local beers and homemade food. Please visit their website <https://www.thepackhorseinn.net/> for their menus and opening times. A warm welcome awaits you.

Vicars letter – As I write this letter I am looking out onto a blanket of white; the grass and trees and empty plant pots are all covered with snow, and at the back of my garden the snowdrops are managing to keep their green and white heads just above their namesake blanket. What a wonderful promise that Spring is coming amidst a very beautiful but cold and wintry scene. The snowdrops remind us that lighter and warmer days *are* on their way.

Having both Winter and Spring in one view reflects something of the season we have been in as a church recently – two Sundays ago we celebrated Candlemas at St Giles when we looked back on the birth of Jesus bringing hope and light into the world at Christmas, and we also looked forward to Easter when we will remember again his suffering, death and resurrection on that very first Easter morning. The church was decorated with snowdrops and candles, recalling the light and hope and new life we celebrate at Christmas *and* Easter. Christians often prepare for Easter, the most exciting time in the Christian year, by observing Lent, that 40-day (minus the Sundays!) period when we might give things up such as social media or a meal once a week,

in order to spend that time more consciously in prayer, focusing on God, bringing to him our own struggles or questions, doubts or longings.

Something that has become more popular for Christians in recent years, instead of giving something up for Lent, is to start something new such as praying a simple prayer each day using a prayer app or booklet, (The Church of England website has lots of resources for Lent, just search on Watch and Pray, Lent resources), or volunteering at a local foodbank or shelter. Christian writer Canon J John has written recently that the best way to experience a sunrise is to stand in the darkness before dawn; in the same way, to best experience the joy and celebration of Easter morning, is to have come to it through Lent.

As we consider how we might keep Lent this year, and as we prepare to celebrate that Easter morning full of joy, words from Isaiah 58 remind us that God is most concerned with what is going on in our hearts and the kind of fasting that truly changes us, draws us closer to Him and propels us out into the world to love and care for others.

“The kind of fasting I want is this: Remove the chains of oppression and the yoke of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Share your food with the hungry and open your homes to the homeless poor. Give clothes to those who have nothing to wear, and do not refuse to help your own relatives. Then my favour will shine on you like the morning sun, and your wounds will be quickly healed. I will always be with you to save you; my presence will protect you on every side. When you pray, I will answer you. When you call to me, I will respond.” Isaiah 58 verses 6-9.

Whatever you might be giving up, or taking up this season of Lent, or if you are simply recognising the hope in the changing of the seasons and the warmth and light returning, we pray that you will know God with you. You are so welcome to come along to any of the services across the White Peak or Youlgreave benefices throughout Lent and Easter and details are on ‘A Church Near You’ website. There are also Lent lunches each Wednesday throughout Lent across the White Peak benefice and also in Youlgreave, starting in Hartington on 21 February in the Village Hall at 1.00pm. There will be a short Lent reflection and a lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese and fruit. All are very welcome to come to one or all of the Lent lunches – details again are on the “A Church Near You” website. With every blessing, Rev Lisa Price, Curate.

SAM RUNS A MARATHON TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CANCER-At the end of 2023, a close family member was diagnosed with cancer. They have recently undergone chemotherapy and radiotherapy with the support of Weston Park Cancer Charity. I want to support this charity as they do so much for cancer patients both emotionally and practically and I want to support those going through this difficult journey. I am completing the Manchester Marathon in Sunday 14th April 2024 so any donations would be greatly appreciated for Weston Park Cancer Support. This will be my first full marathon. If you are able to help please donate via my facebook page or the below link.

https://wpcc-register-fundraiser.raisely.com/sam-coles?fbclid=IwAR3b_y8hdbBWnp8kntdgi1kFBkE45w5ZlSfiking_GiRZmqL5kSbyrfYcHIM

You can also donate at Hartington Post Office where there is a form to collect donations – Thanks to Sue Bruce for facilitating this. Thank You -Sam Coles and Family.

Hartington Surgery Update

Adrenaline auto-injectors pens – Thank you to all the patients who completed a short survey about these. It is important that these devices are in date, therefore please keep a check on them. Some brands of these devices, such as Epipen or Jext have online sites that you can sign up to and they will send reminder messages when the expiry date of your device is approaching. As with any expired or obsolete medication please return to the Dispensary for safe disposal.

Patient contact details – Do we have your correct address and contact number/s. Please inform us with any changes.

Well-being Zone – This room has relocated in the Surgery. It is now just down the corridor, on the right of the patient self-check in touch screen. All patients are welcome to access this room. The blood pressure machine can be used by anyone and the small ticket that prints out can be handed into reception on your way out, so the readings can be added to your medical record. Anyone wanting to keep an eye on their weight can use the scales. Over the coming weeks and months helpful resources will be added to the room about health conditions and lifestyle choices. Why not pop in and have a look next time you have an appointment or are collecting your prescription.

Home Visits – these may not be carried out by clinicians from the Surgery. The Acute Home Visiting Service (AHVS) is now fully operational with a range of clinical staff on board. If you or your relative is housebound and needing to be seen for an acute illness this may mean a home visit is required. When an acute home visit is needed, please contact the Surgery as early as possible (before 10.30am) this will help us to ensure the visit can be carried out that day.

Tea and Talk with Dr Dawson- Thursday 14 March 3.30-5pm Hartington Village Hall- An opportunity for members of the community to meet informally with your GP, to hear about diabetes awareness and prevention. Everyone is welcome to drop by, have a cuppa and see what it is all about.

Tales from the field As I write this safely hiding in my craft shed with the wood burner on and the wind howling outside, I keep reminding myself Spring really is just around the corner! And what a winter it has been! My city daughter thinks the weather here sounds like a biblical epic - full of floods, storms and we're really just waiting for the plague of locusts to land here to confirm her theory. My chickens have had quite the time of it – the storm damaged their fence beyond repair and actually blew their mini barn about a metre across the garden – I have images in my mind of it being like the wizard of oz with my chickens clutching their perches screaming for dear life whilst I'm blissfully unaware of their adventures until I see they've relocated the coop and find their gate in the field but the chickens rather than being traumatised by their ordeal are



enjoying the freedom of their no fence lifestyle, in fact one of my bantam hens, Amelia (Earhart) has taken to walking the length of the garden and sitting on my front step waiting for me to return from work. Not content with this level of freedom, she has apparently now ventured onto my neighbour's doorstep, and I opened the front door a few evening ago to a bemused neighbour clutching a completely unphased Amelia, with the words 'I think this belongs to you'.

Whilst I applaud my small hens adventuring nature, I feel I may have to reinstate the chicken fence as a priority before she knocks on the wrong door and ends up as chicken soup! So, whilst I hide in my shed from the wind and rain, I shall be planning a new chicken land and after all that freedom I'm going to need to add a bit more excitement to the run...I hear chicken merry-go-rounds are this seasons must have!

Childrens Corner Whilst we wait for spring in this issue we looked at indoor places to spend a few hours out of the wind and rain.

We've tried the Indoor soft play centre at Rowley and the play village at Ashbourne – both were perfect for toddlers and littlies! We also loved the high peak bookstore with its wonderful children's section and café.

Have you tried anywhere local and loved it? Send your reviews in and we'll pop them in the next issue. childrensnewsandviews@gmail.com

National Park Ranger led guided walks - these activities are a fun and safe way for you to explore more of the Peak District National Park, gain confidence in walking and knowing where to go, and find out more about the landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage. The programme varies across the year with lots of different interests catered for. Many of the walks are suitable for families with children who enjoy a challenge. Kids aged 17 years and below go free with paying adults. National Park Rangers have a wealth of knowledge about 'their patch' and are always keen to share their stories for your enjoyment. We look forward to welcoming you on a guided walk soon. For more information and to book, please visit <https://peakdistrict.cinolla.com/ranger/>.

Peak District National Park Ranger Guided Walks 2024

Sunday 7th	April	Hidden Secrets of Monsal Dale	Monsal Head
Sunday 14th	April	Explore Longstone Moor - History and Landscape	Village Green, Crispin Inn, Gt. Longstone
Saturday 27th	April	Learn a Little Birdsong	Meerbrook Church
Sunday 28th	April	Lovely Lathkill Dale	Monyash Village Centre
Sunday 12th	May	Brewing Up A Longer Story	Wincle Beer Company Brewery
Saturday 25th	May	Minninglow Royston Grange History and Flowers	Minninglow Car Park
Sunday 2nd	June	Wildflowers And An Old Leadmine	Meeting in Sheldon

Joint Village environment section Providing a helping hand for hedgehogs. Hedgehogs normally hibernate from November to mid-March but with the changes in temperature and warmer weather, it is likely that hedgehogs will have been in and out of hibernation. When they do appear in March, they will be hungry and thirsty. A shallow dish of clean water and kitten biscuits or special hedgehog food but never bread as this can dehydrate and kill hedgehogs. If you have a pond, make sure it has a shallow area where they can scramble out if they fall in, or a ramp covered in chicken wire. As well as being lovely to see, they are also a gardener's friend. They help keep garden pests under control. If you do spot a hedgehog, dead or alive, record it at The Big Hedgehog Map (bighedgehogmap.org) which has more information about hedgehogs and how to help them.

News from the Peak District National Park ranger team – rights of way repairs. Our local ranger team do a fabulous job ensuring our local footpaths remain in good order, and we will endeavour to provide updates on any local work that is being planned that may be of interest. Initial discussions are underway with landowners and Staffs County Council about repairs to the footpath through Beresford Dale. As this will require reinstatement of riverbank it will be a major undertaking.

Oddfellows-

Burns Night- Saturday 20th January-This was a great success, made all the more enjoyable with the solo piper in attendance, 37 people were seated for the dinner, fun and games after the meal ended the night.

Future Events- Saturday March 16th -St Patrick's Day – Social event with live entertainment in the British Legion

Sunday March 31 – Oddfellows-Easter Egg Hunt for children and Treasure Hunt for adults. British Legion

Parkinson's Bash with DJ Rob- Saturday 6th April Hartington Village Hall-'Please come and help us raise £5000 for Parkinson's UK charity'.

Saturday 20th April St Georges Day Event – A Race Night-

Monthly Meetings 28th March, 25th April, 30th May, 27th June. 8pm at the British Legion.

Jen and Harold Ball It is all change at Cavendish House British Legion Club. After over a dozen years of setting the direction for the club, Jennifer and Harold have decided to hang up their bar towels and retire. The club committee and the community, as a whole, would like to thank them for all their hard work over the years and making the Legion club the WARM welcoming place it is. The committee will continue with the direction they've set going forward. In the coming months there'll be a party to celebrate their hard work.

Meet the CEO of the PDNPA at Hartington Hall- YHA 3-5pm Friday March 22nd All welcome

Hartington Folk Club Hartington Folk Club began in September 2022. When it was started, it was with the view of being a local folk club for all the surrounding villages in which, I am sure, there are people who can sing, play instruments, (from guitars to bagpipes), recite a poem etc. The club has been successful, but with many of our performers driving miles to get here, (the longest being a 70-mile round trip) – it is not quite what I had in mind. However, these people, and others, keep coming because they enjoy a friendly and encouraging evening of live music. Music from traditional folk to songs out of the charts – certainly not a finger in the ear to be seen. One problem we have is when the weather is not good, and these people can't come. Gradually, a few local have people have turned up, including Colin with his jokes, and Jem who sings some wonderful songs.

We have been meeting in the Village Hall, 8 – 10.30, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, but are very soon hoping to move to the Devonshire Arms. Come along and see what we're like. There is no pressure to join in – though of course, that would be lovely, but an audience is important too. Contact me for more details lindawoodroffe@live.co.uk Hope to see you soon. Linda

Drama in our neck of the woods. Amateur dramatics is returning to Hartington Village Hall.

Act 1 – The gathering of the cast and the behind scenes army.

Act 2 – The planning, the rehearsals, the scenery making, forgotten words, forgotten movements.

Act 3 – The nerves, the applause when things go right, the laughter when things go wrong, the curtain call.

And after all the hard work - the fun, the enjoyment, the pleasure taken by being part of it, and pleasure given by being one of a group entertaining others - follows achievement, and pride. Having said all that – we now need people from the surrounding villages. We will probably be meeting Thursday evenings at the Village Hall, though some rehearsals could possibly be done at other times and places. So whether you want to tread the boards, or help out behind the scenes – please contact me lindawoodroffe@live.co.uk Let's get this show on the road. Linda .

Biggin News

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council Photographs for the former telephone box in Biggin (parish history box)

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council would be very grateful to receive any local photographs which would be suitable to be placed inside the former telephone box in Biggin. Unfortunately, the parish council cannot guarantee the return of these photographs; therefore, please only supply copies. It would also be assumed that by donating photographs, permission is granted for their display

in the telephone box. Councillor Mrs Lovatt is prepared to receive the photographs.

Coffee, cafe and chat continues to meet on the last Thursday of the month at Biggin Village Hall between 2-4pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for a natter and refreshments. We continue to work on the parish map. At the moment we are exploring the parish's history and deciding what elements we want to incorporate. The school is thinking about the important places in the parish and has volunteered to create the image of the school, which will be made

from appliqué. Let us know what you think should go on the map - what makes Biggin special. Hopefully by the next News and Views there will be a sketch and some notes to form an update.

March - Hobby Swap - coffee and chat and a natter about our hobbies and interests. Bring along your current project if you have one. Maybe you could get a small group going as a knit and natter; or to do some arts and crafts; perhaps arrange with friends to go for a walk.

April -Jan Jankovskis will be talking to us about living in Australia and her book.

May - coffee and cake and introduction to simple appliqué workshop in preparation for starting work on the fabric map.

Coffee, cake and chat also have a budding wildflower group. If you would like to see a sub-group, or to run one, at a different time to Coffee, cake and chat, please talk to Sandra Lovatt or Julia Hewgill about it as our aim was always to be an umbrella group for people getting together.

Biggin C of E Primary School -2024 has certainly started with a bang as far as learning is concerned! There has been an explosion of wonderful, curriculum enhancing events which take the children's experiences to a much broader level. In educational jargon this is called building 'cultural capital' and is critical for helping children make links in their learning and developing their understanding of the wider world.

We started back in January learning about the Epiphany gingerbread traditions with two of our Governors, a session rich in historical information and linked to the stories of the Kings in the New Testament. The following week we were immersed in African culture when we invited Bemba Akyeampong into school. She is a fabulous dancer and storyteller from Ghana but her teaching extends far beyond her own country. This time she taught us a Zulu warrior dance from South Africa and Ndebele art all topped off with her lively story-telling. After that, we learned about the science behind growth mind set from The Doodlebug company who delivered some really interesting and useful workshops to children and staff. Finally, we invited Elton Primary School to join us for a Robotics and Coding STEM morning helped by Lego Dave from the Brick Corner Café in Buxton. We had such brilliant feedback from children, teachers and

parents about the engagement of the children throughout the morning. This term we are looking forward to:

Working with the Babbling Vagabonds Theatre Company on the community project.

A trip to the Tortoise and Hare Ballet at Buxton.

Fun at the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena.

Understanding more about staying safe with the Social Awareness workshops including issues such as County Lines.

Gymnastics lessons with Primary Stars.

We pretend to be a big school, but we are small. We offer a nurturing environment and very small group teaching. Please call 01298 84279 to arrange to visit the school if you are interested in finding out more about what we do. You would be very welcome. Best wishes Teresa Nicholls.

Biggin Village Hall - PRIZE BINGO happens every week on Thursday doors opening at 7pm, play starting at 7:30pm. 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.

Bierkeller Schunklers Oompah Band!
Saturday 20th April 7.30pm Traditional Bavarian Oompah Band with an amazing selection of music, action songs and sing-alongs! Guaranteed to get you out of your seats. An evening packed with fun. Prize for best Bavarian costume. **BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND NIBBLES.** Bier and steins for that Bierkeller experience. Not recommended for younger children. Tickets £10 available from Dawn Currington 07967 749929 or Kathy Leslie 07875038903 To book Biggin Village Hall contact Kathy Leslie 0787503890.

Waterloo Inn- Special Events over the Easter Weekend- Friday 29th March- Karaoke Night- Saturday 30th Country Music and Sunday 31st -Top Marx June 28-30th Beer Festival.

Earl Sterndale News

Church Services Sunday March 17th 6.30pm

Sunday April 21st 6.30pm

It has been a very quiet start to 2024. Our January service had to be cancelled, due to no vicar and bad weather conditions. We are looking forward to welcoming, The Archdeacon Nicky Fenton for our next service on Sunday the 18th of February. Our Congratulations and Best Wishes to Harry and Beryl Hodgkinson, who have recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

“Social Saturdays” in church 9th March 11am till 2pm and 20th April 11am till 2pm

Whist Drives – in church - Wednesday 20th March 7.30pm and Wednesday 17th April 7.30pm

Bingo sessions – in church-Monday 25th March 7.30pm and Monday 22nd April 7.30pm

Quiz Nights at the Packhorse Inn

Crowdecote- Thursday 14th March 8.30pm and Thursday 11th April 8.30pm

We are having a cake stall, at The Pomeroy Spring Fair at Flagg Village Hall on Saturday 16th of March.

Anyone who would like to bake or donate a cake for the stall, please ring Angela on 01298 83447.

Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council (Earl Sterndale, Glutton, Crowdecote, Pomeroy and Parsley Hay.)

All meetings are open, so members of the public are welcome to attend. Last meeting, 11th December 2023. Items discussed. The state of the roads in and around the village. All Councillors asked to report issues, via the online website. Village maintenance. The Precept for the coming financial year, 2024/25, which was increased slightly, so we could give donations to N&V's, Pomeroy M.H. and the Church. Next meeting, 11th March 2024 at 7.45 pm held in the Chapel. Please come along. For more information about the December meeting, please visit our website. www.hartingtonmiddlequarter-pc.org

Earl Sterndale CE Primary School We've had a lovely start to the New Year with children having lots of opportunities to learn new skills:

- The Infants have been enjoying indoor climbing sessions at the White Hall Outdoor Centre;
- The Juniors have had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a Drama After-School Club run by the Buxton Opera House;

- The Juniors have been on a caving trip at the White Hall Outdoor Centre.

We have lots more to look forward to after the half-term break including our Sponsored Walk and Easter Egg Hunt, our Easter Service, World Book Day and a trip to Eyam to study about the Black Plague.

Sterndale Moor News - Happy New Year from all of us at Sterndale Moor let's hope 2024 is a good year. The Kitchen is still progressing so hopefully won't be that long until it is operational.

The Christmas events went off well and everyone involved had a really good time. For the coming couple of months, we have a few events planned. Bingo will be on 16th March starting at 7.30pm. Quiz nights will be on 22nd March. We are having a Fashion Show on 5th April at 7pm with clothes from big “High Street Brands” including New Look, H&M, Marks and Spencer, Next and many more. Tickets are £8 which includes a welcome drink and can be obtained from the club or from Jan 078111347698 .

Membership Fees are now due and are still £6 per annum. Please pop into the club to pay your membership fees. Volunteers for the committee are always welcome. The AGM is on 18th April 2024.

Update on Pomeroy War Memorial Hall

Happy New Year from the Pomeroy Trust Committee! Now that we have planning permission to alter the access to the hall and the car park as well as the building we can begin work as soon as the weather improves. We are working with Rural Action Derbyshire's Village Hall Advisor and Derbyshire Dales CVS to work out the best way forward regarding charitable trust status and to access funding.

We are also holding a Spring Fair on Saturday March 16th at Flagg Village Hall from 11am - 3pm. Stalls include chocolates, preserves, cakes, crocheted/knitted/sewed and felted goods, jewellery, pebble art and more. Plus, there will be a raffle, Easter tombola, games and refreshments.

After a very enjoyable social evening in November, we have planned a programme of similar events: Thursday 21st March - Board Games Evening plus “Play Your Cards Right” and raffle. Wednesday 24th April - Dominoes (for beginners). Tuesday 21st May -

Activity to be confirmed. All at the Duke of York Pomeroy starting at 8pm.

An afternoon Treasure Hunt is planned for Sunday 9th June starting at 2pm from Pomeroy Farm and lasting approx. 2 hours. Prizes to include a family hamper and ice cream vouchers. More details to follow, any questions to bekdicken@gmail.com.

100 club - correction from last issue: the November winner was Brian Burton (number 73). The December winner was Christine Riley (number 12). January's winner was Joan Bonsall (number 7).

Important information- there is now a defibrillator at the Duke of York at Pomeroy.

A session took place on Tues 23rd January at The Duke of York on CPR and defibrillator awareness training. Thanks to East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) Community Training Team who facilitated this one-hour free familiarisation session. It was attended by 10 people including staff from the pub, local residents and Pomeroy Trust committee members. Feedback from the session was "very useful," "it's good to have a refresher in CPR," "It takes the fear out of it, at least you know what to do," "it's good to have training in such a rural area" and "it was good to find out how it is adapted for babies and young children." Most present were not familiar with a defibrillator, and some had not had any training before and found it quite an eye opener. If there is any further interest in future training at the Duke of York, please contact the pub and this can be arranged (01298 83345).

The Duke of York is now fundraising for the specialised box to house the defibrillator on the outside of the building, so it is always accessible and not dependent on the pub being open. If you would

like to donate to this cause, please drop donations at The Duke of York. And finally, one of our committee members - Jean Brown - is now a volunteer as part of the "Joined Up Derbyshire" NHS Public Health Engagement Team. To join us, help us or contact us: Please see our website: www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall> or please email: pomeroywmh@talktalk.net

The Pomeroy Trust invite you to our SPRING FAIR

On Saturday 16th March 2024 from 11am – 3pm
At FLAGG VILLAGE HALL
Mycock Lane, Flagg, Nr Buxton, SK17 9ED



Free Entry

Various craft, gift and food stalls including:
Chocolates, preserves, crocheted/knitted/sewed
and felted goods, jewellery, pebble art and
more....

PLUS raffle, games and refreshments
All proceeds to The Pomeroy Trust/Pomeroy
War Memorial

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Church services-

3 rd March 11am	All Age lambing Service
10 th March 11am	Morning Worship
17 th March 11am	Holy Communion
24 th March 11am (Palm Sunday)	Morning Worship
29 th March 2pm (Good Friday)	Hour at the Cross
31 st March 11am (Easter)	Holy Communion

Sunday)	
7 th April 11am	TBC
14 th April 11am	TBC
21 st April 11am	TBC
28 th April 11am	TBC

Thank you- I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all family and friends near and far. The Amos Lads, my brother John, Mum, Neighbours, Kay and Carol and EVERYONE for supporting me and asking how I am doing after my accident on

December 14th I am eternally grateful to the nurses, doctors and paramedics who attended; however, I don't remember the accident – which may be a good thing. My injuries were severe concussion, fractured right eye socket and my right eyesight will take some while to heal. Thank you to “Knit happens in Hartington” group, which I have attended, who “clubbed” together to raise funds to buy a new coat after the paramedics cut off the one I was wearing. I also appreciate the get well cards, calls and gifts from such lovely people. I am slowly recovering, walking down the lane with Bumble. Finally thank you to the church family for keeping me in their prayers. Donna, Angie and John Young.

Philip Goodwin - Congratulations to Philip Goodwin who celebrated his 80th birthday on February 3rd.

Hartington Town Quarter Parish Council (HTQPC). Please could members of HTQ communities take time to read the minutes of the February Parish Council meeting.

Hartington Village Hall Lottery Results: January – the draw was made on Wednesday 12th at the Hartington PCC Meeting by Gill Rowe. The winning number was 13, held by Neil Broomhead, winning £100.

February - the draw was held at the Hartington Village Hall on Wednesday 14th at the start of the Pilates session. The winning number 130, held by Nick and Gill Rowe, winning £100, which has most generously been donated back to the Village Hall – thank you Nick and Gill. Congratulations to the winners and as always, we wish to thank ALL of our loyal Lottery supporters, without you it would be difficult to make the improvements we all value at the Hall. The recently completed refurbishment of all the toilets and ground floor carpeted areas would not have been possible without the funds provided by our Village Hall Lottery. David Graham

Hartington C of E Primary School- Another busy term when we have continued to receive support from our partners and the community. MAST has provided some excellent assemblies both in school and at church including a “Lent afternoon” We are looking forward to another “Schools Together” with Biggin, led by Curate Lisa and the community members of Biggin and

Hartington on 21 March in St Church Hartington; the theme being the Easter Story.

KS1 have enjoyed meeting with local authors, Bema Akyeampong and Linda Woodroffe supporting their creative writing and story telling. Another important area of “Art for Mental Health and Well Being” has been facilitated by the “Doodlebug Programme”. Primary Stars are continuing to provide an excellent programme of PE including Dance and Gymnastics. Best wishes Tracy Blackwell Headteacher.

Hartington Wildflower group meeting – 14th March The wildflower group will be having its annual meeting on the 14th March, from 7pm in the Village Hall Bakehouse. We will be reviewing progress over the last year, as well as planning what we intend to during 2024 to further develop our community wildflower areas. This will include the plans for our exciting new wildflower trail. If you are interested in finding out more about our plans, or would like to get involved, please do come along.

Keeping a look out for toads and frogs around the Mere We expect that toads and frogs will be making an appearance around the Mere by early March, so please do slow down when driving by, and keep a look out for those amphibians! We will be putting up signs to alert motorists on roads around the Mere, and plan to run several toad patrols as well, so if you'd like to help with one, please let us know.

Looking after our village planters From May to September each year, we have a weekly schedule of watering and general maintenance in place for each of the wildflower planters located in the village centre. This ensures that the plants remain in good health, especially during the hotter periods. We will be creating this year's schedule soon, asking for volunteers to take a week when they will be able to carry out these tasks. A big thank you to those that have already volunteered again, but more help is always needed so if you'd like to help out, please get in touch.

Getting in touch. If you'd like to find out more about any of the updates in this section, please let me know in person or phone (07714 895175) or send an email to wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com. Phillip Neal

Informal Flora- Something to look forward to - the 2024 sessions for 'Informal Flora' flower arranging. We look forward to welcoming new, and already established, creative flower arrangers on the following Wednesdays in Hartington Village Hall, between 1.00 pm - 3.00pm- March 20th April 17th May 15th, June 19th, July 17th. Sessions will cost £ 15.00 p.p. Please bring your own secateurs, and an apron is recommended. Tea / Coffee and lovely homemade cake are included. Plus, we make no charge for the relaxation, fun and laughter which always seems to happen - and you will make some beautiful flower arrangements to brighten up your home. To book a place - please contact Linda 0775 784 4977 or Sarah 01298 84319. Hope to see you soon.

Hartington Community Group news AGM and Annual Meeting Thank you to all who joined us for the HCG AGM and Annual Meeting on the 20th February. With a membership of over thirty groups offering a wide range of activities catering for all interests and ages, this year has again demonstrated what a vibrant and active community group we have in Hartington, representative of our wider community. We welcome new members to the group at any time – activities & groups, businesses, or individuals. The AGM included the election of the HCG committee for 2024:

Phillip Neal –	Chair
Vacant –	Vice chair
Leon Goodwin –	Treasurer
Cathy Manson –	Secretary

Cathy replaces Liz Hitch, who stood down after five years in the role. Thank you to Liz from all of us in the HCG for the help and support you've given to us during your time in the role.

During the annual meeting, we reviewed the main events planned in our community during 2024, and in response to regular requests we receive about how to get involved in community activities, we also shared current opportunities for volunteering across a wide range of activities. If your group or activity has a need for volunteers, let any committee member know and we can help spread the word – we have added a new volunteering section to the community section of village website, and will include in N&V as well. If you'd like volunteer or find out more, please contact the HCG chair, Phillip Neal (Phillip_neal@hotmail.co.uk or

07714 895175) Current volunteering opportunities include:

Snow clearing – Additional help is always needed to clear paths in the village centre in the event of snow. Equipment and gritting salt is provided.

Litter picking – Sadly, we continue to see littering around our village as well as the roads leading into it and we are again taking part in the annual Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean which will run from the 15th to 31st March. Litter pickers and bags are provided.

Leaden Boot – *Hartington feed station and marshals.* This annual charity walk/ run takes place on the 19th May this year, passing through the village and we require volunteers who are able to setup and man the feed station as well as provide marshalling support to participants as they enter and exit the village.

Chair Pilates grant - thank you to the Oddfellows Thank you to the Cavendish Lodge of the Oddfellows for their generous support in providing a grant of £325 to fund the purchase of much needed equipment for the Chair Pilates group. The equipment will help participants with balance and core strength exercises.

Peak District National Park Authority-PDNPA pop up – Sunday 14th April. The HCG works in close partnership with many other local groups and organisations, and we are delighted to be supporting the Peak District National Park team who will be running a pop-up event in the centre of the village on Sunday 14th April. A chance to meet the team who look after this area, they will be on hand to provide a wide range of advice and guidance to residents and visitors alike, including places to visit and walk.

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It was confirmed that all future editions will be **16 pages rather than 12 with** the option to revert to 12 if fewer items. This will be a positive step for AB when formatting.

There are 8 sections –

- **Front page** – social history / community items usually rotating through the 3 villages.
- **General** - Vicar Letter, Surgery update, Tales from the Field, Childrens Corner, Joint Village Environment section, Oddfellows and Any special achievements
- **Biggin News** - Church Services, Parish Council, Coffee Cake and Chat, Primary School, Village Hall and Waterloo
- **Earl Sterndale** - Chapel news, Church and PCC, Coming Events, Parish Council, Primary School, Sterndale Moor news and Pomeroy Memorial hall
- **Hartington News** – Church Services, Parish Council, Village Hall and Lottery, Primary School and Special Events/Achievements
- **Parish Register** – Births, Deaths, Marriages
- **Advertisers**
- **Sponsors**

Proposed allocation of the 8 sections outlined above.

- **Front Page/General - collection by LB.** This requires personal contact email/phone – with some people needing help with compiling and then typing. This is put into word document to be sent to AB.
- **Biggin** - Request SP to contact the contributors and collate to receive by deadline – send to AB for formatting.
- **Earl Sterndale** - Request AC to contact contributors -collate and forward to AB.
- **Hartington News** – **Need a volunteer to be “mentored” by LB**, to contact contributors collate and forward to AB.
- **Parish Register** - LB contacts Vicar and Church wardens for details- send to AB.
- **Advertisers - Sponsors** thanks, renewal, payment details and size – **Need a volunteer to be “mentored” by LB**. This is a critical area as main source of funding along with the 3x Parish Councils
- **Proofing** – **Need a volunteer** of all items is done before sending to AB and then again on receipt of final document.

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