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Hartington Hall - The Youth Hostel

The Youth Hostelling movement began in Germany in 1909, the brainchild of a schoolteacher, Richard Schirrmann. By the late 1920s more than 2000 hostels operated within the Federation of German Youth Hostels, the idea had been adopted in France and Holland, and by 1929 was attracting the attention of socially-minded, recreational groups in the UK.



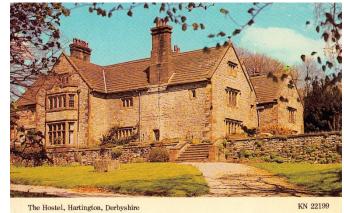
This was the time of the Great Depression, reflected in the Youth Hostels Association's [YHA] original stated purpose in 1930 'to help all, especially young people of limited means, to a greater knowledge, love and care of the countryside, particularly by providing hostels or other simple accommodation for them on their travels'. By 1931 there were already 73 hostels and 6000 members in England and Wales, figures which had reached 297 and 83,000 respectively by 1939; membership continued to rise throughout the Second World War.

2024 marks the 90th anniversary of Hartington Hall as a Youth Hostel, opened on 24 March 1934, although it wasn't the first in the village, following a short period in 1933 when Pool Hall at the north end of Dig Street functioned as a hostel. Hartington Hall quickly established itself as a popular hostel and later in 1934 played host to the formative meeting of the International Youth Hostel Federation. Richard Schirrmann attended this landmark event and planted a copper beech tree, a striking feature in today's hostel grounds.

Before Hartington Hall became a youth hostel it was known colloquially as Batemans, a reference to the family which owned and, for long periods of time, occupied the building. It was built by Hugh Bateman in 1611 on the

site of an older building, parts of which can be identified in the new structure; there were subsequent extensions and remodelling, particularly in the mid-19th century by Thomas Osborne Bateman. The Hall and associated outbuildings are difficult to interpret architecturally but viewed from the south as you enter from Hall Bank along the path to the front door, you would be right to conclude that it is basically a 17th century structure.

By the early 1930s the family presence in Hartington Hall was essentially down to one, Lady Evelyn Mary Bateman. Her husband, Frederick Osborne Fitzherbert Bateman,



had died of pneumonia in 1917, and their son, Osborne Robert Sacheverell Bateman, appears to have spent much of his adult life based in Singapore. In 1934 the family agreed to enter into a lease with the YHA. Lady

Bateman died in 1946 and in 1948 Hartington Hall was sold to the YHA for £6,000.

Countless thousands of hostellers have stayed at Hartington Hall, many of them young people experiencing hostelling via school trips or with groups of friends. It was common, especially in the mid-20th century, for young people to follow walking and cycling itineraries from hostel to hostel, providing cheap and friendly accommodation, wholesome [usually] food, and a mountain of memories. Happy Anniversary!

Please see posters and social media promoting YHA Hartington Hall- Festival and 90th Birthday held on 15thof June 2024 between 1-8pm. There will be much to see and do with music between 1 and 8pm, Art & Crafts market, children's activities, presentations and talks on the history of Hartington Hall and opportunities to visit our community partnership environmental projects in our beautiful grounds with talks on the village wildflower/wildlife projects. The event is open to public, everyone is welcome Please come and enjoy an afternoon with us.

Vicars Letter- Well, we might not know it by the distinctly Autumnal temperatures, icy winds, persistent rain, and all-pervading mud, but we know it **is** Spring because the days are getting longer and longer, and the fields around us are full of sheep and lambs of all different sizes and ages. They seem to be able to make the best of the inclement weather - yesterday as I drove across the hills from Hartington, one of these mothersheep caught my eye... her tiny but very confident and innovative lamb had climbed onto her back and was happily lying there with its feet tucked up out of the mud, nestled into her woolly coat, looking like the king or queen of all they surveyed! Their ingenuity, and the forbearance of the mother-sheep really made me smile on a wet and chilly day.

Recently at St Giles church, Hartington, we held a 'Lambing Service' where, along with the congregation, we welcomed 3 one week old lambs to the service – they were the best behaved out of all of us and settled down in their pen in the chancel and went to sleep for the whole service. The lambs were a living, baa-ing symbol of the way God wants to be in relationship with us – sheep, shepherds and lambs are mentioned over 400 times in the Bible, and Psalm 23, which is probably the most well-known and loved Psalm in the whole Bible, speaks of God in terms of being a Good Shepherd to the sheep, providing endless love, care and protection. In the New Testament Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd, who not only loves and cares for the sheep, but also lays down his own life for them, bringing new and eternal life to all who seek to follow him.

These images of God as the faithful, steadfast Good Shepherd are particularly reassuring in times of uncertainty and change. As a church community we are adapting to our vicar, Rev Adele's recent move to a new role in Derby, and I am also soon to move to a different benefice to continue my curate training. How important it is at times of significant change, whatever that looks like for each of us, to remember that God's love, care and protection of us is unchanging, that he is our Good Shepherd and our Heavenly Father who is always with us, and that his plans are always to prosper and not to harm us, his plans give us a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11). I have loved my time here in these amazing communities and am thankful for all the care and encouragement I have received.

With my thanks, prayers, and every blessing, Rev Lisa Price, Curate.

Nancy Coates- of Ecton. Congratulations on your 105th Birthday. Nancy is definitely the longest reader of News and Views, having never missed a copy since the start. Her connection with Hartington- her daughter Anne attended Hartington C of E Primary School1950-58. They are both patients at our surgery. Such an amazing lady.

A message related to the Brickworks of Parsley Hay – I am researching the history of High Peak Silica Co, who had a brickworks south of Parsley Hay until maybe the late 1940s. They also had a massive clay pit in the fields to the west and a narrow gauge tramway from clay pit to works. The works isn't shown on 1890's maps, so probably opened when the Buxton-Ashbourne railway was built because they used the railway to reach wider markets. Any information, memories or (hard to imagine!) photographs would be a great help.

Ted McAvoy - Earl Sterndale

Hartington Surgery update-

Firearm applications – patients need to print the GP proforma from the Police website (Staffordshire or Derbyshire), there are four pages in total. The first two pages are to be completed by the patient, then bring to the Practice for the GP to complete the last two pages. The form will be completed within 30 days of receiving. There is a fee for the patient to pay the Practice, this needs to be paid before the form is completed. Once completed it will be emailed directly to Staffordshire or Derbyshire Police, depending on the patients address. A hard copy can be collected by the patient, from the practice for their own records if needed.

Covid spring booster vaccinations – Patients aged 75 and over, those in care homes, and those with a weakened immune system are being offered a spring dose of Covid-19 vaccine. The Practice will be in touch to invite eligible patients for their vaccine when we know of the delivery schedule.

Patients Participation Group (PPG) - next meeting Monday 20th May 2024, 8pm

Local Health and Wellbeing Engagement at its best March 14th 2024- Hartingtonalive in collaboration with Hartington Surgery presented the first in what we hope will be a series of 'Tea and Talks' on Health and Wellbeing related matters. Forty-three people attended the information session.

Diabetes Awareness and Prevention was the topic of focus on this occasion. Hartington General Practitioner, Dr Ashley Dawson-MBChB BSc Hons MRCGP, generously offered his time to come and offer an overview of pre-Diabetes and the points and actions to help us to stay and age well. We were also pleased to welcome Charlii Cooper-Hartington Surgery GP Assistant along with our Living Well Derbyshire Dales Health Improvement Worker- Lois Jones. Lois shared with us some interesting hints and tips and support about Diabetes prevention management. After the talk, there was opportunity over a cup of tea to informally meet the Health Professionals. https://www.diabetes.org.uk

We look forward to the next 'Tea and Talk" perhaps after the summer period and if you have any suggestions of any health/wellbeing topic you would like to hear about, please let your village Information champions know or alternatively post your suggestion into the Hartingtonalive suggestion box in Hartington Village Hall.

"Hartingtonalive" is a brand name for our project — as you will remember each village is represented by "Champions". As we are becoming established, we have now adopted a brand for each village - "Bigginalive" Information Champion-Sera Preston; "Sterndalealive" Information Champions-Jean Brown, Karen Allen "Hartingtonalive" Information Champions Kay Baggley, Liz Broomhead. In the next few months we hope to establish "Information hubs", similar to that which is in Hartington Village Hall in each village

PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS A "3 VILLAGE" INITIATIVE -Everyone in Biggin, Earl Sterndale and Hartington are welcome to be involved

Tales of the Field This must be the wettest of all wet winters! And the longest...Or do I say this every year? over the winter my rather magnificent hen Mrs Haversham finally fell off her perch (she always hated the wind & rain being a southern belle) and is in the big coop in the sky so being forced inside by the weather and missing Mrs H I may have accidentally purchased some Orpington hatching eggs! 6 carefully packaged eggs arrived in the post, wrapped in cotton wool and after resting for 24 hours, scanned for cracks, they have now been popped into the incubator. Now a hen simply sits on the eggs, that's it! Literally, one hen sits on the eggs, job done! but hatching eggs for me involves a whole pile of paraphernalia! I have the incubator that requires a constant temperature and humidity monitor, it turns the eggs every 45 minutes and cools them for 30 mins once a day to mimic the egg 'mum' popping out for a snack (after day3) I have a candler, a sort of egg scanning

machine to see if my chick is doing ok in there, chick warming plate for the brooder and, I kid you not, a light that mimics the sun and moon cycles. I take my egg hatching responsibilities very seriously!

So 6 precious Orpington eggs (I should add 'prize winning' as apparently their mum is quite the beauty queen) are now being spoken to daily by me so they get used to my voice and I shall pray for at least one hen out of my 6 eggs to take on the crown of the recently deceased queen Mrs Haversham.

RIP Mrs Haversham



Joint Village environment section - Helping our local pollinators by taking part in 'No Mow May'_We've lost approximately 97% of flower-rich meadows since the 1930's and with them gone are vital food needed by pollinators, like bees and butterflies. But your lawn can help! A healthy lawn with some long grass and wildflowers benefits wildlife, tackles pollution and can even lock away carbon below ground. With over 20 million gardens in the UK, even the smallest grassy patches add up to a significant proportion of our land which, if managed properly, can deliver enormous gains for nature, communities and the climate.

To reap these benefits all you have to do is join the national campaign and not mow your lawn in May and hopefully beyond! If not mowing the whole lawn is too much, why not leave part of the lawn unmown and see what happens?

Interested in butterflies? Butterfly Conservation are looking for volunteers willing to do monthly surveys in Hartington Meadows - identifying and counting butterflies. Anyone interested in taking part will be given training by Butterfly Conservation and can contact Ken Orpe (ken@malaga.plus.com)

The Grand Order of the Oddfellows: "That's Entertainment"- A summary of what has been happening - Saturday 16th March live music was staged for Saint Patrick's Day, Neil Timothy performed in The Royal British Legion at a well-supported event. Sunday 31st March the weather held out for The Easter Egg Hunt where 15 Children entered, all receiving a free Cadburys Cream Egg, plus 6 Adults, Congratulations to the winners Finley & Anna and thank you to all who took part. Indoors a social afternoon was held in The Royal British Legion in a friendly atmosphere, where light refreshments were supplied and colouring sheets for the children. Saturday 5th April Hartington Oddfellows came together with Parkinson's UK for a Charity Party Bash at Hartington Village Hall, DJ Rob & Jodie provided excellent entertainment for such a great cause. The Oddfellows will meet again on Thursday 16th May. Look out for Information on events in May and June

PARKINSON'S BASH. WOW! What a night! We've more than reached the target of £5K, currently £5287.30. Hopefully there's still some more to come!

Thank you to the Oddfellows especially, for their help, commitment, a very generous donation and amazing raffle prizes. Thank you Kay Baggley for all your support and help getting the Bash off the ground! There are too many other people to thank individually but to them all, thank you.

Thank you to my fellow DJ, DJ Jodie who just loves getting everyone on the dance floor!

Thank you to those who have donated on my JustGiving page.

Thank you to everyone for coming to the BASH and for digging deep helping us to reach this amazing total. What a wonderful community event! What a good cause!

If you would like to donate here's the QR code which will take you to my JustGiving page.

I can't say thank you enough! DJ Rob



Isla's Cake Sale May 4th from 10am until 2pm (or until the cakes have gone) Isla is holding a cake sale on the village green to raise money for Blythe House Hospice and Helen's Trust who support people in the area with life limiting conditions. Please come and see Isla and buy a cake or two! If you like baking and are able to provide some cakes for Isla to sell, all contributions will be gratefully received. Thank You. Katherine Webley

Royal British Legion – Events for May/June- 1st Sunday of the month quiz at 8pm, 3rd Sunday of the month bingo at 8pm. On the 24th of May - Eric Lawrence country and western acoustic guitarist from 9pm

Peak District National Park Ranger Guided Walks -For full details of these and other guided walks and to book please go to: https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/events

Sunday 12th		
May	Brewing Up A Longer Story	Wincle Beer Company Brewery
Saturday 25th May	Minninglow Royston Grange History & Flowers	Minninglow Car Park
Sunday 2nd June	Wildflowers and the Old Lead mine	Meeting in Sheldon
Saturday 6th July	Mindfulness and Nature Connection Walk	Duck Pond Hartington Village
Friday 12th July	Meadows	Hartington Station
Sun 11th August	ugust The Roaches - A Walk On The Wild Side Lay-by Roaches Tea Room	
Sun Wildflowers, a potted history around Millers Dale		Meeting at Millers Dale Station

CONCERT FOR UKRAINE St John's Church, Ashbourne Sunday, 2nd June 2024 at 2.30pm

Members of the local string music group, Ad Hoc Baroque, have got together to play in aid of the Lviv Children's Hospital in Ukraine under the auspices of the Ukrainian Cultural Association of the United Kingdom. Please come and enjoy music by JS Bach, Handel and Purcell as well as lovely Ukrainian music by Barvinsky, Lysenko, Skoryk and Leontovitch.

Entry is free, but please come and give as much as you can to support this wonderful cause.

Every penny you give will go to the hospital. Enquiries to Howard Kilner on howard.kilner@gmail.com

Biggin News

Sam's Marathon to raise funds for Weston Park Cancer Charity. Sam completed the Manchester marathon with a time of 3 hours 49

minutes and seconds. He is very proud to have completed it and is overwhelmed by the support and donations he has received. An approximate total of £2000, with more to come, has been realised Thank you to everyone who has supported him.



Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council

The parish council is concerned by the increased number of cases of dog fouling in the village of Biggin. Of specific concern, is the number of cases of dog fouling on the playground area and playing field, despite the notice saying that dogs are not allowed in these areas. It has been reported that people are exercising their dogs, off their leads, in these areas. Dog faeces is dangerous to both children and to sheep during lambing season and it is hoped that this irresponsible action will cease. The parish council members appreciate that this action may be, in part, due to tourists staying in the village; therefore, the parish council will be contacting local businesses, caravan/camp sites, holiday lets etc for support in advising their visitors with dogs to please act responsibly, for the benefit of the community.

Coffee, Cake and Chat – we continue to make slow progress with the parish map. Members of the group were delighted to meet a textile artist commissioned by the National Trust at Hardwick. She is currently working on a project that uses

similar techniques to the plans we have for the parish map in Biggin. She was able to tell us that there will be something for everyone who wants to be involved, from cutting out shapes, ironing into position to final sewing with both the sewing machine and hand stitching for those who fancy it. She also suggested that once we get started that the project will develop as we find out what works best for the group and anyone who wants to be involved. She advised collecting fabrics as soon as possible. If you have any of the following that you would like to donate to the project, we would be very grateful: cottons and polycotton fabrics (plain or patterned) that you either aren't going to use or that we could upcycle, sewing cottons and double-sided fusible bondaweb. These can be given to Sandra Lovatt or Julia Hewgill. They can also be dropped off on the last Thursday of the month between 2 and 4 at Biggin village hall. The map will celebrate 175 years of Biggin as a parish. St Thomas's anniversary occurred in 2023 and the school celebrates its anniversary this year.

Coffee, cake and chat is also excited to be involved with Babbling Vagabonds and Biggin School in their shared 'rural rhythms' project to celebrate the best of Biggin. By the time this News and Views appears in your letterbox, April's preliminary meeting between the social group and the Babbling Vagabonds will have come and gone. Those of us who were able to attend the school session before Easter really enjoyed the event and are looking forward to seeing how the joint project will develop within the wider community.

In May Jan Jankovskis will be sharing her Australian adventures with us. Everyone is very welcome to join us.

Biggin C of E Primary School This week we held a very special celebration – we said thank you to Sarah for 25 years' service working for Derbyshire County Council at Biggin School. Sarah has been involved in school for all of her life and is quite simply the most amazing person to work with. She inspires all the children to be and do their very best and children love working with her. She is always brilliantly informed on local issues and the latest developments in education. Everything she does is in the best interests of the children and the school in mind. We are so lucky to have her! It was lovely that lots of families, governors and retired members of staff joined everyone in school to recognised all her hard work and dedication. Thank you so much, Sarah.

Babbling Vagabonds are the theatre company that are working with school and the community of Biggin to deliver an Arts Council project called Rural Rhythms. So far the team have worked with the children in school on story-telling and created a fabulous shadow puppet workshop and performance. A meeting with members of Biggin community at the Coffee, Cake and Chat session in the Village Hall on Thursday, 25th April at 2pm will decide where the project goes next. Watch out for updates on the school and Biggin Community Facebook pages for updates and ways to get involved. We'd love you to join us! The summer term is always a wonderful time in school. We are looking forward to:

Competitive sports competitions with other local schools with Primary Stars

Travelling to the Open Centre with Elton School to learn about religions other than Christianity

Key Stage 2 playing ukulele with the Halle orchestra in Derby Swimming every week at Ashbourne Leisure Centre (without having to take hats, scarves and gloves!)

Celebrating the 175^{th} Anniversary of school with a special garden party

We are a small inclusive and friendly school and offer a nurturing environment and personalized learning through small teaching groups. We warmly welcome enquiries and visits. Please call 01298 84279 to arrange to take a closer look at what we offer.

Biggin Village Hall- Prive Bingo happens every week on a Thursday, doors opening 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.

Earl Sterndale News

The Methodist chapel in Earl Sterndale, which will be closing on Sunday June 16th has been a place of Christian worship since 1850. However, there are records stating that a small group of people called Methodists and followers of John Wesley started meeting in local houses from 1789. Their first leader

was Rowland Heathcote who is buried in the churchyard, and there are still some of his descendant's living in the village.



For over fifty years house or class meetings continued until 1849 when one member, Thomas Johnson a miller from Glutton bridge negotiated the purchase of land from Abel Doughty. This land between the Hall and Chapel cottage was for the purpose of "erecting a building thereon a chapel or place of religious worship for the use of the people called Methodists" From the roadside the building appears the same as it was when opened in 1854. Regular Christian worship has taken place continuously since that date.

The style of the building was simple with a central pulpit and tiered pews with seating for 66 worshipers. Heating was by a coke stove and music provided by a harmonium. It must still have been very chilly as soon afterwards the bottom of the pews was boarded up to reduce draughts! Electricity was installed in 1947.

A small parcel of land around the perimeter was



purchased in 1903 and this has enabled the chapel many years later in 1975 to add on toilets and a kitchen increasing the use of the building. By this Sunday time the school was so large that Wain Mrs suggested that the

pews were removed and other heating installed resulting in the multi -purpose building you see today. Further improvements were made in 2000 enlarging the kitchen, adding more storage and an additional toilet. This was now an excellent multipurpose space with full disabled access. This more versatile space has enabled many different activities to take place. The variety is far ranging from Parish council meetings, a Polling station, to art workshops, afterschool and holiday clubs. The monthly community coffee morning is a good

meeting place for local residents and we welcome walkers and visitors to join us too. The Chapel has been home to the Community ACES group for



many years and their craft work on the walls has enhanced the decoration.

The Sunday school ceased to meet around 2000 but was replaced by an afterschool Messy Church. Children, accompanied an adult came to join in activities, craft work and bible stories before having tea and games. Both the Sunday school and Messy church was led by Susan Shirley. Each December the school children came to participate in a Christingle service Sadly, these activities didn't start again after the Covid pandemic.

For over 20 yrs Margaret Sweetmore and the late Pam Bagnall organised a coffee morning in aid of Christian aid and the Red Cross. This always seemed to be a morning supported by almost the whole village.

We regret the difficult decision of the trustees to close the Chapel. Christian worship has taken place for almost 200 years and alongside a lot of friendships have been formed and welcome extended to new residents. Baptisms, wedding and funerals have been shared in the building, harvest festivals and sales enjoyed by many However we now live in different times and the chapel doors will close as our mission in the building is complete.

A Celebration weekend is planned for June 15/16th. The Chapel will be open on Saturday June 15th from 2-4.30 pm with displays of photographs and memorabilia. Please come and join us, enjoy a cup of tea and share your memories of times spent in the chapel whether as a child in Sunday school or even if you have only come through the door to cast your vote at an election. Everyone is welcome.

On Sunday June 16th at 6pm there will be a closing service conducted by the Rev Andrew Parker and we hope that you will join us as we give thanks for the life of the Chapel and what it has meant to many people.

St Micheals and All Angels Church- A Holy Communion Service will be given by the Archdeacon Niki Fenton, on Sunday the 19th May at 6.30pm. For our June Service we will be joining Earl Sterndale Chapel at 6pm.

Social Saturdays, Whist Drives, Bingo's and Quiz Nights are back on our monthly calendar, thank you to all who support. The May Fair is planned for Saturday the 18th May 11am till 3pm, lots of stalls, - cards, woodcraft, plants, cakes, cosmetics, sweets, preserves, crafts. Homemade refreshments and raffle.

Our Flower Festival theme this year is "Beatrice Potter"- August Bank Holiday Weekend, Friday 23rd - Monday 26th

We joined the Pomeroy Trust for their Spring Fair at Flagg in March. We had a successful and enjoyable afternoon, thankyou Pomeroy Trust.

Events during the next 2 months:

Thursday 9th May, Quiz Night, Packhorse (Crowdicote)

Saturday 18th May Spring Fair (in church) 11am till 3pm

Sunday 19th May Holy Communion 6.30pm with Archdeacon Niki Fenton (followed with tea and cake).

Monday 20th May Whist Drive (in church) 7.30pm **Monday** 27th May Bingo (in church) 7.30pm.

Thursday 13th June, Quiz Night, Packhorse (Crowdicote) 8.30pm.

Sunday 16th June Joint Service with Chapel 6pm. **Monday** 17th Whist Drive -in church 7.30pm. **Monday** 24th June Bingo -in church 7.30pm.

Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council (Earl Sterndale and surrounding hamlets) -

Last meeting 11th March 2024. All Councillors present. Poor road conditions are an ongoing thing, and Councillors and I are reporting regularly, on the DCC website. These issues are a problem country wide, but all we can do is keep reporting them. The Chapel, where we hold our meetings, is closing, which is very sad. We need to remove the notice board and defibrillator before then. We are looking to have the old telephone box available and looking good and the defib installed in it by the next meeting, with the notice board mounted close by on the green. We are also hoping to get the telephone box at Glutton sorted as well. Next meeting 3rd June 2024, 7.45 pm. In the Chapel. This will be our AGM. All welcome. For more information, please visit our website. www.hmq-pc.gov

Earl Sterndale CE Primary School We had a very eventful Spring term including several visits to the White Hall Outdoor Centre, various Red Nose Day charity fundraising activities and a very enjoyable sponsored walk and Easter Egg hunt. Our term culminated in our Easter Service in which the children sang some beautiful Easter songs and performed a tap dance. Everyone had a tap-tastic time!

Our forthcoming term looks equally busy with lots to look forward to:

The children are excited about our upcoming celebratory post-SATs school disco;

The Juniors are going on a three-day residential visit to Gulliver's Valley;

We have a number of trips organised including a Tudor Farming Workshop at the Dove Valley Centre and a trip to Lower Plumpton Farm.

We're also having a Bags 2 School Collection to raise money for school funds. If you have any good quality, second-hand clothes that you could donate to our collection, please drop them into school by 9am on Weds 1st May.

Pomeroy Memorial Hall We ran an article a few years ago to highlight that we were trying to bring Pomeroy War Memorial Hall back into public use. Now seems a good time to update the public on our progress - partly because we have finally got to the point where the Charity Commission have offered us a solution to our strange charitable status (our original trustees were never replaced). This will be a massive step forward for us because being recognised by the Charity Commission will enable us to apply for more and greater amounts of funding. One condition of being considered by the Charity Commission is to make sure that the public are aware and that there are no objections to us updating our charitable status.

Second is that we continue to fundraise and have had a very successful Spring Fair recently. We have a couple of other events lined up that we would like to let everyone know about.

Third is that we could always do with more help! We are always open to new committee members, fundraising help, ideas, suggestions, advice or any contribution that anyone feels they can make. We have a lot of work to do and only a small band of 9 to do it. Jess O'Dwyer Clerk The Pomeroy Trust.

Pomeroy Memorial Hall Fundraising - We are researching various sources of funding and have been doing our own fundraising. We held a Spring Fair at Flagg Village Hall on Saturday 16th March 2024. This was a great success and raised over £400 towards the restoration of Pomeroy War Memorial Hall. We would like to thank everyone who supported this event – from the people who visited on the day, to the stall holders for such an excellent selection of goods to the committee and their families and friends who helped on the day, helped with planning and preparation and gave generous donations to our raffle, tombola and refreshments stall. Also we would like to thank everyone who gave us such brilliant publicity. We had many people from

Flagg, Pomeroy, Earl Sterndale, Sterndale Moor and further afield. All said how much they enjoyed the day - not just what was on offer - but also the chance to see so many local people. We also had our first board games night at The Duke of York, Pomeroy on Thursday 21st March. Our next events are:

Dominoes Night at The Duke of York, Pomeroy, SK17 9QG on Wed 24th April at 8pm. Everyone welcome, from absolute beginners upwards.

Car Treasure Hunt on Sunday 9th June 2-4.30pm starting from Pomeroy Farm, SK17 9QG - the farm where it all began!

For more information on any of these events or if you can help in any way, please contact us:

Email: pomeroywmh@talktalk.net

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall

Website: www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk

Hartington News St Giles Church Services

5 th May 11am	All Age			
12 th May 11am	Holy Communion (AD Nicky Fenton)			
19 th May 11am	Morning Worship			
26 th May 11am	All Age			
2 nd June 11am	All Age (Baptism)			
9 th June 11am	Morning Worship			
16 th June 11am	Holy Communion			
23 rd June 11am	Morning Worship			
30 th June 11am	United Holy Communion in Youlgrave			

Annual parochial Church meeting will be held on 30th April at 6pm in the Bakehouse. All welcome

Walk of Words in St Giles churchyard This

summer the Walk of Words around the churchyard at St Giles will focus, aptly we 'Summer hope, on Thoughts'. The 10 boards will be in place Pentecost Sunday 19th May, going through May half term, and summer, through to October. We will present a variety of



thoughtful quotes chosen by people from the village and beautifully illustrated by local artists including children from the school. Please do make time to pop into the churchyard to read and admire them. We hope you enjoy strolling the churchyard!

FYI, the St Giles churchyard Walk of Words started in summer 2021, following limitations on use of the

church building imposed by covid. It's been so appreciated by visitors and locals alike that, since then, we have produced two displays each year, one in summer and one before Christmas. This year we did an extra one at Easter using commercially produced posters.

Please get in touch with us if you'd like to help with the artwork in future; all ages are welcome. Thank you. Lucy Annat 84625 and Liz Hitch 687148

Hartington Town Quarter Parish Council

Parking on Pavements- From supporting photographic evidence, it has been brought to the attention of the parish council that a number of vehicles are being parked on pavements, presenting a hazard to pedestrians. In addition, there have been repeat cases of certain vehicles obstructing the pavement to facilitate electrical charging. agricultural vehicles are also being parked in such a obstruct junctions to and completely blocking pedestrian access. This practice is particularly hazardous to people with a visual impairment and parents with young children in prams/pushchairs. These offences are happening in various places around the village but of particular concern are the areas of Church Street and Hyde Lane. The parish council seeks cooperation from all residents to refrain from this practice with immediate effect. The police have been advised and supplied with photographic evidence of these incidents and have already made initial visits which will be repeated to note persistent offenders. Thank you for your support and compliance with this polite request.

Hartington Neighbourhood Plan After a meeting between the Hartington Town Quarter Parish Council and the volunteers who have worked on the Neighbourhood Development Plan it was decided to engage a consultant and also to work

with Peak District National Park Authority to complete all documentation in the near future so that the Plan can go forward to its final public consultation and be presented for independent examination. The final stage would be a referendum with all residents voting on its acceptance.

Gigabit Broadband coming to Hartington -

As part of the government's £5 billion Project Gigabit programme a company called Connect Fibre is installing lightning-fast, gigabit-capable broadband across areas of rural Staffordshire and Derbyshire including Hartington. A brief overview of the company and their proposed installation approach was recently presented to the Parish Council.

They plan to hold a public community meeting in the near future to provide information to parishioners regarding this new service. This involves laying new fibreoptic cables using the ducting belonging to Open Reach and installing new cabinets for their service. Mr Annat stated that, in principle, the parish council supported proposals to improve communications within the parish. A meeting with the chair of Hartington Community Group has taken place and they are working closely with the Parish Council will ensure the community is informed on progress.

Hartington Village Hall -The last two months have been very busy, both in terms of a wide range of activities as well as a 'Spring Clean' carried out by volunteers, decorating in our refurbished toilets and installation of new lights on the ground floor. The 'Fine Arts and Crafts Fair' on 1st April was a great success and the plan is to forge ahead with future Arts based events later in the year. The event on 6th April in support of 'Parkinsons UK' was extremely well supported and the collaboration between Rob, the Oddfellows and Hall was a resounding success.

Leon has devised a vibrant and informative new website for us so please take a couple of minutes to have a look on www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk. In particular please look at the calendar and by clicking on the daily events you will see what is on and the times. A quick summary:

Mondays: Yoga/French in the Peaks/Hartington Young People's Activity Club/Badminton

Tuesdays: Wriggles and Giggles/ Table Tennis

Wednesdays: Pilates/Chair Pilates/ Informal Flora (monthly)/ Pilates (evening session Social Dance

Thursdays: French in the Peaks/Activities Club (bowls/curling/board games – fortnightly)/Keep Fit

Friday: Yoga/Falls classes/ Parent & Children

In addition there are a wide range of occasional activities at weekends. Any questions – just contact Judith or Liz (details are on the website).

HARTINGTON VILLAGE HALL -100 YEARS YOUNG IN 2025 This special space belongs to each and everyone of the community. It is loved and cared for by so many led by the Trustees and management group. So...... LET'S CELEBRATE !!- do you have ideas on what you would like to see happen?

An open meeting will be held on Tuesday May 7^{th} 5.30-7pm in the hall.

Please come along, even if only for a while, and share your thoughts and how and, if willing /able you would like to be involved. Liz B on behalf of Trustees.

Results of our latest two draws of the Village Hall Lottery: March – the draw was held at the Hartington dance Club on Wednesday 13th. Mrs Kath Bradbury made the draw and the winning number was 13, held by Mr. Neil Broomhead, winning £100. April - the draw was held at the Dance Club in Hartington Village Hall on Wednesday 10th and the leader, Mr Anthony Woodroffe drew the winning number 105, held by Lucy & Joe Lee, residents of Hartington. 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.

Hartington C of E Primary School – WE are looking forward to another busy term involving our community partnership work , support from outside presenters. A flavour of some of these-Friday 26th April - MAST the story of "Jesus the Healer" delivered by Mr and Mrs Bridden; Tuesday 7th May - County Lines Training for Y5 & Y6 delivered by PC Anthony Boswell; Wednesday 8th May - MAST delivered by Hannah Wills; W/C Monday 13th May - KS2 SATS WEEK - Monday to Thursday.

As part of the school's community partnership the children will be designing their Walk of Words Summer 2024 Summer Thoughts posters. To be displayed in the Churchyard from the launch on Sunday 19th May.

This term in Class 1 some of the highlights for the children will be learning about Mexico which will lead to a Mexican theme day including lunch. Within this topic children will be introduced to the famous Mexican artist Frida Kahlo and their artwork will be based animals in her style. As part of the geography curriculum the children will be comparing our own locality with that of Mexico and will include a full day with National Park Rangers at Under Whittle Farm in June. In Science, they are learning about animals including humans which will lead to the whole school visiting Peak Wildlife in Summer Term 2.

Class 2 are looking at Living things and their Habitats. In Geography they are comparing our locality with an area in North Brazil. In French we will be learning about food and what can be order in a French cafe and at the end of term will be running their own cafe experience ordering in French! In English they will be studying MacBeth and how to write a newspaper report and a balanced discussion. In Art they will be exploring different styles of drawing. The Easter church display will come down this term and be replaced with work from the curriculum mentioned above.

We now run three afterschool clubs which are cookery, arts / crafts and Lego building which is delivered by Dave Lyndon from Buxton.

Hartington Wildflower Group. St Giles church achieves its silver Eco church award.

One of the Church of England Five Marks of Mission is "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth". The Eco church scheme is a framework for our church to use in how to meet this responsibility.

In March, St Giles achieved a silver award, which demonstrates the work the church has done over the last year in a number of areas to support nature and the environment. Congratulations to everyone involved in this achievement.

Toad patrols around the Mere It has been great to see the arrival in Spring of not only toads, but also frogs and newts in the Mere and other ponds around the village. Toad and frog spawn has

been seen, hopefully to be followed by tadpoles. Especially pleasing has been the sighting of Great Crested Newts – this country's biggest and rarest newt, protected in law due to significant reduction in numbers over recent years. The smaller smooth newt has also been seen in encouraging numbers.

The toad warning signs installed around the village Mere have improved awareness of the migrating amphibians, which has reduced the numbers that are sadly killed whilst attempting to cross the roads on their journey to the Mere – thank you to all drivers for slowing down!

Regular toad patrols have been taking place as well after dusk, providing a helping hand where needed to toads and frogs on the roads, as well



as doing counts of amphibians seen – well over 30 spotted on separate occasions, which is really encouraging, and we hope to see numbers increase in subsequent years. Thanks to all those that have taken part in the patrols.

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@hartington village.com. Phil

Hartington Community Group- Arts and Craft Fair - The second Hartington art and craft fair, organised by Andy Papas, was held on 1st April in the village hall. It was a very successful day, with many varied stalls doing a roaring trade and plenty of visitors who enjoyed not only the crafts, but also

delicious cakes, tea and snacks provided by Andy and a team of hard-working volunteers. The next fair is planned for 1st December so



make a note in your diary.

Annual Litter pick campaign - Hartington volunteers took part in an environmental spring clean as part of 'Keep Britain Tidy' over March $15^{\rm th}-31^{\rm st}$. Litter from the village itself and surrounding roads was removed to help keep our

village a pleasant place to live and visit. It is sad that this is required, but a big thank-you to everyone who worked so hard.



and to those individuals who make litter-picking a regular part of their routine throughout the year.

Help with funding - Hartington Community Group can support groups and activities in several ways - one of which is to help with funding either through its own small grants fund or by helping to identify and apply for external funding. Recent recipients have included the beginner's French class, and the Table Tennis club, who received a grant from Sport England from an application made by Liz Broomhead. With a big thank you to Liz for getting the grant, these very enthusiastic proponents of ping-pong were able to benefit not only from a new table, but also from some expert tuition from qualified coaches which was much appreciated by all the members. If you run a group or activity and like to find out more, do get in touch.

Community Group volunteering - Are you interested in doing something to help support and develop the wide range of groups and activities that take place in our community, but not sure how to get involved, then why not join the Hartington Community Group committee? Involvement to suit your availability and interests, let us know if you are interested, we would love to hear from you.

Calendar of village events — As well as the events advertised on the community noticeboards, the village website (https://www.hartington village.com/events/) has a comprehensive calendar of events taking place across our community and is a great source of reference for what is happening. If you'd like to add one of your events, please email digitalteam@hartingtonvillage.com and the Digital Hartington team would be happy to help.

Leaden Boot challenge – The annual Leaden Boot challenge will take place on Sunday 19th May.

This 26.2 mile walk/ run is a challenging event with over 4800 ft of ascent, and our village is delighted to be again supporting the event with a check point next to the Farm Shop in Hartington. The event raises an incredible amount of money for local organisations— Hartington Village Hall was a recipient of funding last year. This year there are a record 400 entrants, including a number from the village, so be sure to give them your support if you see them!. A big thank you to all the volunteers who are helping to staff the checkpoint throughout the day.

PDNPA Ranger 'pop up' event – Rangers from the Peak District National Park held a successful

'pop-up' event on **14**th Sunday April. Situated on the village green, the team led by Engagement local Ranger Rose Clarke, had lots of visits from members of the community as well as visitors to the area providing opportunity to meet the rangers who work in our



area and find out more about a wide range of topics including information on places to visit and local walks. Further events are planned for later in the year.

If you'd like to find out more about any of the items above, please contact the HCG secretary Cathy Manson or chair Phillip Neal.

Installation of King's Coronation plinth- The arrival of favourable weather in early April meant that the installation of the Kings Coronation plinth outside of the Village Hall has now been completed. The new stone plinth has been installed to the left

of the main entrance and mirrors the design of existing plinth (installed in 2014) which can be found to the right of the entrance. A plaque has been installed onto the new plinth with the official Kings Coronation



emblem and date, ensuring a lasting reminder of that momentous occasion in our nation's history is now in place. This could not have happened without the support and involvement of members of our community and a big thank you to Trevor Wragg and Mick Parsons for their hard work in the design and construction of the plinth, and to Lucy Lee for the design of the plaque. Thanks also to the Hartington Community Group, Village Hall and Parish Council who provided funding.

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