

# News And Views



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**Earl Sterndale Chapel** was built in 1850 and Christian worship has taken place for 175 years. This simple building which is in the centre of the village has also played a central part in the lives of the village. However, with a very small congregation of four members and the increasing burden of responsibility the difficult decision was taken to close the chapel. The trustees are saddened that this difficult decision had to be made especially as the building has been a space used by many over many years. Friendships have been formed, a welcome extended to new residents who have got to know each other over a cup of coffee and friendly chat. Baptisms, weddings and funerals have been shared. Harvest festivals, Carol services and fundraising events have been enjoyed by many.

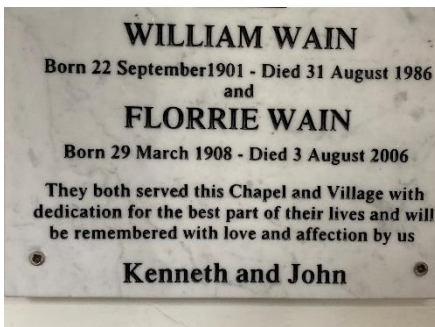


We now live in different times and there are many different calls on people's time. The Chapel doors are now closed as we feel our mission in the building is complete.

It was felt that we should mark such a significant event in people's lives by celebrating and giving thanks for all that has been achieved in the past. On Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> over 60 people who had a memory of time spent in the Chapel came from far and wide. Many cakes were consumed alongside cups of tea, and we would like to thank all those who donated cakes or helped in any way. Photos were on display, many illustrating the days of the thriving Sunday school led by Susan Shirley. Here were many tales about the key roles

Mrs Stone had played. She was the caretaker for 70 years and also her daughter Florrie Wain who was the pianist and had arranged so many events.

As a result of everyone's generosity we were able to send £200 to Ashgate hospice and Christian Aid.



On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> there was a service of celebration at 6pm. There was a stream of people arriving even before 5.30pm. The Rev Andrew Parker led the service assisted by Deacon Lorraine Brown. Each member chose their favourite hymn and there was rousing singing by the congregation. At the conclusion of the service refreshments were served. There were of course many mixed emotions as the washing up was done and the doors locked for a final time.

What happens now? The present four trustees are no longer responsible for the premises and the responsibility and decisions about the Chapels future will be taken by the High Peak Partnership.

If you have any questions about the future, please contact the Methodist minister, Rev Andrew Parker.



**Vicars letter** Once again, like all our benefice churches, we at St Giles have entered another period of interregnum. What is this you may well ask - one dictionary definition is 'a period when a country or organisation does not have a leader'. Over the last couple of months, we have said our farewells to our priest-in-charge Adele who has left to become the bishop's chaplain and then to our curate Lisa, who has had to move so that she can complete her training in the Castleton area with a full-time vicar. Keeping a church functioning, especially one whose building is listed, requires considerable time and skills and this takes some of us out of our comfort zone! As a village we can be thankful for those down the years who have given their time and talents to keep our church and grounds in good order and we are grateful to those helping each Sunday to ensure our services can go ahead. Yet Jesus doesn't call us just to maintain buildings and hold weekly services.

As we look to the future I am reminded of the words 'Stay united, be kind and encouraging and look out for each other.' The same message is in one of Paul's letters— perhaps you could read Ephesians 4:29-5:2. Never mind keeping the building in good repair, important as that is, how do we 'walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us' without a leader to guide us? A few weeks ago, we celebrated Pentecost – Christians consider this to be the church's birthday, when the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit. This empowered them to live as God wanted them to, despite having lost the greatest leader of all. So, as we go through this 'leaderless' period, there may be bumpy times ahead, but we can thank God for this gift which 'produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. There is no law that says these things are wrong. '(Gal 5: 22,23)

We may face challenges in the coming months but let us remember that we do so together as churches and communities, as friends and neighbours. May we also give thanks to God that we do not approach them in our own strength, but in knowing that a loving God is there beside us and walking with us as we journey together and face the challenges given to us.

**BENEFICE NOTICE** There will be an open meeting on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August, venue tbc, at which anyone from Hartington, Biggin, Earl Sterndale or other parishes in our grouping will be able to voice their comments and ideas on the proposed organisation of the group of parishes and role of the new vicar or priest in charge for the area. Everyone is invited from 10am – 1pm

**The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D Day – June 6<sup>th</sup> at Hartington War Memorial** – The Communities of Biggin and Hartington came together with respect to acknowledge the importance of the sacrifice of so many. The service was led by Rev'd John Fountain, supported by Sarah Lacey and Adie Crowe. At the start of the act of Remembrance, the vicar asked for a moment of reflection on the passing of Reg Graham, who was always key to our remembrance





events. This was followed by 3 moving readings – Winston Churchill’s address to the House of Commons on June 6 1944; Martha Gellhorn, an American journalist who accompanied American Paratroopers. This was followed by a quote from a prayer of President Roosevelt to the American Nation on the day of battle. Wreaths were laid by Royal British Legion and the Grand Order of Oddfellows. The last post and Reveille sounded out across the group played by Mr Geoff Godwin. A memorable event, reflecting the need to never forget- thank you. Reflections of an observer.

**The Impact of the 24 hour ECG monitor** - It seems amazing that it is nearly 12 months since the Parish Councils of Hartington Nether Quarter, Middle Quarter and Town Quarter, Alstonfield, Warslow, Longnor and Parwich, as well as St Oswald’s Masons Lodge, Rotary Club of Ashbourne and Trevor Wragg completed the fund raising and purchase with Hartington Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG), of the ECG 24 hour monitor. I wanted to share with you the impact of your support .....

The first patient to use this monitor- 10 months ago – was able to benefit from adaptation to her medication and successful intervention to improve her health. She received an appointment from the nhs hospital to attend a session with the monitor 2 weeks ago – 10 months after her assessment at the Surgery How good is that! Thank you for making a difference to her and many other patient lives

Our surgery and The PPG continue to work hard to enable us as a rural community to be able to access these essential services in our village. – If you are interested in being a member of the PPG please contact the Practice Manager.

**Tales of the Field** Growing old gracefully, what a dreadful line, like something out of an bad movie! We’re living longer than ever before and ‘50 is the new 40’ or so I’m told by my rather upbeat physio. When did I start to see walking as an ‘exercise’? The new live stronger for longer classes are very popular in our villages, with Hartington class overflowing into a new class for Biggin - so what has changed? Are we more aware of our health? I hope we’re just embracing all that getting older brings whilst making a few changes. But maybe we should start by thinking about what does getting old mean to you? the knowledge and wisdom gained for some, the devil may care attitude of others and for me the joy of seeing how the world is changing, how easy it is to travel to a completely different country to broaden knowledge and perspective, out ways any niggles I may have about how it used to be. I see change as mainly positive and accept its unavoidable and easier if I embrace it. Our villages are changing, older generations needing support and younger families moving in to bring fresh ideas and it is those younger families that will continue to care for and love the villages we live in as well as help the older generations with what they need to stay here.

Getting older can be difficult and frustrating at times but identifying the challenges that we’re facing and finding ways to manage them will make this journey into old age a more pleasant one. Carrying my hen food up to the top of the garden is now a chore delegated to my grandson with his mini quad and trailer, vacuuming is the job for my little irobot to do whilst I’m snoozing in bed and staying active becomes more important when sitting for too long makes my newly pinned together bionic spine ache! Small changes that make my life a little easier. But I draw the line at growing old gracefully! To quote a line from the fabulous poem,

Warning by Jenny Joseph *‘I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves..and run my stick along the public railings..and go out in my slippers in the rain’* So perhaps getting old isn’t as bad after all.



**Childrens corner** Its Summer!! And in our garden that means bubbles, bubbles and more bubbles! oooOoOoooOooo

Make a simple bubble wand with garden wire, or if you can find an old wire coat hanger, they make huge bubble wands just by changing the shape of the hanger. Drinking straws make lots of sweet little bubbles (remember to blow not suck through the straw) Raid the kitchen, look carefully and there are usually quite a few kitchen implements that already have holes in them. Try a cheese grater, slotted spoon, colander .... Even string can be used to create a bubble wand - Use whatever you can find and have fun! **Bubble recipe we use**

1 litre warm water   300ml washing up liquid   200ml baby bubble bath   2 tbsp glycerine **Method** Start by stirring the water & glycerine together, then slowly add washing up liquid and bubble bath.

**Helping our wildflowers and pollinators by supporting ‘Let It Bloom June’.** No Mow May is over! What’s next? On behalf of the wildflowers and pollinators, thank you for those of you who let your gardens and green spaces grow wild. Thousands of gardens across the UK have already embraced a wilder May, by letting it grow. But the buzz doesn’t have to stop there. Our wildlife still needs help...so why not continue with Let it Bloom June. You don’t need to stop mowing all your lawn to make a difference – why not allocate part of your garden to be a flowering lawn mown once every 4 to 8 weeks. This allows common, low-growing wild flowers to regrow and reflower throughout the summer while you maintain a shorter, neater height elsewhere.

**Defeating slugs without harming the environment** Sometimes it seems that we grow plants for slugs and snails to feast on and this year, with all the damp weather, there are more than ever munching tender leaves and stems. The RHS says they’re beneficial. So, if you want to avoid using harmful chemical (including the little blue pellets containing metaldehyde which have been banned since 2022) what are the alternatives besides picking them off the plants or using beer traps?

Crushed egg shells around the base of the plant have the benefit of adding calcium to the soil are one alternative and coffee grounds are another, but success can be mixed. Commercially available seaweed feed has the advantage of deterring slugs as well as promoting growth in plants. Wool matting or wool pellets around the base of the plant forms a slightly repellent collar that also acts as a mulch. For a cheaper and reliable option why not try a garlic wash which will also deter saw flies from gooseberries?

Garlic wash recipe: Two bulbs of garlic. 2 Litres of water

Boil the garlic in saucepan of the water until its soft and squashy. If you have a pressure cooker it works even better. Mash the garlic to release as much of the juice as possible. Sieve out the skins and bits in to sealable jars or bottles – so you’re left with a cloudy liquid. Some solids will settle at the bottom of the bottle. Add 2 tablespoons of the liquid to 5l of water in a sprayer bottle. Spray over plants at least once a week. This will need to be repeated in wet weather.

**Hartington Royal British Legion Club** Following many years of support to the local community Harold & Jennifer Ball recently stepped down from the management of the Legion. A recognition event was held for them recently. A new Committee made up of locals has taken over their hard work and the challenge to keep the Legion open and to continue to provide a venue where all locals feel welcome to come and enjoy a chat and a pint (and to get warm in front of the fire when needed).

The Legion is part of the Royal British Legion and as such it is a members club. We, therefore, ask that all patrons frequenting the legion on a regular basis (more than once per week) are required to become a member of the RBL. This can be easily done by visiting [www.britishlegion.org.uk](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk). Its only £18 a year. You can also join via the legion itself if you are not able to do so online.

The Committee –

Chairman – Ged Cloake Vice Chairman – Clare Wager	Treasurer – Adam Rowbottom Secretary – Nik Searston
Members – Colin Deaville, Claire Dray, Russ Smith, Anne Smith , Stuart Grindley, Luke Smith, Scott Wager.	

Everyone on the Committee is a volunteer and provides their time free in support of the Legion. **If anyone wants to join the Committee and provide support with running the bar please pop in and have a chat. Training will be provided. We could really do with more help, please don’t be shy its actually great fun.**

The Committee aims to continue to keep prices as low as possible to support the community with the cost-of-living issues we all face. The Committee has already undertaken work to improve the venue and will be embarking on numerous projects to continue to improve the venue this year.

The Legion has pool, darts, dominoes, and snooker on offer. A great selection of beers and wines, if you have not been in before or have not been for a while please pop in. We open at 7pm. We hold Quiz night on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month and Bingo night on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, both start at 8pm everyone is welcome to come and play.

We will be showing the Euros games also so come in and enjoy the games.

**Reg Graham.** As many of you know, Hartington lost one of its most treasured habitants in the early hours of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May, one week after his 94<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Reg served in the army post World War II on the German and Russian Borders and continued to help former soldiers, after he left through his support of the Royal British Legion. For more years than many have been alive, Reg helped sell poppies and the likes to aid the armed forces charity. Reg was a very familiar face in the village and I know many of you will remember him fondly.

Reg's family along with the Royal British Legion, Hartington, would like to show its appreciation of Reg's life at a remembrance event at Cavendish House RBL on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 3pm until 6pm**. A buffet will be served and no doubt there will be many glasses lifted in memory of Reg. Please note all are welcome. Dress casually.

**Thank You- Harold and Jennifer** would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at The British Legion who generously donated on our retirement. The Legion Club and Oddfellows, have supported us over the last 14 years and that is really appreciated. Thank you also for the donation and lovely flowers from "Bygones" as well as the beautiful commemorative plaque from the Cavendish House Domino league.

#### **Save the Date - an event in October:**

### **War Took Me Away**

*"We'll be back before you know it"*

A World War I production

Written by Linda Woodroffe

**Saturday 19th October 2024 7pm Village Hall, Hyde Lane, Hartington, SK17 0AP**

Follow the emotions of those at war and those left behind,  
told by narration and song

#### **Fund Raiding for Blythe House 2 events organised by Isla:**

**ISLA'S CAKE SALE** Isla would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated cake, buns and other items to raise money for Blythe House Hospice and Helen's Trust on the 4th May. We had an amazing day raising £694.70. The support from the community was astounding!

**CHARITY DISCO** On the 27<sup>th</sup> July there will be a fundraising disco held in Hartington Village Hall from 8 until late. This, like Isla's cake sale, will be to raise funds for Blythe House Hospice and Helen's Trust who offer a range of free services to care for and support local people who are affected by a life limiting illness. Tickets are available from The British Legion or The Post Office. Also on the night, a prize raffle will be drawn. Raffle tickets can be purchased from The British Legion, The Devonshire and Sue Peach's Newsagents. Prizes include

a Belle Altrad Warrior Wheelbarrow, 5 tickets to Chatsworth House and Gardens, £100 cash, £75 cash and £50 cash donated by Hartington Oddfellows, a night's stay at The Devonshire, a hamper donated by DSF, and many more. Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far. All money raised will go straight to the charity. See poster for more details.

### **“Biggin Alive”, “Earl Sterndale Alive”, “Hartington Alive”- Tri Village Information Champion Update**

As explained in previous editions – the 3 village communities, using the Parish Council Boundaries are working together alongside their “champions” – Sera, Jean and Karen as well as Kay and Liz, to support them in accessing information across a wide range of Health and Social Care matters

Falls Prevention classes in collaboration with Live Stronger for Longer Age UK are continuing to run on Fridays at Hartington Village Hall 11.30-12.30pm All Welcome.

Due to the success and popularity of the classes we have made progress to extend these classes to Biggin Village Hall. A programme of 13 weeks will run weekly June 14- Sept 5 -1.30-2.30 All welcome

The Health and Social Care Section on the Hartingtonvillage.com website continues to be updated with the latest local Health and Social Wellbeing information with access to the following newsletters including.

Derbyshire Now, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Community Voluntary Service and local Library information. Don't forget to check out the A-Z local and Derbyshire Community services directories.

We have a large selection of Health & Social Wellbeing leaflets for you to browse when visiting Hartington Village Hall, Biggin Village Hall. Duke Of York and Sterndale Moor Club.

Coming later this year; A second tea and talk session with GP Dr Ashley Dawson MBChB | BSc Hons | MRCPGP; hoping to be 19.9.24 between 3.30-5pm in Hartington village Hall – EVERYONE WELCOME. A second Hartingtonalive information session tailored from topics placed into our community suggestion box in the Village Hall. The date November 7<sup>th</sup>, Hartington village hall theme and time tbc. Keep reading the News and Views for updates on these events plus checking into Hartington Community/Village Facebook page and Biggin Facebook.

**The Lonely Hearts Club Band- A Beatles Experience** Come and see Hartington based band 'The Lovers' Hi-Fi' play through the complete classic “Sgt. Pepper's” album followed by an entire set dedicated to the Beatles' greatest hits! **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July Hartington Village Hall Doors and Bar open from 7.30pm** Tickets £10 available from Sue at the Post Office.

**Glitz and Glamour Charity Walk** I was privileged to be invited to take part in a 'Glitz and Glamour' charity walk organised by Kay & Co Hairdressers, Ashbourne, on Sunday 2nd June. It was a marathon walk of 26.2 miles across the White Peak with a 10-minute stop for lunch at Biggin Village Hall. At the time of writing, we have raised over £32,000 from 60 walkers which is awesome!! It is all going to the Breast Test and Gynae Cancer teams in the Derby and Burton Hospitals Trust. Amazingly, about 15 of the medical team joined in for sections of the walk to encourage us; the photo shows me at the end of the walk, with two of the surgeons who presented us with rosettes. The weather was kind and I was very relieved to finish. Thank you to everyone who supported this event in any way. Liz Hitch x.



**Dear Readers, a date for your diary and a plea for your support-** On Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>, between 2.00pm - 5.00pm, I am proposing to hold a fund raising Anna Chaplaincy cream tea in Hartington Village Hall. The theme is 'Walking Side by Side,' and the idea is that you invite an older person to come with you for a cream tea and let me, and my helpers, make them feel every bit as special as you know they are. If you don't yet know the worthwhile and important work that Anna Chaplaincy does and what I am proud to do in this community, please look us up at [-annachaplaincy@brf.org.uk](mailto:-annachaplaincy@brf.org.uk)

I'm sure we will hold a raffle, perhaps have some music and definitely lots home baked goodies, fun and chat ! I really hope you will come and bring that special older person along with you - I shall look forward to seeing you all very much indeed. More info in the next N& V's - thank you. Sarah Lacey - Anna Chaplain to the White Peak and Youghreave Group of Churches.

### **Peak District National Park Ranger Service guided walks (and a run!) July to October**

For full details of these and other guided walks and to book please go to:

<https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/events>

<b>Date</b>	<b>Walk</b>	<b>Meeting point</b>
Saturday 6th July	Mindfulness and Nature Connection Walk	The Mere, Hartington
Friday 12th July	Flowers of the Tissington trail and Hartington Meadows	Hartington Station
Sunday 11th August	The Roaches - A Walk On The Wild Side	Lay-by opposite Roaches Tea Room
Sunday 18th August	Wildflowers and a potted history around Millers Dale	Meeting at Millers Dale Station
Sunday 1st September	Guided trail run - 10 mile, scenic and sociable	Bakewell visitor centre
Sunday 15th September	Minninglow Royston Grange History and Flowers	Minninglow Car Park
Sunday 29th September	The High and 'Lows' under the Edge	Great Hucklow
Sunday 13th October	The Amazing Roaches - History, Legends, Wildlife, Landscape	Lay-by opposite Roaches Tea Room
Sunday 27th October	Brewing Up A Story	Wincle Beer Company Brewery

### **Biggin News**

#### **Garden of Remembrance Wall Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council, Biggin**

Parishioners may not be aware that some years ago, the parish council had a Garden of Remembrance Wall constructed in the parish council cemetery. This wall can be used for plaques to be affixed as an alternative type of memorial to a deceased family member instead of having a casket interred in the Garden of Remembrance portion of the cemetery. Future enquiries should be direct to the Clerk and Cemetery Superintendent, Mrs Hampson.

#### **Biggin Playground and playing field areas**

The Parish Council would be very grateful for all dog owners to refrain from exercising their dogs on both the playground and playing field areas. Unfortunately, numerous reports have been received that dog fouling is occurring at both these locations causing obvious hazards to children and those engaging in sporting activities. In this regard, the parish council would be very grateful if local businesses with caravan and camping facilities, holiday accommodation etc could also advise their visitors who are dog owners that the playground and playing field are **NOT** areas where dogs can be



exercised, even on a lead Thank you for your support with this request for the health of all concerned and for the pleasant and safe enjoyment of these facilities which the village is very fortunate to have. Mrs Hampson Clerk Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council

**Biggin Village Hall** This winter we hope to be presenting three acts from the Live and Local stable. We have submitted our requests covering a range of theatre and music acts and are waiting for the results of the allocation. The popular Warslow Band Christmas concert will be on again in December, date to be confirmed.

The hall is available for hire to anyone for their events or one they would like to produce. Favourable rates for parish residents are negotiable! A profit for your favourite charity is easily achievable. Please consider making use of your Biggin Village Hall, it's there for the community.

A new electricity contract for the hall has been set up and, after much searching and negotiation, the cost will rise by some 49% in the coming years. A more modern heating system is being sought but with not much hope of reducing costs but we should be able to have a more efficient and flexible system in future.

Live Stronger for Longer Sessions – every Friday 1.30-2.30 -Biggin Village Hall - £6. Open to all it really is an enjoyable and helpful session on your doorstep. Why not give it a go?- just arrive before 1.30

**PRIZE BINGO happens every week:** every Thursday doors open at 7, play starts at 7:30. Buy one or more sets of cards and play for half house and full house. Then there's the Flyer for the cash accumulator, added to every week until it's won! A fun game evening for everyone.

**Biggin C of E Primary School** The Summer term is always extra special and a busy time in school. Despite the weather not being anything to write home about lately, we enjoy the warmer, longer days, reflect on the year's work we are completing and begin to think about the next academic year. There is always so much to fit in!

This week we went on a whole school trip to the Open Centre in Derby. This is where a very small team give children the opportunity to experience

being in places of worship from other faiths and seeing people worship in different ways. Their work is so important in teaching about tolerance, respect and understanding. First, we visited a Hindu temple which was very beautifully decorated with flags and banners inside and out, and filled with the sweet smell of incense. Inside were many representations of different incarnations of their god Brahman, with ten statues on the main platform, all dressed in heavily embroidered and sequined pink outfits which. Hindus were celebrating daily prayers when we visited and the children were able to watch the ceremony before taking a closer look at the statues of the deities and other objects within the temple.

Next, we walked through the busy streets, passing a large primary school and waving to some of the children, to reach the Sikh gurdwara. Here it was quiet as no ceremonies were taking place however we had an excellent guide. After removing our shoes and covering our heads, she gave us a tour of the prayer rooms and showed us how Sikhs prayed. Afterwards we went downstairs to the langar (community kitchen) where anyone can receive food, as Sikhs believe it is important no one should ever go hungry. Everyone tried a spicy vegetarian curry and naan bread. The behaviour of our children was great. Everyone was super polite and respectful and enjoyed a completely new experience. We learned that although people worship in different ways, many peoples' beliefs about how we should live are the same.

We are looking forward to: Sports Day with other local schools with Primary Stars;

Celebrating Schools Together with Hartington School at St Giles Church

Key Stage 2 playing ukulele with the Halle orchestra in Derby and holding their own concert in school

Our School Trip to the Peak Wildlife Park

Celebrating the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of school with a special garden party

We are a nurturing, inclusive and friendly school with very small teaching groups. We love being part of our local community too. Please take a look at our Facebook page to see what we do and pop in to one of our events if you can. We warmly welcome enquiries and visits. Please call 01298 84279 to arrange to take a closer look at what we offer.



## Earl Sterndale News

**Our May Fair** was held in church on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, we had 14 stalls, including Blythe House and Pomeroy Trust.

Mrs Anne Thompson won, guess the weight of the cake. Refreshments were made and served, by our kind helpers. Thank you to all who helped to make our fair a successful day.

On Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, Archdeacon Nicky Fenton took our Holy Communion, evening service. This was followed with the Church Annual PCC Meeting.

On Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, Miss Kim Williams and Liam Tibbles were married in Earl Sterndale Church. The Service was led by Rev'd Alan Griggs. (Agricultural Chaplain) We extend our best wishes and congratulations to Mr and Mrs Tibbles.

### Churchyard and Playing Field

A big thankyou to the members of Earl Sterndale Community, who have taken the time to tidy and trim trees back in our church yard and playing field, all looks very smart.

### Events

Monday July 15<sup>th</sup> Whist Drive 7.30pm (in church)

Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup> Bingo 7.30pm (in church)

Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> Social Saturday 11am till 2pm (in church)

Monday July 22<sup>nd</sup> Bingo 7.30pm (in church)

Monday August 12<sup>th</sup> Whist Drive 7.30pm (in church)

Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> Bingo 7.30pm. (in church)

### Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council

Our A.G.M. was held in The Chapel on 6<sup>th</sup> June. This was the last meeting in Chapel, as it is closing, which is a sad day. Future meetings will be held at Glutton Grange. The usual subjects arose, road conditions,

overgrown trees, dog fouling. The possibility of cleaning out the village pond was discussed, and we decided to look into the cost of this.

The telephone kiosk in the village, and the one down at Glutton Bridge have had a bit of restoration and are now looking good. The Defibrillator has been moved into the one at Earl Sterndale and is in full working order. Many thanks to all who helped with the project. Next meeting at Glutton Grange on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024. All welcome to attend. More information on the PC website [www.hmq-pc.org](http://www.hmq-pc.org) Pat Sutton Clerk to the Council 07974 362676.

**Earl Sterndale CE Primary School** Our Summer term is well underway with lots for the children to look forward to:

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

There will be various trips to the White Hall Outdoor Centre and Alton Towers;

The children are working very hard in rehearsals for this year's school play, Alice in Wonderland;

Preparations are in progress for this year's Leavers' Party on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

If anyone would like to purchase raffle tickets or ball race numbers to support our Leavers' Party on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, please contact the school office on 01298 83263. Alternatively, if you're able to donate any items that may be suitable for either the children's tombola or the raffle (bottles, sweets, toys, chocolates, toiletries etc.), please either drop them off in school or contact us on 01298 83263 and we will arrange for someone to collect them from you. All donations will be gratefully received!

Please join us for our Leavers' Party / Summer Fayre on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 5pm to 8pm. There will be lots to enjoy including a barbecue, bar, cake stall, games, children's tombola and our traditional ball race!

### Sterndale Moor Community Task Force Events:

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 11 am till 3 pm:  
Scarecrow Festival: this year's theme is "Inspirational People". Judging will be on the day and will be part of a fun day with Craft and local business stalls in Sterndale Moor Club, Games,



Facepainting, raffle and a picnic on the field. Please bring a rug and picnic.

**Pomeroy Memorial Hall.** Our Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. A recap of the past year showed that we now have planning permission for the alterations to the access to the car park at the side of the hall. The second major breakthrough is finally getting recognition from the Charity Commission. We are still not a registered charity owing to our lack of income, but we do have a “scheme” from the Charity Commission which once again makes us an official charitable trust and should therefore help with grant funding applications.

Planning searches identified that the hall *could* be on the route of a Roman Road. Therefore, any digging (e.g., for a septic tank) needs to be supervised by an archaeologist. We now have a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) from Archaeological Research Services in Bakewell. Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council generously donated £500 towards the cost, for which we are extremely grateful.

We continue to publicise what we are doing, with articles in the News and Views newsletter and local newspapers as and when appropriate. Our vice chair even went on Radio Derby’s Twirdle!

Some events have been very successful, especially the Spring Fair at Flagg in March and our recent car treasure hunt and we hope to do more similar events. However, we have not managed to attract any extra interest in helping out, either on the Pomeroy Trust Committee or with renovating the hall.

**Car Treasure Hunt** from Pomeroy Farm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June was enjoyed by all those taking part, despite the dreadful “June” weather. We had 18 cars and raised £105. The treasure hunt winner was Team “Ships” with an amazing 74 points out of a possible 80. They won a family hamper. The raffle prize of delicious Pomeroy ice cream was won by Jackson number 507. A full list of answers etc can be obtained by contacting us via our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall>

**What’s Next** With the help of Neil Moulden (Derbyshire Dales CVS) and Rona Rawson (Rural Action Derbyshire) we are now deciding on our vision for the future and a plan of action. What do you see Pomeroy War Memorial Hall providing in the future? How can we achieve this? As part of the way forward we would like to use sustainable sources of power instead of, or as well as, the national grid. This will include considering and costing both wind and solar panel plus electricity and water reconnection prices. The plan and how to achieve it will be discussed at our next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm at the Duke of York. And finally - the number of people participating in the 100 club has dwindled so we have decided to cease this for a while from August. The winners omitted from the last issue were: Brian Spencer (number 38), March, Joan Bonsall (number 7) and April, Liz Spillane (number 23). May- Ben Wilson- No.100, June - Mary Wheeldon- No.64

To join us, help us or contact us (or to be included on our mailing list): Please see 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)

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## Hartington News

### St Giles Church Services

7 <sup>th</sup> July 11am	All Age
14 <sup>th</sup> July 11am	Morning Praise
21 <sup>st</sup> July 11am	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup> July 3pm	Hymns and Pimms
4 <sup>th</sup> August 11am	Holy Communion
11 <sup>th</sup> August 11am	All Age
18 <sup>th</sup> August 11am	Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup> August 11am	Songs of Praise

We are now in an interregnum. Many thanks to Rev John Fountain and Rev Lynne Bowden for helping us to have weekly services during this period

**On 28<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm Warslow Silver Band** will be leading us in an afternoon of Hymns and Pimm’s. Come and join us for what will be a lovely occasion and let’s hope for good weather – at least in the interval! There will be a retiring collection.

**Hartington Parish Council** The AGM in May saw the election of a new Chairman Alan Grindey and Vice Chairman Scott Wager and members thanked outgoing Chair David Annat for his 12 years at the helm. His final report for the year 2023/24 is published on the Parish Council Website, which has now been updated and will publish news relevant to the council on a regular basis.

The council thanked members of the wildflower group for their clean-up of the algae on the pond and their efforts on the recent toad patrol night-time monitoring.

They also approved the updated Hartington Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents prior to its submission to the Peak Park, ready to undergo Section 16 publicity. As part of this it will be available for viewing on a new bespoke website which will be completed shortly. The council have applied for a further grant to see the Plan through its final stages which includes the above, followed by examination by a planning inspector and finally a referendum on its acceptance by all those on the electoral roll.

They wish to thank the steering group who have worked so hard to get the Plan to this stage.

They noted that work seemed to have completely stopped on the Affordable Housing despite them receiving a long letter from Head of Planning at the Peak Park assuring them action would be taken to ensure these were completed and marketed at prices agreed by the District Valuer. They expressed their support for members of the community who had recently met with the Peak Park. Priority is to get these homes completed and brought to market at the right affordable price or the Peak Park to take legal action against the developer.

**Hartington Village Hall** We receive invaluable support from Support Staffordshire on many issues that affect our village hall. I am delighted to share the news that three of our Management Group, Kath Williamson, John Grosvenor and David Graham, are being recognised by the organisation for their invaluable volunteer activity at the Village Hall. Kath is that ideal volunteer – she just tackles whatever needs to be done be it painting, cleaning, tackling routine maintenance jobs. John project managed our kitchen refurbishment in 2023 and will be involved in the replacement of the rear fire exit doors this year. David manages our lottery scheme, the profits of which have been the all-important seed money that we have used to secure a wide range of grants in recent years.

We are very fortunate that we do have volunteers that we can call on, however we all would do well not to take our volunteers for granted. At the moment we could do with some help on painting ceilings in the toilets and corridor as well as a couple of people willing to join our cleaning team.

*Please do let us know if you are willing to get involved.*

We need to paint a number of ceilings after fitting new LED lights throughout the toilets, corridor, foyer and Lower Bakehouse to create brighter lighting but at a lower running cost. We will be replacing the rear fire exit doors this summer. The frame is now badly decayed and over the winter the warping was so great we could not open the doors for 3 months.

Please see our calendar, which is constantly updated, for all our future events: [www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/calendar](http://www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/calendar) . There are a number of weekend events over the coming months which may be attractive to our readers. Among them are an exciting Beatles musical experience with our local professional musicians, 'The Lovers Hi-Fi', on 13<sup>th</sup> July, a charity disco for Blythe House Hospice on 27<sup>th</sup> July, a willow workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> September, and a Well-Being weekend on 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October

**Hartington Village Hall Lottery Results:** May – the draw was held at the Hartington Village Hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>. with Pilates Instructor Teresa Hannan drawing the winning number 74, held by Mr. & Mrs Brad Bradley, residents of Hartington, winning £100.

June - the draw was made by Mrs Sarah Lacey, our Anna Chaplain, the winning number 91 is held by long-time resident Geoff Howden

Congratulations to the winners and as always we wish to thank ALL of our loyal Lottery supporters, we could not maintain the Hall & its facilities without you it.

**WELL DRESSING 2024** The Well will be dressed from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 10 am until 4.30 through to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall. We welcome anyone who wishes to get involved in this ancient custom of pressing flowers and organic material into prepared clay. The Wells will be blessed on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 2.45 at the School Well and then 3pm at the Main well. We look forward to seeing you.

**Hartington C of E Primary School** By the time you are reading this we will have completed a busy month in June when we had a Whole School Trip to the Dove Valley Centre on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June as well as another of the "Schools Together" with



Biggin primary school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. These are very special events in our beautiful Church of St Giles; they are led by Hannah Wills and members of both Biggin and Hartington community. Interactive sessions with singing, crafts linked to the theme "God a Loving Father". The opportunity for reflection and understanding supported by the staff is so full of joy accompanied by some lovely homemade biscuits. Hannah is part of the MAST group who also deliver sessions in both our school with Mr and Mrs Bridden. On June 25<sup>th</sup> Years 2 & 3 children attended Eyam Church Centre for Collective Worship training. We will welcome Rachel Willis from the NSPCC to deliver "Speak Out, Stay Safe" Day. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> The much missed Community Lunch will return on Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup> and on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July the whole school will enjoy Lea Green Adventure Day. Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July we will stage a Music Concert - details to be confirmed and invitations to be sent. Lastly an exciting visit on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Cadbury's World. WE would also like to wish our Year 6 pupils happiness and success as they progress into the next chapter of their education.

### **Hartington Wildflower Group**

#### **Our first toad patrol season comes to an end**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the toad patrols around the Mere and other ponds in the village during the Spring, and also to drivers who slowed down whilst passing by the Mere – the toad signs that were installed did a great job in raising awareness of the annual migration of toads, frogs and newts to the Mere. Patrols took place on 24 evenings, with 43 toads and frogs rescued from the roads. Sadly we counted 10 that weren't so fortunate and didn't make it on the sometimes perilous journey, and whilst we didn't do a formal count last year, we do think the numbers are a lot less than a year ago thanks to the raised awareness.

**Clearing blanket weed from the Mere.** Thank you to the volunteers who helped clear the village Mere of a large amount of blanket weed in late May.

Great care was taken during the removal to ensure no aquatic life was unduly disturbed (and it was very encouraging to see the numbers of tadpoles, froglets



and insects spotted). Once removed, it was left by side of the Mere for a day to allow any insects to return to water before being removed for composting. Too much blanket weed is detrimental to the health of the Mere, and it is likely to return so further clearance work will take place as required.

### **Hartington Meadows and Tissington Trail wildflower walk – Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>**

If you'd like to find out more about the amazing variety of wildflowers that can be found in and around Hartington, why not join rangers from the Peak District National Park who will be leading a walk on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 7pm to 9pm, meeting at Hartington Station. For more information and to book, visit <https://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/visiting/planning-your-visit/events-and-activities>

### **HARTINGTON COMMUNITY GROUP**

*Leaden Boot challenge* – The annual Leaden Boot challenge took place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May and thank you to all the volunteers who helped to staff the checkpoint in the village throughout the day. It was a warm day, and all of the competitors appreciated the friendly welcome from the volunteers at what was the last checkpoint before the end of the challenging 26.7 mile walk / run.

*PDNPA Ranger 'pop up' event* – Rangers from the Peak District National Park led by local Engagement Ranger Rose Clarke held their second 'pop-up' event of the year outside the Devonshire Arms on bank holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. The rangers had lots of visits from members of the community as well as visitors to the area – providing an 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.

A big thank you to Dallas, Kieran and the team at the Devonshire Arms for hosting the event, and look out for the next pop-up scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> July.

*Ideas sought for the second stone plinth outside the village hall* – with the successful installation of the King's Coronation plinth outside of the hall in early April, attention has now turned to ideas for a suitable plaque to be installed on the original stone plinth, with one proposal to create a design to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. We



would love to hear your ideas though, so please do contact us if you have any suggestions.

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

### Parish Register

On Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June, Miss Kim Williams and Liam Tibbles were married in Earl Sterndale Church.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Christening at St Giles Church Hartington of Nellie Blanche Wilmott, daughter of Luke Wilmott and Megan Grindey.

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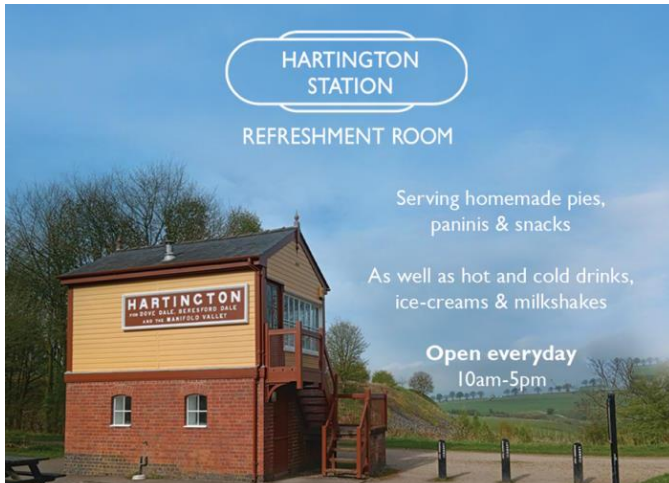
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