

News And Views



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The War Memorials of Biggin, Earl Sterndale and Hartington

The annual Remembrance Services will be held in our three communities on Sunday November 10th. These important events mark the sacrifice of so many as we approach a centenary of their installation in Biggin, Earl Sterndale and Hartington.

Biggin

The memorial at the junction of Main Street and Drury Lane (formerly Green Lane) overlooks the main Entrance to St Thomas's Church. It is a pink granite obelisk was "publicly funded" and erected as inscribed "To honour those who fell for Liberty". The names are inscribed in gold letters on three of the faces of the obelisk. No unveiling date has been found.

Names on the War Memorial

WW I

Private Joseph William Brindley DCM
Private John William Buxton
Private Wilfred Buxton
Private Fred Naylor
Sgt. Charles Percival
Private Albert Sealy B Sutton
Private William Wagstaff
Sergeant William Webster

WW II

Flying Officer Michael Lloyd (Pilot)
Trooper Victor Wilton



Private Charles Riley Trooper **Kenneth Sims**: These 2 soldiers are buried in St Thomas Churchyard and registered as Commonwealth War Graves

Remembrance Sunday at Biggin A short reflective service, conducted by Mrs S Lacey, will take place at the War Memorial in Biggin to mark this year's Remembrance Day. This will be at 2 pm on Sunday, 10th November. This will be followed by refreshments in the village hall.

Initially under the jurisdiction of Ashbourne Rural District Council, now overseen by DCC. Everyday care and maintenance are by Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council.

Earl Sterndale

THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918 Erected by public effort in affectionate memory of the fallen The Memorial has a Granite base topped with a square pedestal (with inscriptions), on top of which is a tall column. It is located in the grounds of St Michael & All Angels Churchyard. Inscriptions were recorded by Alf Beard on 18th May 2004, and verified against those contributed by Jean Durbin on 25th May 2004.



William BENNETT
John BOWMAN
John BRIDDON
John William HEATHCOTE
Herbert Henry HEATHCOTE
John William HEWITT
John William LOMAS
Clifford William MELLOR
Thomas MELLOR
James MILNER
Allen NADIN
Willie NADIN

Joseph PICKFORD
Frederick SHIMWELL
Levi WILCOX
Jasper Allison WHELDON
Frederick William
WOODWARD
Prince Henry BERRISFORD
1939 - 1945
Thomas ABBOTT
Eric HEATHCOTE
Stanley HOGGART
Robert RILEY

The Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th of November 10.45am will be followed by light refreshments in church

Hartington

The war memorial- WW1 memorial stone with 10 names was unveiled in 1924 by The Duchess of Devonshire and Revd. Derrick (on the left in photograph). The WW2 memorial stone with 2 names was unveiled by the Duke of Devonshire in 1945 – The wall was rebuilt and trees replanted in 1986. The memorial



was listed, Grade II, as a Building of Special Architectural or Historic Interest in 2009



Names on the War Memorial – WW1- Frank Broomhead, Aubrey Fyldes, Sidney Oliver, William Evelyn Oliver, Walter Peach, William Redfern, Charles Shirley, George Victor Sutton, Joseph Fredrick Wardle- WW1- William Bailey, James William Bates

A plaque marking the centenary has been developed and purchased by Hartington Town Quarter Parish Council. It is overseen by DCC, however the everyday care and maintenance is by Hartington Town Quarter Parish Council.

The church service will be held at 10am in St Giles Church from where the Royal British Legion will lead the community to the War Memorial for the competition and Last Post. The service will be led by Revd. John Fountain



Since July 2023 I have been privileged to be Priest in Charge of the Peak Five Benefice (Fenny Bentley, Thorpe, Tissington, Alsop-en-le-Dale and Parwich), and also part-time Associate Priest in Ashbourne. I live in Ashbourne.

Bearing in mind that you are in vacancy, I am glad to offer support for governance and services such as funerals, baptisms and weddings (as time allows) for Hartington, Biggin and Earl Sterndale parishes.

If you wish to get in touch, please email me at RevNicola@outlook.com or ring me on 01335 282100.

In case you are interested in how I got to this point, here are few biographical details:-

- My husband Donal and I have been married for 31 years. We are blessed with two children, now 24 and 27 years old and starting to make their own way in the world. My hobbies (when I make the time) include sailing, walking, playing the violin and sewing.
- Throughout my life, and various ups and downs, I have a strong sense that God always provides, although not of course always in the way one imagined he would! My husband and children have taught me a lot about the power of love.
- Before ordination in June 2020, I was an Associate Professor in Engineering Materials, first at the University of Bristol and then at the University of Nottingham. (Donal is still Professor of Bioengineering at the University of Nottingham).
- I didn't recognise a call to ministry until about 10 years ago when acting as the lay lead in PMC (Partnership for Missional Change) in my home parish. I realised that my day job, important to me though it was, was beginning to feel like something that got in the way of what I really wanted to do.
- Having gone through a period of discernment, my calling was recognised by the Church and I studied part-time for 3 years at Ripon College Cuddesdon theological college (whilst still working as an academic) before going to be a full-time curate in Tideswell in 2020.

My vision of ordained ministry is very people orientated. I feel my major task is to let everyone know that they are loved and valued by a wonderful God. A relationship with Jesus should be a growing dynamic thing for every believer and I hope to be a small channel through which the Holy Spirit can help people come to faith and grow in that faith.

I look forward to meeting you. Peace be with you, Nicola

Announcement from Julie Coles the Practice Manager. It's with sadness that I wish to announce my official retirement, due to ill health, at the end of this month from my role as Practice Manager at Hartington Surgery. Many of you will know me but some of you will have never heard of me as I'm often in 'my little box at the back'. I started working for Doctors Bradbury, Hurst and Woods back in 2001 then later on for Hurst and Hurst (Gill and Graham Hurst) I have had a number of roles before becoming Practice Manager in 2008. Although those Doctors have now retired, Hartington was lucky enough to be taken over by Dr Dawson who continues to listen to patients, engage with the community and provide excellent clinical care. Over the years, I have seen the Practice develop and grow into something to be very proud of as demonstrated by the latest NHS GP patient survey which places Hartington as the top Practice in the whole of the East Midlands. It's good to be 'going out' on a high.

I have worked alongside some lovely people, many of which I class as close friends as well as colleagues. The friendship and teamwork at Hartington cascades into the level of service provided.

Primary Care and the role of GP Surgeries has changed immensely over the years due to ever changing Government agendas. When I first started, GP's were still writing on the little cards in your Lloyd George brown envelopes. These had to be got out, and put away, for every clinic. Surgery appointment lists were still handwritten, and all correspondence was via paper and had to be filled each day. Receptionists took all calls, including prescription orders and checked outgoing prescriptions.

Moving to more streamlined, electronic systems has not come without its challenges but change is inevitable and necessary and has put the Practice in a good place to face the future.

I will miss my job very much and hadn't planned on retiring just yet, but I plan on spending my retirement getting well again then doing all those things that I have never had time to do and spending time with my ever-growing family with a third grandchild due next year. I'm reliably informed by those that have already retired that I will wonder how I ever found time to go to work.

I am confident that Hartington Surgery will continue to grow and maintain the high standards that it has done so well to achieve and that patients will continue to benefit from high standards of health care in a practice that puts people first. Thank you to all staff, the patient group and all patients who have been there over the last twenty three years. With Regards Julie Coles.

Patient Participation Group (PPG) annual general meeting, Monday 11th November 2024, 7.30pm, Hartington Surgery, all welcome.

Derbyshire Community Hubs Network – Building a community of communities On Tuesday October 1st Hartington Village hall, in partnership with, Derbyshire Voluntary Action (DVA) and Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service (DDCVS) hosted this meeting when several of our local communities attend along with some service providers who are keen to support village communities with what the community determines is needed. It was well attended and a great opportunity for Biggin, Earl Sterndale, Hartington, Parwich, Sterndale Moor and Pomeroy to meet and understand the potential opportunities and support available as part of this network. The importance of knowing and valuing your people/volunteers, the range of skills they have and how to engage with them to strengthen their capacity to create opportunities meeting the needs of the various age groups.

In the new year it is hoped that Hartington Village Hall will build on what has been started here, creating opportunities for those who have already engaged to develop appropriate activities within their own context

Under the umbrella of Connex Community Support, "The Readycall" team plan to work with Hartington and the wider communities. They plan to grow the range of social activities and support already on offer to bring people together, make new connections and friendships within their wider communities, helping to build resilience and combat social isolation.

READYCALL lives on! After almost a year of uncertainty around the future of our Readycall service, I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have now had the wonderful news that our second funding application to the National Lottery's 'Reaching Communities Fund' was successful which will now allow us to sustain and grow the service over the coming 3 years.

Alongside this, we have also been successful with our grant application to the St James' Place Charitable Trust. This funding, also for 3 years, will enable us to continue to provide more focussed support to people affected by cancer.

The grants mean that we can grow the service to involve more volunteers and to support many more people throughout the Derbyshire Dales, helping older and vulnerable people to be socially connected within their community and to be able to retain their independence for longer.

The values at the core of Readycall have not and will not change - we will continue to provide tailored befriending and practical support to older people, helping to reduce isolation and building resilience for those we support. And we will be growing the range of social activities and opportunities we offer, bringing people together to make new connections and friendships.

Hartington and District Community First Responders is a new area to this voluntary service and we are looking to recruit. See the poster for more details of how to enquire'

Thursday 7th November 1:30-5pm Hartington Village Hall

"Hartingtonalive" in co-production with our local Derbyshire Dales Health, Social, Well-being Professionals and Volunteers. Bringing to our rural area their expertise and information about the positive steps you can take around Brain Health and Mind Matters 1:30pm Doors Open An opportunity for you to browse the Brain Health Information tables and chat with our Professionals & Volunteers 2-4pm Introductions and Speakers A three part programme Think Brain Health What we can do to look after and protect our brain

Myths and Misunderstandings about Dementia - What are the facts we really need to know

Concerned about Memory Changes Who can help, the support is out there to live well.

Joint Village environment section Giving frogs and toads a helping hand over winter As temperatures drop in autumn, frogs and toads seek safe places to hibernate. They don't live in water all year round so you can help them prepare for winter in your garden by:

- Creating natural shelters with leaves, logs, or compost heaps.
- Creating moisture-rich areas with damp spots and native vegetation.
- Reducing garden maintenance by leaving fallen leaves.
- Providing safe passage with wildlife corridors.

What will you be doing to support frogs and toads this season?

Biggin are busy finalising the flower boxes around the village – more detail in the next edition

Royal British Legion-Every 1st Sunday is the Quiz and Every 3rd Sunday Bingo. On Saturday 14th Whiskey Tasting 8pm; Saturday 21st December at 8pm: DJ Rob Christmas Fancy Dress disco 'Mr & Mrs Clause' Monday 30th Sloe Gin Band 9pm; Tuesday 31st -New Years Eve – Music by Eric from 9pm

Ashgate Hospice Fund Raising – Saturday September 7th Hartington Village Green – Lead Donna Young – I (Donna) choose to do this fund-raising event in memory of my Dad- David Young. He spent the last remaining weeks of his life here where the doctors and nurses were amazing. They not only supported Dad but the whole of the family. The outstanding care he received was so respectful and full of love. This fantastic place will forever hold a special place in our hearts. A huge “thank you” to Liz B and the Rural Social Group for all their support. Also, all the many people who donated so much and bought prize draw tickets to ensure we raised £1380. The photograph shows the handover of the Cheque to Donna and Mum-Angie- by Matthew Otty volunteer lead of fund-raising team. A drop in the ocean to support this amazing place as it continues to support so many people and their families.

Hartington Sings.....Christmas 2024

You've been humming in the shower/car/garden.....now it's time to hum with other people! Get those vocal cords back into action and join in our community sing! Hartington Sings starts on Weds 13th November. We will meet in the **village hall from 5pm to 6pm, each Wednesday from 13th November to 18th December**. Don't be shy!

Absolutely everyone is welcome, you don't have to live in Hartington, no experience is required and we accept all ages from 3 to 100 (school age need to bring a parent/carer). If you can't make every practice, don't worry. There will be a small cost of £5 pp for the half term to cover the cost of the village hall hire.

We will lead the singing at the lighting of the Christmas Tree on Sunday 8th December at 5pm, and again at the Village Carol Singing on Friday 20th December at 6pm. We will also be singing at the Christmas Carol Service at St Giles, Hartington, on Sunday 22nd December at 6pm. Please contact me for further information and I can add you to the email group. *Liz Hitch 687148 liz.hitch@btinternet.com*



The Charles Cotton Hotel – Dawn Fury November 16th Christmas Party Nights- Saturdays 30 November, 7,14 December and Friday 13th Bookings only- £30 pp – enjoy a festive evening with a 3-course meal and music from our resident DJ. Also Live Music by Lover's Hi-Fi on Tuesday 31st December 9pm - late.



Hartington Village Hall will, once again, be opening its doors for the December **Art & Craft Fair. 01.12.2024. 12.00 - 4pm** The aim of the initiative is to bring together Peak District artists and craftspeople all under one roof. We hope to see visitors enjoying art, having a bite to eat in the cafe and purchasing

beautifully crafted items from our talented stallholders. Free to the public. Stallholders £10. All money raised goes towards hosting future events for the local community such as: artist led workshops, young people's exhibitions and dance classes. To reserve a table please contact Andy on: hartingtonarts@gmail.com



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Biggin News

David Brindley We wanted to thank everyone who joined us for Dad's funeral. All the help and offers of help we received were marvellous. And the offers since have left us speechless. Mum is so grateful for these.

Day 1 "The shed" People dropping in, Gordon and Michael Birds appearing in all that rain with Whisky Mac ingredients. What good friends and neighbours he had.

Day 2 "The funeral" Such a lovely atmosphere. The sun came out. Our kids being bearers. I don't know how they did it. But they all wanted too. James and I were so nervous. I had read my eulogy out about 14 times to different people. We weren't sure we could do it but are so glad we did.

Day 3 "The crematorium" We had been a walk in Biggin Dale and nipped to Hartington shop for a coffee. As we came out the hearse came past! We waved, jumped in to the car and followed it to Biggin where the funeral director got out and preceded the car up the village. That was very sad for me as I felt he was leaving Biggin for the last time.

The clergy were fantastic as were the funeral directors who went above and beyond. Kay and Eileen who got the church ready. Bridget and Gary for the food. David Mellor who put a piece of French chalk on the coffin as Dad had loved marking up with it. They say it takes a village to raise a child but I think it took a village to bury Dad!

We are sorry we had so little time to chat but we were so happy to see friends old and new and go through photos with them for the photo board. Bless you all

"He's walked ahead a little while

But he'll be waiting by the stile"

Remembrance Sunday at Biggin A short service, conducted by Mrs S Lacey, will take place at the War Memorial in Biggin to mark this year's Remembrance Day. This will be at 2 pm on Sunday, 10th November. Unfortunately, there will be no service in church. Refreshments will be available after the service, in Biggin Village Hall.

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council politely requests that motorists respect the nature of the service at the War Memorial and for safety reasons of those attending, would ask that the junction of Drury Lane with Main Street be avoided, if at all possible, from approximately 1.45 pm to 2.45 pm on Sunday, 10th November 2024. If this is not possible, please ensure speed is reduced to an absolute minimum for the safe guarding of all present. Thank you.

If anyone has a key to the church noticeboard, please can you inform a member of Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council.

Coffee, Cake and Chat The last Thursday of every month. We are pleased to have become part of the DDVCS which will enable us to better network with other groups and to apply for grants. If anyone has any ideas for projects or sub-groups, please let us know. As well as the parish map project we also host Biggin's wildflower group. We are very pleased to have introduced a Book Club to Coffee, Cake and Chat. Our first read was Richard Osman's We Solve Murders. November's book will be The Book of Beginnings by Sally Page. Everyone is very welcome to come along for refreshments and a chat whether they want to be involved with one of the ongoing projects.

Coffee, cake and chat made £327 at the jumble sale of 6th October. £160 was donated to the village hall and the rest is for the parish map. With grateful thanks for the donation, everyone who donated jumble, yummy refreshments, raffle prizes and everyone who helped out - and thank you also to everyone who came. The books which have been donated will slowly make their way into the Telephone Exchange - look out for audio books, DVDs and music CDs in the coming months. We hope that the jumble sale will become an annual event.

Biggin Parish Map. The first part of the parish map project is now on display in the telephone box. The map, which shows the location of all the houses in the village, is not to scale. The map in the village hall will be more of a representation but will still have a train at the top. The grounding for the larger map has now been drawn. The next stage will be to appliqué the background onto the sheeting before beginning to embellish the map with Biggin's buildings, flora and fauna. With grateful thanks for all the generous donations of fabrics and threads. Watch this space for further dates if you would like to be involved in making the map.

November 2-4pm. Mini Christmas tree table display workshop with Angel Blooms. £20 includes refreshment. Please let Julia Hewgill or Sandra Lovatt know that you wish to attend and pay for the class by November 8th as Angel Blooms needs to know how many of us there will be.

December - no meeting

January 1-3pm Join us for soup and a roll (£3). Everyone welcome.

Biggin Telephone Exchange With thanks to everyone who continues to make use of the exchange. Please let us know if there are any other swaps or exchanges that we could host. November - toy swap and music cd swap as well as books. Clean toys in good condition that fit in the toy box are welcome.



December - jigsaws and board games. Please make sure that everything is in the box that should be and that it is securely bagged. Thank you.

Biggin Village Hall - During October there will have been the jumble sale (which was very successful) and the Harvest Pie and Pea supper and auction in the hall. The Senior citizens' Christmas meal takes place in December as usual. The Christmas Tree lights will be switched on at dusk on 1st December, accompanied by "carolround" the tree and in the hall. Coming in the new year are two events from the Live and Local stable: On 18th January we will be presenting An Evening with Kelly's Heroes – a very professional group with fast and furious Celtic songs, gentle ballads and quality contemporary numbers. Look out for the posters and on the Biggin Community Facebook page. On 22nd March it will be Four Hands and a Horn: blends of folk, blues and acoustic music. 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.

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's Pea & Pie Harvest Supper was held on Wednesday 16th October. Selling 104 pies, either for sitting in or takeaway. An amazing total of £1189.05 was raised on the night. I'd just like to thank each and everyone of you who came or supported and for the generous donations. The Raffle, Auction and

cakes tables were bursting. Thank you to Jackie, Janice, Mick and Ethan for running the Auction. And to the kitchen helpers, the plate runners and all the tidy uppers and also to Erynn, Finley and Ernie for helping out with the raffle. Biggin's Pea & Pie Harvest Supper was held on Wednesday 16th October. The money raised once again will be distributed back into the community, including the Village Hall, Biggin Primary School, The Playground and The Village Map. Another great success and hope to see you all and more next year. Thanks again, Jayne

Biggin C of E Primary School Autumn is always one of the loveliest times of year in school. On days like today the weather is warm enough to enjoy playing outside without our coats and it is glorious learning and playing outside surrounded by our beautiful countryside. As our thoughts turn to celebrating Harvest we are so grateful for all the wonderful opportunities we enjoy in school. Already this term we have welcomed our new Reception starters, our Year 6 has joined children from other schools to take part in an adventurous residential at White Hall and we have played lots of sport. We have had fun making pumpkin soup and acting out and rewriting The Owl and the Pussy Cat in Key Stage 1 and Reception and discovering amazing facts about the Romans in Key Stage 2.

After half term, we're looking forward to

- Learning even more notes on our trumpets and trombones
- Taking part in Cross Country events with children from other local schools
- Enjoying 'Schools Together' at St Giles in Hartington
- Beginning to think about Christmas nativities, pantomimes and celebrations

We'd love to show you round our lively and nurturing school. On Thursday afternoons at 2.00pm, we have Forest School sessions which are open to preschool children and their parents/carers to join. Just pop along to school – no need to pre-book. Alternatively, call us on 01298 84279 and arrange to take a closer look at what we do. Best wishes Teresa Nicholls

Earl Sterndale News

Christening Correction & Apology. Baptism, Saturday 10th of August, Bramwell Gilbert Barnfather, was christened by John Fountain at St Michael and All Angels.

Earl Sterndale Church Flower Festival "Say it with Flowers" Thank you to all the flower arrangers,

for their beautiful and imaginative displays and thankyou to everyone who bought and arranged flowers, in remembrance of loved ones. Philip Wheeldon won the Antique Curiosity Competition, (fire bellows) Mrs Anne Thompson won the flower quiz, and Mrs Mary Brindley won guess the weight of the cake.

Friday night was party night, we all enjoyed a bar-b-que, followed by a pig race. Some rare names, for racing pigs, e.g.- Groundhog Turf Derby, Saucy Sow Stakes, Bentleys Coach Trotters, Campsite Sally Sow, Parwich National, Sausage Butty Chase, Truck Fest Stitches, and Pensioners Handicap. A very enjoyable event, enjoyed by young and old. Earl Sterndale PCC, would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who helped and supported our Flower Festival.

Churchyard Mowers. Two new mowers have been purchased, with help from the Robert Jenkins Churchyard Fund. Thank you to Shirley Daly for organising a team of people, to make a very good and smart job, of tidying our churchyard.

Remembrance Service Sunday 10th of November. Meet at church 10.45am, for a gathering at the war memorial and 2 minutes silence at 11am, followed by a short service in church. Refreshments to follow after the service.

Christmas Fair, Saturday 23rd of November, 11am till 3pm, in church.

Carol Service 8th of December 7pm, refreshments, soup and bread roll.

Earl Sterndale Village Fete, It has been a number of years since the last Fete, but on the 14th September the sun came out to support the village committee who put together a fantastic day for all to enjoy. People attended the fete from not only our small village but from far and wide. Without everybody's support and generosity the day wouldn't have been the great success that it was. We are thrilled to announce that the fete day raised £12529.65, which is going towards having a children's play park installed within the heart of the village. We still have a long way to go after speaking with playpark specialists and we will be needing in and around the region of a 70k target to complete the first step of regenerating the village. Any donations will still be greatly received. We have lots of things planned in the pipe line for future events so please keep out a watchful eye.

Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council At our last meeting, which was held on 19th August, the usual things were discussed. The clean-up of the Mere is an ongoing situation, hopefully we will have some news on this for our next meeting. Planning in the parish- the main item being plans to convert the Chapel into a 2 bed dwelling. All the Councillors thought the property should have been put up for sale, on the open market first. Connect Fibre is another ongoing item being investigated, alongside other local villages. The village fete was held on 14th September 2024 and a report is included above from Earl Sterndale Village Committee. Congratulations

to everyone involved in this and for everyone who attended and enjoyed the day. Our next meeting will be on 18th November 7.30 pm, at Glutton Grange. All welcome to attend. Clerk to H.M.Q.P.C. Pat Sutton 07974 362676 pat.sutton@hotmail.co.uk

Earl Sterndale CE Primary School The children have settled admirably into the new academic year and are enjoying our usual Autumn term activities:

- The Infants are having a great time learning and exploring through our Forest School Programme
- The Juniors are going swimming every week
- We had a wonderful morning playing Rounders against the Juniors from Hollinsclough Primary
- The children are looking forward to our Autumn Disco
- The children will perform their Harvest songs that they have been working on at our Harvest Festival on Thursday 24th October.

We have a School Open Evening on Tuesday 22nd October from 3:30pm to 6:30pm and an Open Morning on Wednesday 13th November from 9:30am to 11:30am. If you have or know of any children of pre-school age who might like to attend our lovely school, please come along to one of our Open Days to have a chat with staff and a look around the school.

Pomeroy Memorial Hall. The Pomeroy Trust Following recognition by the Charity Commission we have now been given the same status as registered charities with regard to HMRC exemption. The Archaeological working scene of investigation (WSI) is now almost finalised by Archaeological Research Services. Councillor Chapman has awarded us a grant of £250 from the Derbyshire Dales District Council Local Projects fund towards the watching brief - needed when any digging work commences, this necessary as part of our planning permission requirements. At the last committee meeting we discussed the potential return of facilities to community use and the feasibility of reconnecting the water and power supplies. We were joined by John Beardmore of T4 Sustainability who talked us through some of the advantages and disadvantages of alternative power sources such as solar and wind power and heating renewables. We also discussed maintenance priorities including the chimney and guttering. Fundraising:- apologies for the late inclusion- The 100 club winners were - May- Ben Wilson (No 100), June -Mary Wheeldon (No 64), July- George Grindon (No 40) and August Tony Shaw (No 41). This is the final draws for now as we will not be running the 100 again for the foreseeable future. Our next fundraiser is the return of our big Christmas Draw. Tickets available shortly. This will be drawn on Wednesday 18th December at our

Christmas Rock and Roll bingo night, to be held at - Flagg Village Hall from 7.30pm. (Mince pies and tea and coffee available). We will also be at Earl Sterndale Christmas Fair on Saturday 23rd November. Our next committee meeting is at the Duke of York, Pomeroy on Wed 27th November at

8pm. To join us, help us or contact us, or to be added to our mailing list - Please Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroy> memorial hall or please note new email address info@thepomeroytrust.co.uk

Hartington News

I wish to apologise to Mr and Mrs George and Shirley Riley on getting the anniversary date wrong in the last edition of News and Views. It was, of course, their 65th wedding anniversary and NOT their 60th – celebrated 5 years ago. Fortunately, Shirley saw the “funny side” of it to my relief. I know they had a wonderful day celebrating with their family. Liz Broomhead.

Mrs Janet Oliver- Congratulations to Janet on being presented with the ‘Artist in Residence’ award. Carol & Kerry are the staff with Janet in the photograph, Kerry is the manager, and Carol is one of the staff who help to look after Janet.



Services at St Giles

3 rd Nov 11am	All Souls Service
10 th Nov 10:00am	Remembrance
17 th Nov 11am	Holy Communion
24 th Nov 11am	All Age Service
1 st Dec 11am	Morning Praise (tbc)
8 th Dec 11am	Christingle Service
15 th Dec 11am	Baptism
22 nd Dec 6pm	Carol Service
24 th Dec 4pm	Crib Service
24 th Dec 11:30 pm	Midnight Mass
25 th Dec 9:30 am	Christmas Day Service

Harvest Festival Service and Supper: Thank you to all who made this possible – Liz Hitch who led the service, Alison Fletcher, Debbie for playing the organ, Liz Broomhead for overseeing the hall and Myrtle for her delicious meal. Also Sue Hull helping to decorate the church and display the gifts, Val Bradley for her help in the kitchen, waiting on - Sophia and Saffron members of HYPAC and community members Jason and Robynne. After expenses, £240 will be sent to our two charities –

the Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy and the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

Hartington Advent Windows 2024 Once again we come to Advent time and the designing and lighting of windows to bring a bit of joy and fun to the dark evenings. This year the theme will be “Christmas at the movies” so that gives plenty of scope to cover one from the vast array of Christmas Movies. For those new to this the idea is to decorate a window that is easily visible from the pavement with a lit theme representing your favourite Christmas Movie. If you are struggling check out the top Christmas Movies online e.g. at The Top 200 Christmas Movies of All Time! (imdb.com). Make sure you take care with respect to how it is lit and electrical & personal safety.

The lighting up period will be from the 8th December to 28th December with a start time of 5pm and suggested shut off time of 9.30pm. Once again it would be lovely if ALL Advent windows could be alight for the evening of the lighting of the Village Christmas Tree on Sunday December 8th, but particularly those around the village green.

Please let me know as soon as possible, and certainly by 5pm Friday November 29th if you are going to be taking part and the Movie you have chosen so that a location map can be produced for villagers and visitors to follow: Please contact Stuart at adventwindows2024@btinternet.com or leave a message on 01298 687148

Hartington Town Quarter Parish Council

War Memorial

The new stone and information plaque are now in place ahead of Remembrance Day. This completes the major refurbishment of the areas surrounding this important monument, including the replacement of the trees, oak posts, flags and rear curbing.

Phone Box

A special information board with pictures and historical information about the War Memorial is to be installed within the refurbished box.

Affordable Homes We note work has finally recommenced on finishing the four Affordable Homes on Dairy Close. We have therefore written to the Head of Planning asking once again that

these are either marketed at the reduced rental rate (as originally proposed) or at the reduced sale rates as determined by the District Valuer as embodied in the agreement between Amos Holdings and The Peak Park. So far, we have seen no sign of the marketing at the reduced prices he stipulated. The Valuer determined a sale price for Plot I – small two bed - £217,750, Plots H & W – 2/3 bed inner terrace – £250,000, Plot V - £227,500. Unfortunately, with no housing association involved, but being sold direct by the developer, there is no opportunity for a shared ownership purchase to make the homes truly affordable.

Neighbourhood Plan Everything is on our website including all associated documents. All have been delivered to the Peak Park who are still awaiting a final response to the Habitats and Environmental Statements from Natural England and the Environmental Agency. These must be received in writing before it can go before Planning Committee.

Our thanks to the Steering Group who have worked tirelessly to reach this stage and we are all frustrated that September and October Planning Committee timetables have passed and we trust response will be received in time for November's Officer's report. If approved by Committee it will then open another public consultation stage via the planning authority and a planning Inspector's review with any amendments necessary before it goes to a village referendum probably in Spring next year.

New Local Plan The new local plan which updates both Core Policy and Development Management Policies is now available for public consultation. Any member of the public can access on the Peak Park website and complete their own response online or sent comments to the Parish Council who will incorporate them with their own response ahead of the end of November deadline. Of course if our Neighbourhood Plan is accepted by the village ahead of the completion date of the new Local Plan it becomes part of planning legislation specifically for this village.

Parish Council Vacancy and Election Firstly, may we thank our long serving member Liz Broomhead MBE who has chosen to step down from the Council having made a massive contribution and with her many other roles within this community often provided an irreplaceable link between us and other village groups. She will be greatly missed by her fellow councillors. Thank you Liz. Liz's resignation created a 'casual vacancy' for a single councillor which was advertised but no nominations were received by the Council who

would normally select a candidate to fill the position until the next parish council elections in May 2027. However, during this period, more than the 10 residents required by statute, wrote to DDDC requesting a full election take place to fill this vacancy. This is highly unusual for a single vacancy but means if more than one qualifying candidate has been received by the electoral team at DDDC by the closing date for nominations on 18th October, a full election for the single vacancy will take place in the Village Hall on 14th November. This is an extremely costly exercise (DDDC estimate around £2,000 from our council funds) and will involve polling cards and postal votes to all on the electoral register. Please therefore make it a priority to attend any election and use your vote so that as wide a representation as possible of our whole community is reflected in the election result.

Wells Dressing - Thank you to everyone who helped make the Well this year a success. It was a relief to have volunteers prepare the clay properly getting stuck in (literally) with bare feet. The consistency of the clay was perfect making the dressing so much easier and allowing the Well to stay up that much longer. We had a constant trickle of people helping dress the Well in the village hall, and then 10 days later another team laboriously removed the seeds and petals from the clay so the clay can be recycled for another year. We sent a donation to the RNLI for £250 for which they are very grateful.

The School Well was also stunning, and it was encouraging to know that every child contributed to the making of it. Thank you again and look forward to seeing you same time next year! Lucy

Hartington Village Hall: Our AGM was held on 16th October. Draft accounts were presented as well as a review of further improvements to the building. Hire income over 2023/4 has risen to £17,560, which is so encouraging to see so many of our community engage with one or more activities, with total expenditure being £37,943. Fund raising, donations and grants enabled us to declare an overall profit on the year of £7,410. The major building improvement was the refurbishment of toilets at a cost of £18,378 with a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund accounting for 75% of the total.

Since September we have seen James Wheawall, joiner, install new hand built, insulated rear fire exit doors with a grant from the National Lottery paying for 53% of the cost. This week Matlock Glass replaced blown window panes in the Main Hall as well as four replacement window frames with the cost being met from our lottery income.

We are grateful to Dave Baggley for donating and installing a retractable large screen in the Upper Bakehouse which much improves the area as a venue for meetings and classes.

Bookings can be made online at <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking-form/> or speak to Judith Chantler or Liz Broomhead. The constantly updated calendar can be viewed at <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/calendar/>. It's well worth looking at the calendar to see the wide range of weekly activities ranging from Pilates, Yoga, Strength & Balance class, to Indoor Bowls and Board Games, Badminton and Table Tennis. There are also 'Wriggles & Giggles', HYPAC and Friday Club for children. Adult activities also include Social Dance, French learning, flower arranging and our monthly Rural Social Group. Please come along and try a new activity. Our Hall is entirely owned by the community and run by volunteers. If you would like to become involved as part of the Management Group, or joining our fantastic cleaning volunteers, or contribute to routine maintenance and painting, or launching a new activity then get in touch.

Hartington Village Hall Lottery: We launched our 2024/25 lottery in August and currently have 115 subscriptions – thank you to each and every one for their support. The twin draws for September and October were made before the start of our Pilates class on Wednesday 9th October. Our September winner were Janie and David Theaker, Stable Cottage, while our October winner was Eric Brunt, Parsons Close. The first project that is funded from our lottery was completed on 17th October with the installation of a range of replacement windows by Matlock Glass. If you wish to join our lottery, with £1600 remaining in prize monies and 10 monthly chances to come, then contact David Graham on hartlot2@gmail.com.

Hartington Community Group High Speed Broadband Installation Funded as part of the government initiative to deliver high speed broadband to homes in rural areas the company Connect Fibre have continued the work required to deliver full fibre high speed broadband connectivity into Hartington and surrounding areas and are now offering residents the opportunity to sign up for their service. Connect Fibre continues to work closely with the Parish Council and Community Group and are planning to hold more information events over the coming months. **Mobile phone 4G service now available** Poor mobile signal availability in and around Hartington has been an issue for a long time, especially the lack of 4G

which has limited the ability to access the internet using phones. But with a recently installed EE mobile phone mast this side of Sheen, it is now possible to get good 4G coverage here if you use EE, or one of the providers that use the EE mobile network. Feedback from those that use the EE network is positive with a good 4G signal around all the village as well as most of the surrounding areas. Good news for those who rely upon their mobile phone for connectivity when out and about.

Our village noticeboards. The noticeboards located around the village have been a tremendous success since they were installed, providing information about the various events that run throughout the year. However, they haven't coped well with the weather throughout the year, suffering some damage. HCG will be looking at options for more enduring replacements during the coming months, any suggestions welcome!

A reminder about the village calendar. As well as the events advertised on the community noticeboards, the village website (<https://www.hartingtonvillage.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 are planning on running an event, do look at the calendar to minimise any overlap with other events. If you do want to add an event, please email digitalteam@hartingtonvillage.com with details.

Hartington Wildflower Group Preparing our wildflower areas for the winter months ahead. Work has been taking place across our ten community wildflower areas ahead of the winter



months, getting them ready for next year, but also ensuring that we retain wildlife friendly habitats that will provide much needed shelter over the coming months. An example seen below is the Youth Hostel pond, with vegetation and hedges trimmed recently. The area remains open all year around though, so why not pop up and admire the lovely view of the village from one the benches there?

Village Planters - Thanks to all who have again given their time to water and maintain the planter across the centre of the village. Despite it being the coolest summer since 2015, as well as wet as well again like last year, our planters do need regular

care and attention. As we move into the winter months, there will be some general maintenance & tidying up that will be done, but we will want to leave seed heads etc for the wildlife as much as possible. In addition, the herbs in the planters near to the bus stop will be replenished in the Spring. We have continued to receive positive feedback throughout the year from residents and visitor alike, but any feedback appreciated as always. If you are interested in helping to look after the planters next year, the watering rota starts in May and runs to the end of September, please me know.

Barley straw bales helping manage blanket weed in the Mere You may have noticed bales of straw around the Mere, which have been introduced to help manage the excess of blanket weed we've seen this year. This has had some success, but volunteers will continue to monitor and clear any excess during the winter months.

Developing our village nature trail We have an ambition during 2025 to create a nature trail linking together each of the ten community wildflower areas, providing information to residents and visitors alike about what can be seen locally and how we can all make a difference in protecting our precious environment. The intention is to have several sculptures in place at various points on the trail, created by members of the Hartington sculpture studio and some of the first pieces of work have now been completed, with one shown below. Many thanks to everyone at the Sculpture Studio for their help and support.

Hartington C of E Primary School. Our first week back at school in September was Well Dressing week. This year we had a design that celebrated 200 years of the RNLI. Through collective worship sessions the children learnt about the importance of this organisation and made links to their own experiences of going on holiday to the seaside. All of the children were involved in petalling the well, supported by members of the community.

MacMillan Afternoon Tea. On Friday 27th September, the local community and school came together to support MacMillan Cancer Research by holding a Afternoon Tea in the school hall. A wealth of delicious cakes, scones, meringues, muffins and tray bakes were generously provided by parents and our own wonderful Katie White. A Quiz by Kieran and Dallas, of The Devonshire Arms was won by The Naughty Diddy Squat Team! The event has raised a total of £275! Heartfelt thanks to everyone who came along or supported the event in any way.

Ofsted Inspection On Wednesday 26th June, the Ofsted Inspectors arrived and began their inspection. Every aspect of the school is under scrutiny in an inspection and often "deep dives" into particular curriculum areas. Mr Chris Davies, the Senior Inspector, during the two days spoke to pupils, staff, parents and Governors.

We were very happy to receive an Ofsted Grade of Good. Mr Davies was very impressed by our wonderful pupils. Below is the opening paragraph of our Ofsted Inspection report which can be found on the school website under the Parents tab if you would like to read it in full. *"Pupils are rightly proud of their small school. They are known, cared for and nurtured as individuals. They are welcoming and polite. They are happy and safe. Pupils develop a mature understanding of diversity, equality and respect."*

Mr Chris Davies - HM Inspectorate Ofsted.

School Christmas Fair - Saturday 9th November 10am to 4pm in school see poster

Community Lunch with Children in Need theme- Friday 15th November

Schools Together – The first one of these with Biggin Primary school is on Friday 22nd November

Christmas Nativity. This will be held Thursday 12th December at 6pm in Church

Parish Register

Biggin, St Thomas. October 17th: Funeral of David Brindley.

Hartington, St Giles. Wedding, 28th September: Phillipa Rowe and Thomas Grant (Pippa and Matt)

Funeral, 1st October: Geoff Mellor of Biggin

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