

# News And Views



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**'At times many young people need additional help 'comin' thru' life.**

**This can often be found in different environments.**

**Lowberdale Farm aims to provide this support in a farm setting.'**

**What is Lowberdale Farm?** Lowberdale Farm is a charity based at Field House Farm, Beresford Dale, which offers farm experience programs to young people, enabling them to enjoy the support and nurture of a family farm environment.

Programs are available for 10-19 year olds at risk from social isolation, low aspiration, behavioural and confidence challenges, sometimes resulting from neurodiverse conditions. Young people attend the farm as individuals or as small groups for weekly half or full day sessions. Programs are lead by Mark Lowe 'the Farmer', and supported by volunteers.

Currently, the charity supports 8 local young people to attend the farm for weekly sessions throughout the academic year. Some of these young people are referred from their schools, others come as part of their college work experience programs and others as part of home school programs.



The charity also runs Summer and Easter holiday programs, with often the same young people returning year after year, and others go onto attend regularly throughout the year.

Typical farm days vary across the seasons, but can include feeding cows, sheep and lambs, bedding down and cleaning out sheds and carrying out animal health treatments. Lambing time is particularly busy, with the sheep lambing indoors over a four week period. Working days are punctuated by breaks when everyone sits around the kitchen table together.



## Tilly's Lowberdale Farm Story

Tilly is autistic, severely dyslexic and has Irlen syndrome. She often feels overwhelmed by sensory things, such as busy environments, meeting new people and crowded places. She struggles to read people and understand social cues, which makes her anxious in social settings. Small interactions can trigger overwhelming thoughts and feelings, which consume Tilly's mind for prolonged and debilitating periods. This results in her retreating to safe places and people, and not being able to attend school or anything else – a state which could be referred to as 'autistic burnout.'



Tilly first came to the farm in Summer 2023 for the Summer Shepherding School, initially she sat in tears in the car, too anxious to get out. After some time watching the other young people, with support from her Mum, she was able to join in. Tilly then came every week, building in confidence and independence – she returned again at Easter for lambing and again in the Summer that followed.

Tilly now comes to the farm every Wednesday as part of a small group of neuro-diverse young people, where she confidently works with the cows and sheep and enjoys learning new skills, and also builds friendships which she continues to develop outside of the farm setting.

She appreciates that at the farm, she feels safe, valued and accepted for who she is. She enjoys feeling like she is contributing to the farm, as a valued member of a team member. Being physically active in the outdoors, helps Tilly to regulate her emotions and gives her a break from the thoughts consuming her mind. It has given Tilly the confidence to pursue her interests in working with animals in the future.

### Contact information

If you would like more information on Lowberdale Farm, to support either financially or potentially as a volunteer, please contact either Mark Lowe ([mark@lowberdalefarm.org.uk](mailto:mark@lowberdalefarm.org.uk)) or Dorothy Hawton ([admin@lowberdalefarm.org.uk](mailto:admin@lowberdalefarm.org.uk)) or refer to the website: <https://lowberdalefarm.org.uk/>

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**“Vicar’s Letter”**- Here we are rapidly approaching Spring and Easter. And by now I’m guessing that most of us who made New Year’s resolutions may be faltering. Good intentions have a way of getting lost in the business of life and we can lose sight of what we might have hoped for when we made the resolution.

Lent is a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. It’s a time to repent and ask for forgiveness and, if you’re giving something up, a time to test self-discipline. Its good, whether we are of faith or not, sometimes to pause and think about how things are going and what we might do to improve or try differently about the way we do things or live our lives although sometimes it can feel a little overwhelming. Which brings me to one of my favourite prayers:

*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.*

One of the things I shall be reflecting on this March is the amount of plastic I use. For the last couple of years, I’ve taken part in The Big Plastic Count. It starts off very easily. You count your plastic waste for one week, recording your answers on a form. At the end of the week, you send in the results and then the whole process becomes rather less pleasant –because back comes the information about your plastic footprint not only for the week but what that might look like across the course of a year. After that you are encouraged to make some changes in the way you shop and even the cleaning products you use to try and reduce your plastic footprint, to look after the planet for future generations. Just remember that every single toothbrush you’ve ever used is still out there somewhere in landfill! I’ve changed my habits and the way I do things, and not just for forty days, but I know that I can still reduce my use of plastics. Then along comes an American president who doesn’t like paper straws for a variety of reasons and, hey presto, as many as 335 million people will be throwing away tonnes of unrecyclable plastic without a second thought. My efforts start to look extremely insignificant in the grand scheme of things.

But doing a little bit is important, even if it doesn't seem to change things on a world scale because what we do that has a positive impact on a small scale contributes to the collective effort. Small actions accumulate over time and can make a difference. So, when someone says what is the point of reducing, reusing or recycling, of trying to reduce your carbon footprint, of using green energy or even contributing to a charitable event – the answer is that we are better together. And if that all sounds a bit boring, it can be reduced to one sentence – We just need to stop being negative and try to be a bit kinder.

**Lent Lunches** - A warm welcome awaits those who might like to join us at all, or any, of the following Lent Lunches to be held in Hartington Village Hall at 1.00pm -

Wednesday March 19th,

Wednesday March 26th

Wednesday April 2nd

And at Chelmorton Village Institute - Wednesday April 9th

A time of Faith, Food and Fellowship during four weeks in Lent, a time to listen to a short reflection for Lent by a guest speaker, a time to enjoy some delicious homemade soup, bread, cheese and fruit, followed by Tea / Coffee, a time to come together and renew friendships and faith, we very much look forward to seeing and sharing that time with you. Donations to a chosen charity (as yet to be finalised) will be gratefully received. Thank you. Sarah.

**Easter Lilies.** Our beautiful church of St Giles is always lovely, but Easter is such a special time, and if you would like to make our church more beautiful still by ordering a lily in memory of someone special, I shall be pleased to put the lilies into an arrangement in church for you, just let me know. The lilies will cost £ 5.00 per stem.

**Hartington Post Office and Beresford Tearooms-** I have now decided to retire, so I am selling The Post Office and Beresford Tearooms. I will feel better knowing hopefully that the Post Office will be staying in the village at this venue. I have had a lot of sleepless nights deciding what to do and feel that this is the answer and way forward. So, keep your fingers crossed that this is what will happen. For any more information please contact Humberstones – 01275 377880 Thank you for your continued support- Sue

**Raising Funds for Blythe house.** On the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 I set out on an incredible adventure with the aim of raising as much money as possible for Blythe House Hospice who need a huge £5479 every single day to continue providing free care and services to local people.

I will be trekking 50km through a remote part of the Sahara, the world hottest desert. During the trek, temperatures could be up to 40°C during the day and then around 0°C at night. There are no facilities enroute, so toilets will be dug in the sand and there are no showers to freshen up after the long days in the heat. To get to and from the desert requires long drives (approx. 9 hours) along winding mountain roads.

Many people have asked how they can sponsor me on the trek. There are now sponsorship forms in the post office. I have also written a quiz to try and raise as much money as I can in the final weeks before I leave. The quiz, also available in the post office and other local businesses, costs £2 per sheet with many amazing prizes available for the winning sheets.

I look forward to sharing how the trek went in the next issue of News and Views. Thank you, Katherine

**Farming Life Centre and Connex are supporting the communities of Biggin, Earl Sterndale and Hartington**

On February 11<sup>th</sup> between 2-4pm they held a lovely session of hot drinks, cake and a variety of board games. It was lovely to hear the laughter and see the enjoyment that those who came along experienced. There will be 2 more sessions- Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> – 2-4pm in Hartington Village Hall please come along and enjoy some good company and fun. The aim of these sessions is to reach out to other venues/village halls in the area so that more people can access the support of these people in their own village. We really look forward to seeing you

**Hartington and District Surgery – Newly appointed Practice Manager.** My name is Fern Parsons, and I'm thrilled to have joined the Hartington Surgery Team as Practice Manager this January. Many of you may already know me, as I grew up in Hartington and am now living just across the border in Leek with my two rescue dogs, Penelope and Pippin.

Before becoming part of this wonderful team, I spent time working at Macclesfield District General Hospital as a Service Manager within the Medicine Specialty, overseeing everything from waiting lists to medical staffing. I've also worked at the University Hospital of North Midlands in Stoke in Quality and Safety, and as a PA/Secretary to both Emergency Medicine teams and the Chief Executive.

I've always been drawn to the role of Practice Manager because it offers the perfect mix of work-life balance, meaningful challenges, and the chance to be part of a close-knit team. And I can honestly say, I've found all of that here at Hartington Surgery.

When I'm not at work, you'll probably find me out and about in the peaks with Penelope and Pippin, baking something delicious, or – yes – catching up on a bit of extra work (I just can't resist!). I'm also currently working towards completing a Chartered Management Degree Apprenticeship at Manchester Metropolitan University, with plans to graduate in July 2026. I'm excited to be a part of such a welcoming and supportive community and look forward to working with you all!

Other news Jennie Dawson is now on Maternity leave awaiting the safe arrival of baby. Consequently, to Jennie's leave, we welcome back Steph Barry who is helping out with cervical screening, immunisations and travel health on Fridays from the Practice. Implants and coils will return to being provided by County Sexual Health Services [www.yoursexualhealthmatters.org.uk](http://www.yoursexualhealthmatters.org.uk). Practice Midwifery will return fully to the Buxton Community Team during Jennie's maternity leave. Pharmacies are able to provide oral contraceptives directly to patients without appointments, which may be convenient for some patients.

We will also be sad to see Jill Chapman Nurse Practitioner, finally hang up her stethoscope as she retires from the NHS at the end of March. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours. As Jill retires, we are pleased to welcome Laura Cross to full time employment as Advanced Nurse Practitioner, picking up some of Jill's hours. Laura will be providing late appointments on Mondays.

We have been so pleased with the welcome Dr Ravi Bhattacharjee has received from the community, and he has been a welcome addition to our team. Funding for continuation of his role from the NHS beyond March is not yet confirmed, however we hope that this will be confirmed by the government in the next few weeks.

The practice is hoping to directly employ a Diabetes Nurse Specialist to take on this important area of work, and we will keep you posted on this.

Finally, Dr Dawson has been nominated as LMC Committee Member for the High Peak and will hopefully be able to have a little more influence in medical matters for our area.

**Hartingtonalive. Save the date-** The much anticipated "Tea and Talk" session with GP Dr Dawson, will now take place a little later in the year on Thursday June 5th. This change comes as the Surgery undergoes positive transformations. The topic is still under discussion but check out the next issue of News and Views for an update. We look forward to seeing you there.

The latest Health, Social & Welfare Information is now on view inside Hartington Village Hall on our new notice board. Please also check out [Hartingtonvillage.com](http://Hartingtonvillage.com) website and particularly the Health and Social Care page/section for up-to date information on organisations and local services.

**Coming Soon** - to the website is a page/section dedicated to Information about the Hartington & District Community First Responders

**Hartington and District Community First Responders-** Hartington & District Community First Responders cover the geographical areas of Hartington, Biggin, Earl Sterndale, Flagg & Monyash.

## What are Community First Responders?

“Community First Responders are volunteers who belong to local schemes. They attend 999/111 emergency calls in their own community. In the East Midlands, Community First Responders are dispatched by the East Midlands Ambulance Service Emergency Operations Centre in the same way as an ambulance.

Because Community First Responders live in the local community, they can often arrive at the scene of the emergency much faster than an ambulance. If they arrive first on scene, Community First Responders can provide assessment and treatment for the patient before the arrival of an ambulance.”

*‘East Midlands Ambulance Service’*

## How will your Local Group/Scheme work?

Hartington & District Community First Responders will work in partnership and under the direction of the East Midland Ambulance Service. We will aim to network with our neighbouring Community First Responder Services and collaborate with our local GP Surgery. Our intention is to provide a quick and efficient urgent response to the community and our visitors with a serious health need as requested by the Ambulance Service. We wish to work & care to the best of our ability whilst keeping safe. We intend to promote our group and its role to local organisations and people within the communities listed.

## What to do in an Emergency?

**Note: The First Responders can only come out to you if they are requested by the Ambulance Service. In an emergency RING 999**

## In Case of Emergency (ICE) Contact Details

Have you added an **‘ICE’** to your mobile telephone contact list? Storing **‘ICE’** along with a name and telephone number will enable the emergency services to quickly contact someone. Try to have a **CORRECT POSTCODE** to give to the ambulance service also when they ask.

**Congratulation to Dr. J. MCA. Williams on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday-** Many of our readers will remember Dr Williams- he was a general practitioner based in Hartington from 1954- 1986; firstly, in partnership with Dr. G.K Lloyd followed by a period of about 7 years single handed before entering into partnership with Dr. E. M. Bradbury in 1975. There is a card in Hartington Post Office if you would like to sign – before March 15<sup>th</sup> please.

**Joint Village environment section Thinking about how to help our local birds? Why not install a bird box in your garden.** Bird boxes can be an excellent substitute for the holes found in old trees or dilapidated buildings that cavity-nesting birds, such as tits and sparrows, prefer. You’ll want to provide a safe and comfortable environment for the birds who use your nest box, protected from the weather and predators, such as squirrels and cats, and limiting aggressive competition from other birds. Here are some handy tips on where best to place one:

- Small-holed boxes are best placed one to three metres above ground on tree trunks. If you don’t have trees in your garden, place your box on the side of a shed or wall.
- Make sure it’s sheltered from the prevailing wind, rain and strong sunlight, and try to mount it with the front vertical or preferably slanted slightly forwards to prevent rain from getting in the box.
- Give birds a clear line of sight to fly to the nest box, rather than obscuring it with foliage. The exception to this is open-fronted robin nest boxes; robins prefer them concealed behind thick, overhanging vegetation.
- Use galvanised or stainless-steel screws, or nails that resist rusting and regularly check it’s securely attached.
- Don’t put nest boxes too close together or near bird feeders to avoid disturbance and competition between neighbours.
- Site them out of reach of leaping predators such as squirrels and cats.
- Rather than using nails to attach the box to a tree, the Wildlife Trusts recommends using rope or wire wrapped right around the box and trunk (remembering to protect the trunk from the wire cutting into it by using a piece of rubber underneath it).

**An evening with Derbyshire Novelist Anna Stuart** – Hartington Village Hall – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7pm  
– a treat for Book Lovers- all welcome – free entry

**Charles Cotton events- March & April- SKA & 2 TONE NIGHT - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9pm; GARETH JENKINS ACOUSTIC Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Also - every Wednesday evening -Steak Night - 2 x rump steaks and a carafe of wine for £40**

**Waterloo Inn** Our New Years celebrations were a success with John Darren, a great night with dancing and laughter and of course plenty of drink. Thank you to all that have and still support the pub. We also did Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day this year which was well supported by regulars and was another great success. We have started a **Curry Night on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month** starting the **20<sup>th</sup> February 5 pm till 7.30 pm. Booking is recommended. Easter weekend we have evening events booked:**

**Dawn Fury - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April Elvis – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April Top Marx – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

As you have probably heard many pubs are closing due to rising costs and the Waterloo maybe one of these unless more people support us. We have been in the pub for nearly 9 years, and we have seen different behaviours of people since COVID and the cost of living of which we fully understand but losing the pub will mean no darts, dominoes and no boules plus for many a place with many memories. As the saying goes 'use it or lose it' Kind Regards Debs and Stevie

**Royal British Legion** – March – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> quiz night- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Eric Lawrence country singer 9pm – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Bingo **April-** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> -quiz night, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Dawn Fury singer 9pm- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Bingo

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## **Biggin News**

**Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council Salt/Grit bins in Biggin** Unfortunately, witnesses have reported to members of Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council that salt is being stolen by individuals, for personal use, from the salt/grit bin just below the Tissington Trail bridge in Biggin. The parish council placed this bin, full of salt, on the steepest part of Main Street, to help people who may encounter difficulty, at this location, during periods of snow and ice. The members are very disappointed by this action which has resulted in the grit bin now being completely empty again, despite recently being refilled. The cost of the salt is met by the parish council's precept which forms part of residents' council tax.

It has further been brought to the attention of the parish council that the salt bin on the corner of Greenhead Crescent is being used as a rubbish bin. Despite previous rubbish being recently removed, further rubbish has again been deposited in this bin, making grit refills problematic. The parish council would be very grateful if the actions referred to above would now cease.

**Dog fouling on pavements** Once again, it has been brought to the attention of the parish council that some dog owners are allowing their dogs to foul the pavements again, without 'picking up'

afterwards. At this time of year, it is less likely that this poor choice is that of visiting tourists. All waste bins within the village are dual purpose to receive both ordinary waste and bagged dog waste. The parish council would be very grateful if those concerned would now pick up after their dogs, as this action is both a potential hazard to young children and very unpleasant to all parishioners. Thank you for your support.

**Coffee, Cake and Chat** March 1-3pm. Join us for soup and a roll, followed by a slice of cake and a chat. £3.00 - and where could you get a meal for that price?

We are well under way with the parish map. Biggin School children have started the process of appliquéing the first layer onto the backing. We'll be back in school soon - please keep an eye out on the community page for more information. It will also be at Coffee, Cake and Chat.

Please talk to Sandra Lovatt of Julia Hewgill if you would like to try making a scented candle in a jar. We would like to work out numbers of people who might be interested. And if there are any other projects/hobbies/skills you'd like to give a go, please have a chat with us.

**Village Hall-** An Evening with Kelly's Heroes on the 18<sup>th</sup> January was a great evening with superb professional music and quite a few laughs. Revised

date of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of April, our next event is 'Four Hands and a Horn' from Mumbo Jumbo, a professional music group, with a fun evening of jazzy, bluesy, folksy music and fun. Tickets are available online – just type 'ticketsource biggin' into your search engine! There is a QR code on the posters and on the Biggin Community Facebook page which also take you there. Alternatively, tickets are available from Dawn on 07967 749929.

The committee will be holding an AGM on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and make suggestions, join the committee or contribute in any way.

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. Reminder that the hall now has free WiFi for users!

**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** - School ethos is such a big concept but in reality, it is created by the small things that happen consistently in everyday school life. Our motto is Achieve, Believe, Care which in a nutshell means we want everyone in school to achieve their best academically and in all areas of life, have hope, aspiration and self-belief, and care about themselves, others and the world we live in. Our children are amazing however, we also appreciate our wonderful staff, parents and

volunteers who go the extra mile to make these things happen. Here are a few very recent examples:

Children welcomed our friend, Bemma, into school again for a day of African culture, story-telling, art and energetic dancing. It's great to see how this ongoing relationship is developing the children's appreciation of cultures very different from life in our village.

Children are, though, very proud to be part of Biggin. This week, children worked on the collage which is the Biggin Village Map. This community-wide project will eventually be displayed in the Village Hall. Children were excited to complete some of the fields surrounding school and will next work on the buildings and the phone box!

Children do love spending time together and were able to enjoy a special treat at Film Night watching a gorgeous film, The Wild Robot, eating popcorn and having an extra play. What a lovely way to finish this half term! Please follow us on Facebook to see more at <https://www.facebook.com/BigginCofEPrimarySchool>

We are looking forward to

- Our whole school trip to Carsington
- World Book Day Celebrations on 6<sup>th</sup> March – we love reading!
- Schools Together with Hannah from MAST who makes learning so enjoyable
- Easter Celebrations including biscuit making

**Save the date – Our Summer Fair will be on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May at school.** All are welcome to come along and enjoy fun activities, stalls and refreshments. Please contact the school on 01298 84279 if you would like a stall. Best wishes Teresa Nicholls.

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### **Earl Sterndale News**

A very quiet start to 2025, thank you to everybody who helped pack-up the Christmas decorations, and tidy the church ready for our 1st service of 2025. A Holy Communion Service taken by Rev Nicola assisted by Amanda Foulkes. Our next service will be taken by Rev David Race, assisted by Amanda Foulkes on Sunday 16th February at 6.30pm. We have lots of ideas, coming forward for services and fund raising and special events.

**Births** - A welcome to two new babies Ben & Laura, welcome baby Betsy Margaret and Percy & Hannah, welcome baby Wilf.

**Congratulations to Mr Joe Heeney** on being awarded an MBE for services to Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation.

At this year's **Spring Fair, on Saturday 12th of April**, we will have a good number of stalls, selling a large variety of goods. There will be Easter card making for the children + free squash. Easter Raffle and Competitions. Coffee/Tea + homemade refreshments.

**Deaths.** We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late Mr David Lamphard, Jerico, Earl Sterndale. Also our heartfelt sympathy to the

family of Mr Richard Bagshaw, Middle Street Farm, Ashbourne Road.

### **Dates for the Diary Easter Bingo (in church)**

- Monday 10th March 7.30pm
- Sunday Service 16th March at 6.30pm
- Sunday Service 20th April at 6.30pm

### **Spring Fair Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 11am till 3pm**

**Earl Sterndale Church** – Lots of Stalls-Children's Easter Card Making – Homemade Refreshments with Tea/Coffee

### **Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council**

Our last meeting was held on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025, at Glutton Grange, at 7.45 pm. The usual items were in 'Matters Arising'. Overhanging trees – we are in contact with DCC and Chatsworth. Road conditions, whilst some areas have been sorted, with the constant bad weather, others have appeared, it's a very, ongoing issue, and it seems we will just have to wait in line! **We were all in agreement, to give our annual donation to News & Views, A very well liked and distributed, publication. A big thank you to all involved and Keep up the good work.**

Grit bins, or the lack of them on Crowdecote bank, was brought to the Council. Clerk to contact DCC and ask if any could be sited there, and near The Royal Oak at Hurdlow and High Needham crossroads. There was also the suggestion, that next year, we look into the purchase of those large plastic poppies and soldier silhouettes for the parish.

The next meeting is provisionally set for 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025, at Glutton Grange, at 7.45 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please come along and see what is happening in the Parish. Full Parish Council information is available to view on our website. [www.hmq-pc.gov](http://www.hmq-pc.gov) Pat Sutton Clerk to H.M.Q.P.C

News from The village Group Earl Sterndale village fete will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2025, on the "rec." This year's fete will be bigger and better than ever, with lots of additional activities for both children and adults.

We already have some amazing raffle prizes, however we are looking for more donations. As with last year we are raising funds to put towards a play park for the children. All donations will be gratefully received. How to contact us: email: [earlsterndalecomm@hotmail.com](mailto:earlsterndalecomm@hotmail.com)

**Earl Sterndale CE Primary School** We've had a good half-term following the Christmas break and the children have a lot to look forward to in our next half-term including:

- Participating in the Making Space Dance Festival at the Buxton Opera House;
- Dressing up for World Book Day;
- Attending our Pie and Peas Fundraising Night in school;
- Preparing songs and dances for our Easter Service in church.

If you would like to attend our Pie and Peas Night on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March (5pm-7pm), please call the school office on 01298 83263 or email [info@earlsterndale.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@earlsterndale.derbyshire.sch.uk). Tickets are £6 for adults and older children (full portion plus a drink) and £4 for smaller children (half-portion plus a drink). Under 4s are free. There will be a cake stall, a fun quiz, a raffle and the lolly stick game. We will also be providing a home delivery service for within Earl Sterndale, if you would like an evening free of cooking at home.

**Sterndale Moor News-** The kitchen is now about complete with the new electrics finished. Our pool teams are enjoying their season and play on a Tuesday Night . The Function Room is available to hire for parties and events with or without a Bar it costs £15 per hour. Members can use the room for free within normal opening hours.

New members are always welcome application forms are available from the bar membership is £6 per year at the moment. We are hoping to have a quiz night on 29th March at 7pm please keep an eye on social media.

The AGM will be on 14th April at 7.30pm. All members welcome. We will also be running a Bingo session but no date has been set as yet again please keep an eye on social media.

We are also trialing opening on a Sunday night for a month to see if it is something that is needed. So if you fancy a drink come and support this new initiative

**The Pomeroy Trust -** Just before Christmas we held a Rock and Roll bingo night at Flagg Village Hall. Bingo winners were Jenny Cooper and Ian Webster. After the bingo the Christmas Raffle was drawn. The winners were as follows:- Booze Cruise from Bentleys coaches- Carol Webster, Animal Experience for 2 at Pomeroy Farm- Mary Wheeldon, £10 High Peak Bookstore Voucher- John

Gladwin, Pomeroy Ice Cream Voucher- John Gold, 1/2 Bottle Brandy- Shirley Daly, Wine - Jo Shaw, Chocolates- Mary Wheeldon, Chocolate Buttons Selection- Liz Rigley, Shortbread- Martin Wright, Bird Feeder- Bagnall Family, Mulled Wine- Viv, Small Car Collection-Louise Bethnal, Bag- Hayley French, Umbrella- Peter Cantrell, Mini Picnic Basket- Pauline Riley, Birthday Book- Hayley French. A total of £493 was raised. Thank you to everyone who came along, donated prizes or bought tickets. The next event will be a Spring Fair on

Saturday 5th April 11am - 3pm at Flagg Village Hall, with various crafts, food goods, games and refreshments. 'If you would like a stall, cost £6, please contact us as below'

To join us, help us or contact us, or to be added to our mailing list – Please see our website [www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk](http://www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk). Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroy Memorial Hall> or email [info@thepomeroytrust.co.uk](mailto:info@thepomeroytrust.co.uk).

Best Wishes Jean

## Hartington News

### Services at St Giles

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 11am  | Morning service tbc              |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> March 11am  | Morning service tbc              |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> March 11am | Holy Communion                   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 11am | Morning service tbc              |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> March 11am | Mothering Sunday All Age service |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> April 11am  | Morning service tbc              |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> April 11am | Palm Sunday and Baptism          |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm  | Hour before the Cross            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> April 11am | Easter Sunday Holy Communion     |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> April 11am | Morning service tbc              |

### St Giles Church - preparation of a new Electoral Roll - What is the Electoral Roll?

The Electoral Roll is basically a list of people who are members of the church and want to help shape its future. In the same way that being on the civic Electoral Roll allows you to vote in parliamentary and local elections and referenda, joining the Church Electoral Roll means that you can vote on Church matters, attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

Being on the Electoral Roll does NOT make you a “member” of the Church; simply regarding your church as your spiritual home does that. You can, of course, be a full and active member of your Church without joining the Roll. Being on the Electoral Roll does not entail signing up to any additional commitments, however, it does help the Church show its strength. Representation on the governing

bodies of the church depends on the number on the Electoral Roll.

Joining the Roll is compulsory if you wish to:

- Stand for election to the PCC or other synodical council (such as the Deanery, Diocesan or General Synod),
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### Who can be on the Electoral Roll?

To be on the Electoral Roll a person needs to have been baptised, be at least 16 years old and either:

- Living in the parish and a member of the Church of England or a Church in communion with the Church of England
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### How do I join or stay on the Electoral Roll?

Normally, it is possible to join the Roll at any time by completing an enrolment form which can be found in the church porch or on the St Giles website, and there is no requirement to reapply each year.

However, every six years a completely new Electoral Roll needs to be completed - 2025 is one of those years, which means everyone currently on the Roll as well as those wishing to join as new members need to complete a form. If you are currently on the Roll, you will be contacted by the Electoral Roll officer with the required form, and

should you wish to remain on the roll, you will need to complete and return the form (by email or post).

This is due to commence on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, and all completed forms must be returned to the Electoral Roll officer by the end of April - contact details will be on the forms.

**Chris and Jennie Dullage** would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to all the kind people in the village who came to take our new dog Bramble out for his daily walks, whilst we were both having our knees mended. It was so kind and very much appreciated.

**Hartington Village Hall:** we have been very busy since the New Year. With so many varied weekly sessions we hope that there is something to attract you even on wet and chilly days. Our calendar is constantly updated – have a look at [www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/calendar](http://www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/calendar)

**Pickleball** sessions: we have received a grant from the 'Better Derbyshire Dales Fund' managed by Derbyshire Dales CVS of £460 that will enable us to buy the equipment needed to launch the sport as well as cover the cost of some training sessions. We anticipate being able to offer the sport by early March. Check out <https://www.pickleballengland.org/> to find out more.

Our exciting **Contemporary Dance** classes for adults and young people over the age of 12 take place over **21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April**. Contact Andy on [hartingtonarts@gmail.com](mailto:hartingtonarts@gmail.com) if interested in joining the course.

We are also a charity gig starring '**The Rotters**' with **DJ Rob** on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April**. Tickets will go on sale shortly at the PO and Village Stores.

On **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April** we will hold our fourth, and increasingly popular, '**Hartington Arts and Crafts Fair**'.

Looking further ahead planning is advancing to celebrate the centenary of the land being purchased by Victor Perry that led to the construction of the Village Hall. Here are dates for your diary:

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** evening concert by **Dumfries and Galloway youth ensembles**.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** evening charity fund raiser with **DJ Rob**.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July:** evening charity '**Race Night**' organised in conjunction with Canine Partners.

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July:** afternoon tea dance organised by our lovely Social Dance Club.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July:** afternoon **community picnic** with music and side stalls for the young at heart. Sunny and warm weather has been pre-ordered and we hope to see you enjoy the afternoon with family and friends.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** afternoon concert at St Giles Church with '**Warslow Silver Band**'.

Further details of all events will be released in the coming weeks. We hope to see you thoroughly enjoying yourselves at many of the above events.

**Great British Spring Clean 2025:** for the last 5 years volunteers from our community have joined in this national drive to rid our countryside of litter. This year the scheduled dates for the nation's biggest mass action environmental campaign are 21<sup>st</sup> March – 6<sup>th</sup> April. We will be supported by DDDC who supply pink bags which can be left next to the litter bins near the water pump for collection. A supply of pink bags and several litter pickers will be located outside the Village Hall. If you have not previously joined in but would like to contact either Keith or Phillip. We treat the dates as a loose guide – many HCG members regularly pick litter up on their walks around the village.

**Hartington Village Hall Lottery Results -** The first 2 draws of 2025 have resulted in wins for:

**January** £100 No. 71 Susie & Tom Bateson, The Old Chapel, Hartington, drawn by Teresa at the Wednesday Pilates session 08/01/25

**February** £100 No. 116 Sue Hull & family, Hartington, drawn by Lucy Lee, of Minton House at the Hartington Village Hall, Wednesday Pilates session on 12/02/25.

Congratulations to our winners, and as always we thank ALL of our Lottery subscribers for their ongoing support which really makes a significant contribution to what we are able to provide for everyone at the Village Hall.

**Hartington Community Group AGM and Annual Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> February** Thank you to all who joined us for the HCG AGM and Annual Meeting. With a membership that has continued to grow, we now have thirty three groups offering a wide range of activities catering for all interests and ages, and this year has again demonstrated what a vibrant and active community group we have in Hartington, representative of our wider community.

As a community group, our role is to both support community wide activities and to ensure that our member groups get the help and support that adds value to them - we review these services on a regular basis, introducing new ones such as the community lottery licence which any member group can use. Our AGM and Annual Meeting provides an opportunity for members of the community to find out more about what is happening as well as asking for new areas to be considered.

Our AGM focused on the mandatory accountabilities the HCG needs to ensure are fully met – including the election of officers, review of our finances & policies, and a review of the previous years activities. Our community group finances remain robust, appropriate policies remain in place, and we continue to work closely in partnership with other groups both within our community and further afield for the benefit of Hartington.

The AGM confirmed the election of the HCG committee for 2025:

Phillip Neal – Chair

Vacant – Vice chair

Leon Goodwin – Treasurer

Cathy Manson – Secretary

After 9 years as treasurer, Leon will be standing down at our AGM in 2026, and members of the HCG thanked Leon for all he has done during his time as treasurer. As with our member groups, the HCG relies upon volunteers to continue running, and we will be looking for a replacement for Leon as treasurer during 2025 to ensure that the HCG can continue to operate.

Our annual meeting is a look ahead to what is happening throughout the year. We reviewed what the community group offers to its members, the main events planned in our community during 2025, and updates from the member groups followed by an open forum. As one example of the what the HCG provides, our small grants award remains popular supporting local groups with financial help to support a wide range of initiatives.

We also heard from Derbyshire Time Swap of which HCG is now a member, which offers an opportunity for residents to either offer or ask for help from other members – if you have a particular skill or expertise you'd like to offer to others or have a requirement for someone to help you then this

could be of interest. If you'd like to find out more, please talk to any member of the HCG committee.

In summary, now in its 14th year since its inception in 2011, the Hartington Community Group has continued to develop and grow, with a successful year supporting both its members and the wider community, and we look forward to continuing with this in 2025. We do want to continue to develop our services, so please do let me or any member of the committee know if you have any suggestions for how we can better support you.

**Leaden Boot Challenge – Hartington Lead Marshall and Marshals required.** The Leaden Boot Challenge is a major event locally - a 26.2 mile walk/run that entails 4800 feet of ascent, and descent, starting and finishing in Alstonefield with one of the main feeding stations located in Hartington (adjacent to the Farm Shop).

This year, the annual charity walk/ run takes place on the 18<sup>th</sup> May in 2025 and we are looking for help from volunteers who are able to setup and look after the feed station (adjacent to the Farm Shop) throughout the day as well as provide marshalling support to participants as they enter and exit the village.

Please consider giving up some of your time for this fantastic event - the Challenge raises funds and makes grants to support local causes and projects with over £60,000 being donated over the last 14 years to our local communities, including Hartington – in 2024, the Hartington Young Peoples Activity Club (HYPAC) were recipients. Contact any member of the HCG committee if you'd like to volunteer or find out more.

**Hartington Wildflower Group Derbyshire Wildlife Trust – Species Survival Fund grant award for habitat improvement**

Our wildflower group was delighted to receive a grant of £1500 from the Species Survival Fund



managed by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to help with our ongoing plans to improve wildlife habitats across our 10 community wildflower areas – this will allow us to purchase and install bird, bat and hedgehog boxes to help provide additional safe habitats for local wildlife, as well as tools to help

our volunteers look after each of the areas. These will be monitored on an ongoing basis once installed. Look out for these being put in place during Spring.

**Spring maintenance for our Wildflower areas** The arrival of snowdrops signals that Spring is on its way, and as the weather improves, we will be carrying out some maintenance tasks across our wildflower areas getting ready for the summer. This will include a tidy up of our village planters, with the introduction of new herbs into our popular community herb planter next to the bus stop.

**Getting ready for the return of toads, frogs and newts to our village ponds** As News & Views went to press, we were awaiting the arrival of our first amphibian visitors to the village Mere – the colder recent weather looks like is has delayed their arrival compared to last year which was the 15<sup>th</sup> February. The Toad Patrol signs will go up when they are spotted, and please do look out for those toads, frogs and around the Mere and other local ponds.

Our Mere toad patrol is standing by ready to go, aided by the fabulous Hartington Toad Patrol Hi Viz jackets. Volunteers will patrol typically around dusk, ensuring that any amphibians found on the road are safely returned to either the water or grassy areas depending on direction of travel! If you are interested in taking part, please get in contact.



Phillip Neal, Hartington Wildflowers

**Hartington C of E Primary School** - a busy term with a new activity, Table Tennis Sessions, for both KS1 and KS2 in the village hall. In February we were involved in Children's Mental Health Week and for Valentines Day "If music be the food of love" we enjoyed a special school dinner day. Music lessons begin again after half term on a Tuesday afternoon, with Rachel Wilkes. KS1 are excited to be working again with Bemma Akyeamong discovering all about her books. The whole School First Aid Training with Mini First Aid

Ltd will involve the whole school. We are looking forward to Pancake Day and this will be closely followed by World Book Day. On the 6<sup>th</sup> March the whole school visit Macclesfield Forest with Peak Park Rangers as part of our Habitats work as an Ambassador School. In St Giles Church we will join Biggin Primary School for "Schools Together"

The term will finish with a special "Community Day" which will see the whole school present Maypole Dancing in the village hall, alongside an Easter Bonnet parade, followed by a Community lunch in school. The annual "Easter Egg Hunt will bring the term to a close. School reopening on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

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