

# News And Views



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## OUR THREE COMMUNITIES RAISING FUNDS TO HELP OTHERS

As we see daily references to the financial challenges we all face -Biggin, Earl Sterndale and Hartington communities are successfully raising funds to support others. Every edition provides examples of this; here we want to acknowledge not only the individuals who organise and lead on these activities but also say thank you to the many who donate their money and time. So....

**HARTINGTON** -It's 3.30am on the 20<sup>th</sup> March and I am climbing aboard a coach in Buxton, ready to start my trip to Morocco. There are 23 of us who have spent the last year fundraising for Blythe House Hospice. Many in the trip have strong personal reasons for taking part in this, the first of Blythe House's overseas trips, in an attempt to help fund the amazing work that the hospice provides to people with life limiting conditions across the North of Derbyshire.

I have to admit, on that first morning, throughout the long day flying to Marrakesh and the travelling five hours to Ouarzazate by minibus, I was wishing I hadn't signed up, but that feeling soon changed. On the second day we had another long minibus trip into a remote area of Morocco, near the border of Algeria. Here we met our friendly guides, and started our trek, a sun baked four miles. As we climbed the final dune, we could see camp. Cooks had prepared us a delicious meal with "meat and veg". Then we decided to grab a sleeping mat and head onto a flat area of sand to sleep under the stars. I think that night was where friendships really started to form, staring at the star filled sky together, sharing jokes and stories which revealed a little more about who we were and why we were laid in the middle of the Sahara. And then... in the morning, the shared experience of the terrible night's sleep due to the unfamiliar place we were laying, the camels grunting and a couple of members snoring loudly.



Two more full days of walking through remote villages, over high dunes, past human graves where the sand had blown off revealing the remains, eating lunch in the tiny bits of shade we could find, seeing beetles, snake and lizard tracks, all in the scorching heat. One experience I won't forget is getting up to go the toilet in the night to find that my bed had blown over a sand dune and having to find my belongings. A sandstorm was coming, so four of us ended up in a tent meant for two!

On the last day of our trek, we got up early and walked to the top of a dune to watch the sunrise, which was so beautiful. Another 3 miles walk and then, a nine-hour minibus trip back to Marrakesh, where we spent an evening in the city before catching our flight back to Manchester in the morning.

On the trip there were tears, lots of laughter, some sore feet, people struggling with the heat, sad and happy stories, hugs, jokes, card games but most importantly, a group of people who had walked just under 50km and raised an amazing amount of money for such a good cause. Altogether, I raised £4850. Much of this would not have been possible without the amazing community of Hartington who have been so generous, so a huge, huge thank you to everyone. Katherine

**BIGGIN** - For the past 20 plus years I have been involved and supported Biggin's annual Harvest supper, to start printing tickets for Mr Brindley and David Parsons, introducing a raffle with Mr Pegg then organising this event which is always a huge success. It started many years ago with the local ladies donating pies and then Ash's Butchers in Leek supplying and serving them. Now, Pete the Butcher, supplies the pies and we cook and serve them ourselves. Each year it gets bigger and better. All funds raised in the past went to St Thomas Church, but with all the changes and the uncertainty with the Churches future we made the decision to split the funds raised between Biggin School, Biggin Village Hall, Biggin Playground and The Village Map. All of which have been appreciative of the extra funds. Hopefully in time the Church will be able to benefit once again. The last few years have been a huge success and both times we have raised over £1000, last years was the largest amount totalling a massive £1200.05. The support of everyone attending, the donations of raffle prizes, produce for the auction and cakes is always very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who ensures this event happens and we look forward to making this year another huge success.

And another - thank you to everyone who supported the Beetle drive by attending, donating money or donating raffle prizes. It was at Biggin village hall on Friday 14th March to raise money for the Biggin play area. It was a great night and we raised a fantastic amount of money. In total we raised £531. Thank you. Charlotte Coles

### **EARL STERNDALE - Help Us Build a Play Park. Join Us at the Summer Fête – 21st June 2025**



The Earl Sterndale Village Committee is proud to be leading a fundraising initiative to install a much-needed play park for the children of our community.

Many of us fondly remember childhood days spent outdoors - running, climbing, laughing with friends until the streetlights came on. Our goal is to give today's children the same opportunities: to enjoy outdoor play, build meaningful friendships, and develop essential communication and social skills in person, rather than through screens.

In rural villages like ours, children often face limited access to recreational spaces and fewer opportunities for social interaction. Creating a dedicated play area in Earl Sterndale will not only enrich daily life for

local families but also provide a valuable resource for the village school and surrounding areas.

- 🌟 Live music featuring Eric Lawrence Country and other local bands
- 🎨 Face painting & glitter tattoos
- 🎈 Balloon modelling
- 🍌 Hannah Banana the amazing children's entertainer
- 🖌️ Nail painting
- 🏰 A variety of bouncy castles
- 🤜 Tug of war
- 🍔 Delicious food
- 🍰 Tea & homemade cakes
- 🍹 Fully stocked bar and much more

As part of the event, we are hosting an **auction and raffle** to raise essential funds—and this is where we need your help. **We are currently seeking donations**, whether in the form of goods, services, vouchers, or experiences. Your support, big or small, will make a lasting difference in bringing this project to life.

**Let's come together as a community and invest in a brighter, healthier future for our children.** Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

## Guest 'letter'

I am guesting the 'letter spot' for this issue and whilst debating with myself what to write about, my family and I went to Ashbourne Elite cinema and saw the 2024 historical dram thriller 'Bonhoeffer'. For those of you not familiar with the name Dietrich Bonhoeffer, he was a German Lutheran pastor and theologian, and anti-Nazi dissident. He was arrested in April 1943 by the Gestapo and imprisoned. He was accused of being associated with the 20 July plot to assassinate Hitler and was tried along with other accused plotters. He was hanged on 9 April 1945 during the collapse of the Nazi regime. He was only 39 when he was killed but his writings and actions have had a profound impact, particularly on the protestant church and German society. He is commemorated in the *Common Worship* (Church of England) calendar on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

The film was a well-made and thought provoking, if not particularly historically accurate, account of Bonhoeffer's life with flashbacks from small boy to his final hours. However, possibly the thing that stayed with me the longest was Pastor Martin Niemöller reading his poem 'First they came' – one of the most famous poems about the Holocaust. (In the film he read the poem from the pulpit in Germany, although actually he wrote it after the war). The poem starkly outlines what happens when 'good' people do not speak up when they see evil.

It made me think and perhaps feel a little guilty about my level of activism! But it is not easy to know what to do is it? There are so many things to worry about – (In no particular order) climate change, aggression by large countries to small, civil wars, national disasters, social injustice ... And then, very few things in life are black and white. In the film we watched Bonhoeffer struggling to balance his pacifist principles with what he saw as an overriding need to rid the world of the evil of the Nazi regime headed by Hitler. In this 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of his death, members of Bonhoeffer's extended family and more than 800 Bonhoeffer scholars around the world issued a strong statement condemning the recent co-option of the Bonhoeffer narrative by conservative Evangelical Christians who use it in support President Trump. With them, it is difficult, at least for me, to see how Bonhoeffer's legacy can support actions which he would have deemed unchristian and, in some cases, perhaps even inhumane.

However, do not be too downhearted. We have just celebrated Easter where we remembered the story of Jesus, who gave his life for us, crucified on a cross, to free us from evil. He rose from the dead and, as will celebrate on Ascension Day 29<sup>th</sup> May, went back to God his Father and sent his Holy spirit to help us navigate life and fulfil the new commandment which Jesus gave his disciples on his last meeting with them before his death. 'Love one another as I have loved you'. We can balance any despair we feel at the need for decision, the need for discernment of what is right for each of us and the need to act before it is too late, with the hope that God's goodness will win out in the end.

As Bonhoeffer wrote

'I believe that God can and will bring good out of evil. For that purpose he needs people who make the best use of everything'.<sup>1</sup>

**Lent Lunches** Thank you to everyone who so generously supported the three Lent lunches held recently in Hartington Village Hall, all monies raised at these lunches will be donated to the charity ' Mary's Meals.' There was a 4<sup>th</sup> Lent Lunch April 9<sup>th</sup> at Chelmorton, which was also a great success. Particular thanks to the excellent team of wonderful soup makers, bread makers and general helpers - so good that I'm wondering if we should do things at other times, not just at Lent! A special thank you to our three guest speakers - Rev'd Sue Bamping, Rev'd David Mundy, Rev'd John Fountain for their thoughtful reflections here and to David Race at Chelmorton for his reflection. Sarah

**Exciting News from Hartington Surgery** Congratulations to Dr. Dawson and Family; we are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Dr. Dawson and his wife Jennie's fifth child, a baby boy named Angus. The family is over the moon, and we send our heartfelt congratulations to them during this joyous time. Baby Angus is sure to bring even more love and happiness to the Dawson family. We are also excited to share the wonderful news that Emily Allsopp, our Bank Health Care Assistant, has given birth to a baby boy! Emily and her growing family are doing well, and we wish them all the best as they begin this new chapter together.

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<sup>1</sup> From 'God in the manger 'Reflections on Advent and Christmas', by [Dietrich Bonhoeffer](#) (Author), [Jana Riess](#) (Editor), [O. C. Dean Jr.](#) (Translator) , Westminster John Knox Press, 2012.

**Retirement of Nurse Practitioner Jill Chapman** After many years of dedicated service, we bid a fond farewell to Nurse Practitioner Jill Chapman, who retired at the end of March. Jill has been an integral part of the team, and her expertise, care, and compassion will be greatly missed by both patients and colleagues alike. We wish her all the very best in her retirement.

**Laura Cross Increases Hours** We are pleased to announce that Laura Cross, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, has increased her hours at Hartington Surgery following Jill's retirement at the end of March. Laura's expanded role will further strengthen our team, and we are confident that her continued patient-focused care will provide even greater support to our community.

**Dr. Ravi Bhattacharjee's Departure** We would like to inform our patients that Dr. Ravi Bhattacharjee, who has been working with us as a GP since late December 2024, has secured a permanent GP role closer to home. As a result, Dr. Bhattacharjee will no longer be working at Hartington Surgery from mid-April. We would like to thank him for his time with us and wish him the very best in his future career.

**Successful QOF Results** Successful QOF Results; We are proud to report that Hartington Surgery has achieved an impressive 100% score for clinical care for the fourth successive year in the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF). For the second consecutive year, we have also achieved a 100% overall score across all domains. QOF is the NHS's way of objectively measuring the clinical and public health performance of GP practices in England, and these results reflect our ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality care.

Although the official figures are yet to be released, our initial analysis of the 2024 results shows that only 186 practices out of over 6,200 across the country reached this level of performance. Furthermore, when factoring in Personal Care Adjustments, Hartington Surgery placed an impressive third in England. This outstanding achievement is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, and we are incredibly grateful to our patients for their continued engagement and support.

**Hartington Surgery Voted #1 for Patient Satisfaction** We are also thrilled to announce that Hartington Surgery has been voted #1 in the East Midlands for patient satisfaction in a recent survey! This ranking reflects the care, compassion, and professionalism of our staff, as well as the strong relationship we have built with our patients over the years. We are incredibly proud of this achievement and would like to thank our patients for their trust and ongoing support.

**New Technology to Support Patient Care.** In March, we installed a new phone system designed to make it easier for patients to reach the right person when they call. The new system also records all calls (including outgoing calls) for learning and monitoring purposes. We hope this helps ensure more efficient communication and a better experience for our patients.

Additionally, we have introduced a new check-in screen at the surgery, aimed at improving the check-in process and making it easier for patients to confirm their arrival for appointments.

**Hartington Surgery's New Facebook Page** We are excited to announce that Hartington Surgery now has its own Facebook page, in addition to the existing Patient Participation Group (PPG) page. The Surgery's page will provide updates on practice-specific news, health information, and other relevant details. Meanwhile, the PPG page will continue to serve as a platform for patient discussions and community engagement. We look forward to keeping you informed through both pages!

We want to express our sincere gratitude to all our staff, patients, and community members who contribute to making Hartington Surgery such a wonderful place to work and receive care. Here's to many more successful years ahead!

### **Hartington & District Community First Responders**

Welcome to the Community First Responders update. March was the first full month of active responding, particularly for Steve, who was called out 5 times within the local area to assist East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) and who also completed his 12 hour ambulance observation shift.

Kathryn and Kerri have passed their initial assessments and are progressing well within their mentoring period. Simon is ready and waiting to attend his training with EMAS in May.



The group are extremely grateful to GCM Security for their generous funding of a new defibrillator. Also, in conjunction with Flagg Village Hall a race night was organised on 22nd March, with profits split between the village hall trust and the first responders group. Thank you to all who attended and made this an enjoyable evening.

If you have any questions or would like any further information regarding the group, please email [hdcfradmingroup@btinternet.com](mailto:hdcfradmingroup@btinternet.com) and we will do our best to help you. Finally, thank you everyone for your continued support.

### **Art and Crafts Exhibition and Sale of Work in Hartington Village Hall Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 11.00 am to 5.00 pm**

**"The ArtStand Group"** of talented artists and artisans, based in Crich and Whatstandwell, will be exhibiting their unique, high-quality pieces of work in the village hall during the May Bank Holiday weekend. There will be about 15 professional exhibitors, all bringing a varied selection of their latest work for sale, including landscapes, photography, textile art, hand-made jewellery, wood turning, ceramics and leather items. There is no charge for admission and light refreshments will be available throughout the day.

For more information, contact the group leader, David Hunns 07835 886595 or take a look at the ArtStand website at <https://art-stand.mailchimpsites.com>

**Informal Flora-** Our first session got off to a well-attended and enjoyable start on April 9<sup>th</sup>, it was lovely to see everyone again, and we look forward to being together for the next session on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Do get in touch if you would like to come and join us - Linda 07757 844977, Sarah 01298 84319. Cost - £ 15.00p per session. Delicious cake and lovely company every time

**Joint Village environment - For peat's sake...!** As we move out of Spring, many of us will head to local garden centres to make sure our gardens look their best for Summer. But too many garden centres still sell compost which contains peat, and potted plants which have been grown in it. The problem is that peat is precious. In their undamaged state, peatlands represent a vast store of carbon laid down in undecayed plant material over at least 10,000 years. In Scotland, peatlands store around 1.6 billion tonnes of carbon – one-third of the carbon held in the Amazon rainforest, despite being 250 times smaller than the Amazon rainforest in area. In England, peatlands store 580 million tonnes of carbon. If you need to buy peat, please consider ditching the peat. If it doesn't say 'peat-free' don't buy it. Even better, make your own compost.

**No Mow May** - Join this growing national campaign to help give wildlife in your gardens a helping hand and 'Say no to the mow' during the month of May. If leaving the whole lawn unmown is too much, consider leaving a smaller area and see what happens! During Spring and Summer, mowing your lawn less and letting parts grow long saves you time and helps give nature a home. If you want to make an even bigger impact on wildlife, wait to mow your lawn or a section of it until August to support even more animals.

### **Peak District National Park Ranger guided walks**

Explore the National Park with the latest series of guided walks led by Park Rangers. Details and booking online at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/events](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/events). Walks cost £10 per person.

### **Tales from the field**

Spring has Sprung! And thank goodness as I can finally get into my garden and start to tidy and repair after a pretty tough winter. My hen coop needs some repairs after a winter battered by wind and rain, it's been patched and I've kept it watertight but it's now ready for the proper repairs... although my hens have a different idea apparently. Their outraged faces as I start to replace parts that have rotted is quite a sight! It appears they much preferring the more lived in look (or should I call it 'shabby chic'?) every piece I replace, however small, is inspected by the hen committee and loudly discussed, and when I dared to remove the nesting box for repair and painting, there was a 3 hen sit in (obviously Estella lead the revolt) demanding it be immediately put back in...the hens obviously won their coop campaign and it was hastily repaired and popped back in. This made me think about how important our homes are to our wellbeing. Whether owned or rented, our homes are our space to be ourselves and relax (whilst being mindful Of others enjoyment of their spaces) It's a safe haven in this turmoil of a world, a space to recover and rest. So take a look around you, enjoy your favourite things, even if they are getting a little shabby chic as it is these things that make a house feel like a home.

## Children's corner

We are all the same but different and a good thing! We all think differently and have different favourite foods and Disney films. Brown, blonde, black and red hair, short or long, curly and straight. Blue, grey, green and brown eyes and even some magical eye colours like sunflower. Brown, white, pink skin and so many amazing shades in between. Some of us need help getting around, maybe using walking sticks or wheelchairs and some need more help understanding the world around us. So let's enjoy our differences not ignore them and remember it's ok to ask questions as long as they are kind questions and you are being friendly.



The world is a big place with many amazing places and countries you may be lucky enough to visit one day, in the meantime you can explore the world through books and the internet (with an adult to help) and even through cartoons like Go-jetters.

Enjoy being you because you are fabulously unique and remember that's a good thing.

**Royal British Legion Club-** In May we have our Quiz night at 8pm on Sunday 11th May (not 4th as would normally be) Bingo at 8pm on Sunday 18th May (then a break till September for the bingo) Then there will be an ABBA AND KARAOKE NIGHT with DJ ROB on Saturday 24th May. In June - the quiz on Sunday 1st 8pm

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## Biggin News

The **Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peaks and Dales Rev'd Nicky Fenton** invites anyone who is interested to a public meeting to talk about the future of St Thomas's Church, Biggin on 6th May 2025, from 7.00pm - 9.00pm, in Biggin Village Hall. This is your opportunity to give your views, everybody is welcome.

### Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council.

**Dog fouling** It has been reported to Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council that residents of Biggin remain concerned by the cases of dog fouling within the village area. The parish council is sending for additional advisory signage but would ask that all residents 'pick up' after their dog(s). Please be aware that a £1,000 can be imposed for dog fouling and that residents can report persistent offenders to Derbyshire Dales District Council.

**Heathcote Mere** The parish council is very pleased that the seats at Heathcote Mere have now been restored, following the theft of the stone tops from the seats. There will also be ongoing works to restore and reinstate the grass verge resulting from damage caused by vehicles parking on the grass, despite advisory signs in place.

**Village planters** The parish council is pleased that new village planters are now in place in Biggin with thanks to those involved in the hard work constructing and siting these.

**Biggin Wildflower -New flower planters and seed swap up and running-** Biggin's flower planters have now been completed and are in situ on Main Street and Drury Lane. A herb planter is also on its way. With grateful thanks to everyone who has

made them possible. If you would like to be involved in looking after the planters or have any ideas as to where more would look good please talk to Sandra Lovatt or Julia Hewgill. The seed swap is operational once again in Biggin's telephone box. We happily accept seeds that are out of date as well as those which have been collected, dried, placed in an envelope and clearly labelled.

**Cake and Chat** meets on the last Thursday of the Month at the village hall from 1-3pm. Soup and a roll, a slice of cake and tea or coffee £3. We continue to work on the parish map.

**BigHallSweep**  
Biggin Village Hall Lottery



**Up and running!**

**£50 prize every month**

**£250 December prize**

All the volunteers keep the village hall running and in good condition  
Events in the hall are now failing to cover the running costs  
It is hoped that, with enough support, the BigHallSweep will provide an income  
which will allow us to continue to maintain the Hall for everyone's benefit

**Only £50 per year to enter**

**Application forms from committee members or  
the Biggin Community Facebook page**

**Biggin Village Hall** On 4<sup>th</sup> April, the performance by 'Four Hands and a Horn' from Mumbo Jumbo, a

professional music group, in the Hall entertained the audience in the last of our Live and Local events for this season. The hall AGM was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April and the committee all volunteered to stand for another year.

"The BigHallSweep" has now been launched! With rising costs and only steady usage of the hall, we need the regular income to keep the hall running that a lottery will provide. Please help by signing up for only £50 a year to maintain this facility in your village. See the panel in this issue of News and Views. Check for application form on the Biggin Community Facebook page – click on 'Featured' below the header for a link.

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** We continues to flourish with lots of lovely learning for the children. Reflecting on this year so far, we're so pleased that so much of our learning is active and outdoors. Of course, this is always easier to achieve when we have so much outdoor space, are surrounded by such beautiful countryside and are so small!

It's amazing to think that this time last year we were planning our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and now we have another exciting event to look forward to-On Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding our first ever **May Fair!**

Everyone is welcome at school from 11 am – 2 pm for a fun-packed day of fun for all the family. There will be lots of fun and games, an inflatable obstacle course, face painting and entertainment from Tristan the Twister! There will be lots of stalls including the wonderful Anders plants and interesting things to see such as the local Mountain Rescue team. Burgers and hotdogs will be available as well as the delicious Pomeroy Ice Cream stall and it wouldn't be a Biggin School event without a Mega Raffle with some amazing prizes to win.

Please look out for further updates on our Facebook page:

[Biggin C of E Primary School | Buxton | Facebook](#)

See you there!

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### **Earl Sterndale News**

**Thank you to the children of Earl Sterndale School**, for another, wonderful Easter Service, each and everyone of you joined in with singing, dancing, and reading. **"Well Done to all of you"**.

**60th Wedding Anniversary Congratulations, go to Mr and Mrs D Brindley (Mary & David) at Crowdicote.**

Our **Bingo Evenings** are doing well, thank you to all, for your support in March & April **Church Spring Fair** - We were blessed with a beautiful Spring Day and many visitors. Thankyou everyone for your support. We had stalls with preserves, cards, jewellery, cosmetics, wool craft, woodcraft, and three charities, Blythe House, Pomeroy Trust, and Flash and Longnor Community First Responders. Thank you to everyone who helped with refreshments and the cake bakers. Thank you to Christine for your special cake for "Guess the weight of the cake" and to Shirley for helping the children to make Easter Cards.

This Years **Flower Festival** will be from Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> The theme "A Church In Bloom" Anyone who would like to help, please contact Earl Sterndale Church PCC. Burial of Ashes by Reverend Nicola for Dorothy Gregory 14.3.2025. Our thoughts and prayers for Dorothy's family.

**Earl Sterndale Church PCC AGM ,Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of May, in church 7pm**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May Quiz Night, Pack horse (Crowdicote) 8.30pm

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May Bingo in Church 7.30pm

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May Social Saturday in church, 11am till 2pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June Bingo in church 7.30pm

Sunday Services 18<sup>th</sup> of May 6.30 pm and 15<sup>th</sup> June 6.30 pm

**Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council Update** We are saddened to announce that Pat Sutton has stepped down from her long-standing role as Parish Clerk. Pat has served the Parish for many years, and her dedication and hard work will be greatly missed. We extend our heartfelt thanks to



Pat for everything she has done for the community and wish her all the very best for the future. We're pleased to welcome Laura Embleton, a local resident, as the new Parish Clerk. We look forward to working with her as she takes on this important role. A recurring issue in the village continues to be dog fouling. Please remember to not only to keep your dogs on a lead but to clean up after them—**bag it and bin it**—to help keep our village clean and pleasant for everyone.

**Date for the Diary: 21st June 2025** Earl Sterndale will be hosting its **Second Annual Village Fete**—and you're invited! Following the fantastic success of last year's event, this year promises to be even bigger and better. It is a wonderful day for the whole community to come together, have fun, and support a great cause. All proceeds from the fete will go towards raising funds for a much-needed **village play park**, so your support will make a real difference.

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** Monday, 5th May 2025 Glutton Grange 7.45 pm Full Parish Council information can be found on our website: [www.hmq-pc.gov](http://www.hmq-pc.gov)

**Meeting Summary – 17th February 2025** Our last meeting was held at Glutton Grange at 7.45 pm. Topics under 'Matters Arising' included: **Overhanging trees:** We are currently in contact with Derbyshire County Council and Chatsworth regarding this issue. **Road conditions:** While some improvements have been made, ongoing poor weather has created new concerns. Unfortunately, this is a persistent issue, and we're doing our best to stay in the queue for repairs.

**Earl Sterndale CE Primary School** The children have had a brilliant half-term and have taken part in lots of fun activities, including:

- Performing in the Making Space Dance Festival at the Buxton Opera House;
- We had a great Pie and Peas Night in school last Friday evening. Thank you to all who attended.
- Our Easter service at the end of term was delightful and the children performed their Easter songs and dances beautifully.

The next term looks to be as eventful with Forest School sessions for the Infants, a White Hall residential visit for the Juniors and a sponsored walk around the village for the whole school. We hope everyone has a lovely Easter!

**Sterndale Moor** The club has just had its AGM and the committee has been elected so we are ready for another year. Our first event is a VE Day celebration, on Sunday 4th May at 12 noon, with a bookable afternoon tea and games and 40's inspired fancy dress with prizes both for adults and children. Everyone is welcome so come and join us from 12 noon when the bar and club open afternoon tea is from 12.30 info or booking either from the club or contact us on 07811134798 or any committee member.

Function room available for hire for private functions again please get in touch. We have 2 full size Snooker tables two pool tables and 2 dart boards for the use of members membership is £10 and half price for seniors Please keep an eye on our Facebook page as more events to follow.

**The Pomeroy Trust.** Our first committee meeting of the year was held on Wednesday March 26th at the Jug and Glass.

We are now in a position to start work on the building, some of which is remedial/ repair work to maintain the building. We will also be starting some of the external improvements necessary to bring the building and access up to modern standards. The main constraints are of course funding with little grant money currently available but we continue fundraising.

Our last event was the Spring Fair on Saturday 5th April at Flagg Village Hall. We had a total of 7 stalls, plus raffle, tombola games and refreshments. The raffle prize winners were Philip Wheeldon, Angela Campeau, Sue Naylor, Margaret, Jayne Patterson, George Grindon and Anne Thompson. The Easter basket was won by Ruth Brown, the correct weight of the basket was 634g (1lb 6.75oz).

Our next event will be a Treasure Hunt on Sunday June 8th from Pomeroy Farm starting at 2.00pm.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at the Jug and Glass. This is a public meeting all welcome. We always welcome new committee members and are particularly looking for someone to help with the secretary/clerk role. 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/pomeroymemorialhall>, email [info@thepomeroytrust.co.uk](mailto:info@thepomeroytrust.co.uk).



## Hartington News

### Services at St Giles

4 <sup>th</sup> May 11am	Morning Praise
8 <sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm	VE Day Service
11 <sup>th</sup> May 11am	All Age Service
18 <sup>th</sup> May 11am	Holy Communion/Morning Praise
25 <sup>th</sup> May 11am	Rogation Sunday
29 <sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm	Ascension Day Holy Communion
1 <sup>st</sup> June 11am	All Age Service
8 <sup>th</sup> June 11am	Baptism
15 <sup>th</sup> June 11am	Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 11am	Forget-me-not Service
29 <sup>th</sup> June 11am	All Age Service

**“Forget me not service and mini Flower Festival”**- Over the week - end of June 21 / 22nd, thanks to a very generous donation, our beautiful church of St Giles will be decorated with flowers in memory of loved ones who have recently died and a Forget me Not service will be held in church at 11.00am on the morning of Sunday 22nd June. It will be done with love, and the hope is that love will bring people along to see, remember and feel comfort from being there and sharing the beauty of the flowers and church with many others. Please do come along, you will be very welcome.

**Eco church news - St Giles becomes a net Carbon Zero church.** The Church of England has set a goal for all churches to meet this ambitious target by 2030, and St Giles have recently met this target with a combination of using 100% renewable electricity (from an offshore wind farm) and offsetting the CO emissions (which were 2.8 tonnes in 2024, down 15% from 2023) from the oil boiler which remains in occasional use for those really cold days. St Giles will offset the remaining CO emissions via an organisation called climate stewards who support projects in Africa focused on carbon mitigation and sustainability. To help offset those emissions locally, they are looking at the possibility of planting trees in and around the village, so if you have some land that may be suitable, please get in touch.

### St Giles 3Cs Project and Community Survey

At St Giles, we are putting together plans for an accessible WC and a servery inside the church.

We're calling this 'Community, Cuppas and Convenience' or 'The 3Cs'. If you're interested to see the plans we have so far please pop into the church where hard copies of the plans are on view near the vestry. There is also information on the church



website. We expect to give more detail in the next edition of News & Views but, in the meantime, we'd really appreciate your response to our **community survey**. This can be completed online if you search for St Giles, Hartington or use this QR code.



Alternatively, hard copies of the survey can be found at the Village Hall, the Post Office and at St Giles Church. **Please return your completed survey to the box at church or at the**

**Post Office or hand it to one of us, by the end of May.** Thank you for your time.

St Giles Fundraising Team (Liz Broomhead, Liz Hitch, Jem Bowden)

### Walk of Words in St Giles churchyard: Summer 2025

The new Walk of Words for Summer 2025 will focus on Caring for God's Creation. As you stroll around and read the boards, you may find some good ideas for your garden and for yourself. The 10 boards will be in place for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May, the start of half term, going through to October. The words have been suggested by people from St Giles and beautifully illustrated by local artists including children from the school. This picture is one of the boards from last summer. Please do make time to pop into the churchyard to read and ponder on them. We hope you enjoy strolling the churchyard!

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

**Hartington Village Hall:** Our calendar is constantly updated [www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/calendar](http://www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/calendar)

**Pickleball** sessions have started, and we have three weekly sessions. It's an easy and addictive sport to get into and new players will be warmly welcomed.

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. We are also committed to collecting '100 memories' of our Village Hall over the decades from a wide range of residents. 'Derbyshire Life' have committed to including an article on the Hall this summer. We will also organise a significant prize draw with the draw of winning tickets happening on 12<sup>th</sup> July. We have identified three causes to benefit from our fund raisers: Buxton Mountain Rescue, our new First Responders service and Canine Partners.

**Lottery Results** The latest 2 draws of 2025 have resulted in wins for:

**March** £100 -89 - Sue Bruce, Hartington, drawn by Kath Bradbury at the Dance Club 12/03/25

**April** £100- 22 - Thelma Nunnington, Hartington, drawn by Theresa Hannan at the Hartington Village Hall, Wednesday Pilates session on 09/04/25. Congratulations to our winners, and as always, we thank ALL of our Lottery subscribers for their ongoing support which makes such a significant contribution to what we can provide for everyone at the Village Hall.

This special place is so full of incredible memories, some recorded, many not known. It is a reflection of our social history, both old and new. Whether you are 90 or 9 you will have a memory- please share. A couple of lines, a photo, a newspaper cutting, a story – whatever you have. Some memory triggers- from the 40's,50's, 60's,70's Dances, Drama, Youth Club, Girl Guides, Carnivals, Whist Drives – Infant classes, Craft Fares – 80's,90's,00's,10's -Scouts, Gym Tots, Badminton, May Markets, Wells Dressings, Jubilees, Sports/Wakes, HYPAC.



You can email [memories@hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:memories@hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk) or leave at the village hall- inside or the post box outside. Needed by May 30<sup>th</sup> latest please. Throughout the month of July there will be a history of the village hall display in the lower bakehouse. How good it will be to have your memories included here.

Who doesn't like Birthday Cake? And you can help it become the biggest and best ever. Details of what/how are available in the village hall, Post office and posted on facebook. Please contact Helen Harrison 01298 84465 for more details. It really is

a simple recipe with the theme "A hundred years of your village hall."



Just bring along on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July to the party so 100 candles can be lit and portions distributed.

### *Calling All Gardeners!*

We will be running plant sales through the summer to raise monies for the Village Hall and the Sculpture Studio. These will be sited in the public car park and the Sculpture Studio (behind the Farm Shop).



If you are splitting or clearing away any perennials or have any spare plants, we would be very grateful for your donations. We'll need them throughout the summer.

Please contact Janet on 07711370630 or [hartingtonsculpturestudio@gmail.com](mailto:hartingtonsculpturestudio@gmail.com)

Thank you very much!

**Hartington Community Group (HCG) Successful "Chat-About-Books" evening** On March 10<sup>th</sup>, Hartington Book Group "Chat-About-Books", supported by a grant from HCG, hosted a literary evening in the village hall. Local author Anna Stuart (who also writes as Joanna Courtney) spoke about her work, signed books and chatted to visitors. She provided a fascinating insight into the process of researching and producing a book and the evening was well attended and much enjoyed. Thanks to Janet Bowden and Gill Rowe for organising and leading the event.

The Community Group offers a small grants scheme to its member groups, and regularly provides grants throughout the year, so if you are interested in finding out more/applying for a grant, contact Cathy Manson, HCG secretary or visit our community page on the village website [www.hartingtonvillage.com/community-group/](http://www.hartingtonvillage.com/community-group/)

**HCG member groups and activities** With over thirty different groups and activities on offer across the community, if you are thinking about taking up something new, take a look at [www.hartingtonvillage.com/all-groups-summary/](http://www.hartingtonvillage.com/all-groups-summary/) where you

can find out more about each group, including a contact name for each group. If you run a group or activity and would like to become a member of the HCG, please contact Cathy.

**Derbyshire Time Swap - Hartington Community Group now a member** Derbyshire Time Swap is a fantastic way to volunteer and for every hour you give helping somebody, you get an hour in return. Members of Derbyshire Time Swap help each other by sharing all kinds of skills, from practical support like gardening, to music lessons, crafting, companionship and more. Time Swapping is completely free and flexible, and everyone has a skill to share and anyone over the age of 18 and living in Derbyshire, with the exception of Chesterfield and Derby City, can join. As an example of how it is being used, we recently were able to successfully advertise for additional volunteers to help with marshalling support at the upcoming Leaden Boot event. Derbyshire Time Swap is provided by South Derbyshire CVS and funded by Derbyshire County Council and if you would like more information or have any questions, please get in touch with either any member of the HCG committee, directly with our Time Swap contact Lindsey Hearspeak (lindseyh@sdcvs.org.uk) or visit their website at [www.derbyshiretimeswap.org.uk/](http://www.derbyshiretimeswap.org.uk/).

### **Toad Patrol**

Our annual Toad Patrol around the village Mere has now completed and again it has been very encouraging to see the numbers of toads, frogs and newts around the Mere and other ponds around the village. Toad and frog spawn has been seen, hopefully to be followed by tadpoles. Especially pleasing again has been the sighting of Great Crested Newts – this country's biggest and rarest newt, protected in law due to significant reduction in numbers over recent years.

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

Despite the later arrival this year due to the colder weather, mid-March was again the busiest (and noisiest) time in the Mere – with 49 toads and frogs spotted on one evening, an increase from last year, which shows the toad patrol have made a difference. Thanks to all those that have taken part in the patrols.

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

**Hartington C of E Primary School** The end of term- April 4<sup>th</sup> was a lovely community /school eventy. In the morning we performed in the village hall a programme of songs and dances on a Spring/Easter theme as well as the annual Maypole Dance. The children had also created some amazing Easter crafts which the members of the community and PTA voted upon to award some lovely Easter Gifts. Needless to say everyone received an Easter Egg. From here some members of the community attended an Easter Community Lunch, as tasty and enjoyable as ever. This was followed by the PTA Easter Egg hunt and a lovely Church Service

Next term we return on 23<sup>rd</sup> April when we look forward to a Puppet Assembly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 'The Woman of the Well'. In June- we will be travelling to Biggin to take part in – “Schools Together” On the 17<sup>th</sup> June we will attend the - Primary Stars Cluster Events. To round of the term on the 15<sup>th</sup> July a School Musical Performance led by Rachel Wilkes will be held.

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### **Parish Register**

**Hartington** – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Baptism of Luca Matthew Baggle

**Earl Sterndale**-14 -03-2025 Burial of Ashes Earl Sterndale Churchyard... Dorothy Gregory.

06-04-2025 Baptism Betsy Margaret Mycock.

**Biggin**-Maya May Duncan was christened on 16<sup>th</sup> March by Alan Briggs-Agricultural Chaplain at St Thomas's





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
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