

News And Views



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Communications. Conversations. Changes.

When considering items for the “front page” of News and Views, the main principle is that it demonstrates the commonality and history of our three Parishes. Yes, they all have Hartington Quarter in their Parish name – Middle Quarter, Nether Quarter and Town Quarter, but they are each unique and yet integrated through family connections and history. So, this edition will focus on the phone boxes of the three Parishes- their history, relevance and impact and now the re-definition of use.

BIGGIN- the red box is situated close to the home of the Brindley Family and War Memorial-unsure of the date of installation but speaking with residents it was a busy meeting place for young people as well the regular use by adults for whom it was the only way to communicate with friends, family and loved ones who did not live close by. Now, it's purpose has been changed to communicate memories and history

“Biggin telephone box has been transformed into a village history display detailing the history of Biggin through the ages. There is also a Beautiful hand drawn map for visitors to locate different properties in the village It has a book swap where people can take books they have read and exchange them it's also has themed swaps such as at Christmas we have toys and games (used and clean but still useful) and a donation box which helps us to fund different projects around the village. A year since we began, it has proved very successful, thanks to people's generosity” Sandra Lovatt.



EARL STERNDALE/GLUTTON BRIDGE- The Middle Quarter encompasses several hamlets and communities. The phone box at Pomeroy is no longer there!!- it mysteriously disappeared overnight about 20 years ago. It used to stand opposite the Duke of York and was a vital link for Lorry drivers in the days before mobile phones. They would pull up in the nearby layby to call in to update on their work. Mrs Mary Wheeldon, of Earl Sterndale and originally from Pomeroy, was visiting her mother Mrs Melland when she went into labour with her daughter. During the 1950's. Her husband had to walk from the farm to the phone box to call

the midwife. the 2 telephone boxes researched are Glutton Bridge and Earl Sterndale. The box at Glutton Bridge was well known in its heigh day as the Grey Box – it now has an interesting feature showing the Telephone installation and the “A” and “B” – these are referenced in the detail shown in the Hartington phone box.



the village green. It now houses a Defibrillator, an invaluable item installed by the Parish Council and carefully monitored and maintained by Clive Howarth.



HARTINGTON – This was first installed we think in the late 40's 50's outside the Post Office –“Tresses” which is now Dauphin Antiques. The first domestic phone in the village was in the home of Mr and Mrs Fred Howson who lived in the Club House on Mill Lane – the number Hartington 237- The main access to a phone would be the red box but some of the village businesses would have one for the public to use- Devonshire Arms, Charles Cotton , Garage. The phone box was a key meeting place for young people, watching adults use the phone and then going in to see if they had remembered to press the “B” button if unsuccessful with their call, thus receiving a penny or two.



When the Post Office moved with the post mistress Miss May Bunting to her home (the house on the bottom corner of Hyde Lane below the Village Hall) – the phone box moved with her to where it stands now. It is next to the War Memorial and was purchased by the Parish Council. The refurbishment was completed by the Oddfellows and the Parish Council funded the lovely display board celebrating the centenary of the war memorial in 2024.

“Vicar Letter”

We are very pleased that Nicola Mc Nally has agreed to become Priest in Charge of Hartington and Biggin, in addition to the churches where she has already been ministering. We look forward to getting to know Nicola as she serves our parishes and to working with our new friends in the Peak 5 villages. You are all invited to her licensing service on Wednesday 3rd September at 6:15 in St Giles and for refreshments afterwards in the Village Hall. I am sure that she is looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming months.

Invitation

You are invited to join us on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 6:15pm
at St Giles' Church, Hartington for the licensing of
Revd Dr Nicola McNally
as Priest in Charge of Fenny Bentley, Thorpe, Tissington,
Parwich, Alsop-en-le-Dale, Biggin and Hartington
by
The Bishop of Repton, The Right Reverend Malcolm Macnaughton
assisted by
The Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales,
The Venerable Nicky Fenton
and afterwards for refreshments in Hartington Village Hall

Hartington Surgery 🍷 **Join Our Patient Participation Group** We're always keen to hear from patients about how we can improve the care and services we offer. Our **Patient Participation Group (PPG)** is a great way to get involved, stay informed, and help shape the future of Hartington Surgery.

📅 Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 13th **November at 6:45pm** – we'd love to welcome some new faces! If you're interested in joining, please **contact the surgery** to find out more.




☕ **Tea and Talk – All About the NHS App** We're hosting our next **Tea and Talk** session on **Thursday 25th September** at the **Village Hall**. The focus will be on the **NHS App**—a handy way to manage your healthcare, including booking appointments, ordering prescriptions, and checking your vaccination status.

Connex will be there to offer help with downloading and using the app, and **Dr Dawson** will also be attending to answer any questions.


👉 Full details will be shared in the village and via social media — keep an eye out!

 **Coming Soon: New Automated Prescription Ordering Service** We'll soon be launching a brand-new **automated phone line** for ordering repeat prescriptions—available **24/7**.

This new service means:


-  You can order prescriptions whenever it suits you
-  No waiting on hold—just select the repeat prescription option when you call
-  Quicker and easier for everyone

Please note: requests will still be **processed on the next working day**, and prescriptions will take **72 hours** to be ready.

 **Winter Flu Campaign – Clinics Coming Soon** Our **flu vaccination campaign** will be starting shortly. Eligible patients will receive an invitation and will be able to book into one of our dedicated **flu clinics**. Stay protected this winter - look out for your invite.

 **Measles Reminder – Are You Up to Date?** There have been a few recent cases of **measles** locally, so it's a good time to check your vaccination status.

You can:

 Check via the **NHS App**

 Or contact the surgery if you're unsure

The **MMR vaccine** is the best protection for you and your community.


 **Pharmacy First – Fast Help Without a GP Appointment** Did you know your local **pharmacy** can help with a range of minor conditions—without needing to see a GP?

Conditions include:

- Sore throats
- Earache
- Insect bites
- UTIs (in women under 65)
- Shingles
- Sinusitis
- Impetigo

...and more!


Your pharmacist is trained to offer advice and treatment—pop in and speak to them for quick support.

 **GP Patient Survey – Thank You!** A big thank you to everyone who completed this year's **GP Patient Survey**. We're really pleased that **Hartington Surgery** received positive feedback across key areas such as access, communication, and patient experience. We're grateful for your support and will continue working hard to make improvements where we can.

 **Carers Clinic – Starting This September** We're pleased to announce that **Derbyshire Carers Association** will be running a **monthly carers clinic** here at the surgery.

 First clinic: **Tuesday 24th September**

 Held at Hartington Surgery


 Please contact the surgery to book an appointment

If you are a carer, this is a great opportunity to access support and advice in a convenient local setting. Posters with more information are available around the village.

 **Surgery Closures for Staff Training (QUEST)**

Please be aware the surgery will be **closed for staff training** on the following afternoons:

 **Tuesday 10th September**

 **Tuesday 8th October**

We'll reopen as normal the next morning. If you need medication around those dates, please plan ahead.

If you have any questions about anything mentioned above, or need help with prescriptions, vaccinations, or using the NHS App, don't hesitate to get in touch. We're here to help.

Welcome to the Hartington & District Community First Responders update. The responders have been busy over the past couple of months – we have attended two joint training sessions with Belper (Pathways Overview) and Ashbourne (Oxygen Therapy) CFR Groups. We also had a presence at Youlgrave and Sheldon Village Days. Thanks to all those who helped out on a very wet July Saturday! We currently have use of an EMAS Community Response Car which you may have seen around in the Parishes. The group has responded to 19 calls with 184 hours duty. One of those calls involved Buxton Mountain Rescue Team!

The First Responders Group have welcomed to the committee four trustees who will provide guidance and an oversight in helping to continually move the group forward. Thank you to David Graham, Janet Bray, Susan Hull and Kay Baggley for volunteering for this position.

A big thank you to our Treasurer, Jem Bowden, who has now obtained Charitable Status for the group and opened up our own bank account! We are grateful to HCG for allowing us to temporarily use their banking facilities during the setting up of the group.

With donations that we have received, the group has been able to purchase additional equipment - pulse oximeter and a blood monitoring machine.

As always, we would love to hear from you – please contact Geraldine (Secretary) at hdcfradmin@btinternet.com if you have any questions.

Presentation To HDCFR from “The Rotters” of £1439.66

This took place outside Hartington Village Hall alongside the First Responder Car which HDCFR have on loan at present.

From left to right -Jem Bowden (Trustee), Geraldine Trowbridge (Secretary), David Graham (trustee), Stephen Trowbridge (HDCFR Co-ordinator), Andy Farmer and Rob Tenty (The “Rotters” representatives).

A huge thank you for this incredible donation, it is very much appreciated and will be used immediately to support the vital resources needed



Anna Chaplaincy is a ministry of mutual support, care and advocacy for older people of Christian faith, or none - it's what makes loving fun. So.....

Fancy a cuppa? Better than that - book in for a Home-made Cream Tea and bring a special older person who deserves a treat along with you!

Anna Chaplaincy celebratory fund raiser - " Walking Side by Side, " Cream Tea Hartington Village Hall between 2.30 pm - 5.00 pm, on Sunday Sept 21st, 2025 There will be a Raffle, Music and a guaranteed opportunity to be spoilt or to spoil someone else - a bit of a treat for those we love.

Tickets at £ 10.00p.p. are available from Sue at the P.O. - it would help with the catering if bookings were made by Sept 15th, please. Sarah

FUN & FRIENDSHIP-Sessions with tea, coffee and cake. Dominoes, Scrabble, Jenga and Boccia Hartington Village Hall 2-4pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month

September 9th, October 14th, November 11th, December 9th.

Just Come along and ENJOY. Free sessions supported by Farming Life and Village Hall. For more information contact Donna 07777 168857

Informal Flora Autumn/Winter class - Hartington Village Hall 1.00pm -3.00pm. £15.00 p.p. per session.

September 17th; October 22nd; November 19th; December 10th Looking forward to seeing everyone soon, new arrangers always welcome. Contact Linda - 07757 844977, Sarah - 01298 84319

Friday, November 7th Date not to be missed - Pop it on the calendar ! The Royal British Legion "Battle Back" Concert -Hartington Village Hall 7.30pm with Warslow Silver Band. Tickets will go on sale in week beginning October 13th from Sue at Post Office- £10 p.p. Sarah.

Tales from the field What a strange summer we've had here in Derbyshire! Tropical heat that made us go into a lockdown of closed blinds and staying in the shade versus thunderstorms, gales and flash floods, probably all in the same week! My garden doesn't know whether it's coming or going...and whilst the flowers

seemed to enjoy this bizarre combination of drenched and scorched – my salads aren't very happy, many have bolted and flowered before filling my salad bowl, much to the delight of the caterpillars who I have a long standing agreement with that anything that bolts is theirs, (an agreement I may have to renegotiate if this weather is our new norm). Onions have loved it, radish hated it, tomatoes are hanging on in there (although tomatoes being a fruit aren't technically salad I know) nasturtiums have loved the weather and have added a peppery flavour to my poor leaf harvest and their flowers add a bit of colour to the plate. All in all a very strange years for my veg patch which has made me look at how I grow and why. I could easily buy salad and it would probably be cheaper if we consider the time I spend watering, planting and negotiating with caterpillars but I've come to realise that isn't why I do it. I enjoy wandering up to my tiny picket fenced veg patch and seeing what's ready to pick, I like snipping bits out and I absolutely love grazing off peas straight from the plant - shell and all! (they're like supersized mange tout a when eaten immediately after picking). The joy of seeing my grandbabies' pick and eat the fruit straight from the plant, knowing there are no pesticides, no soil added chemical from bags of shop bought compost, is worth every moment of the extensive care package it takes to keep the fruit on the plant until ripe enough for them to eat. I'm a disorganised gardener, there are no neat rows, flowers ramble through peas, lettuce is in with the marigolds, I plant too much salad in one go, completely ignoring the packets suggestion the 'stagger' planting, in favour of simply having too much and gifting to my daughters endless baskets of spicy lettuce and random vegetables grown with love and excitement, and usually a huge dose of absolute astonishment and pride that 'I grew that!'. So on reflection what will I change and do better next year? well I've enjoyed all my garden produced, enjoyed sharing with the caterpillars, giving gluts away and will probably make all the same mistakes again next year!

Childrens Corner Hoping your summer holidays are filled with sunshine and adventures! But if rain stops play here's a few book recommendations for summer reading.

*Oh No George - Chris Haughton Recommended by Jupiter aged 2 ½ yrs old

*The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet -Tom Fletcher & Douglas Polynter

*The Smeds and the Smoos – Julia Donaldson Recommended by Ernesto aged 4yrs and 6 days

*The girl of ink and stars - Kiran Millwood Hargraves Recommended by Harriet aged 11 3/4yrs old.

80s and 90s Disco will be held at Hartington village hall on Saturday 18th October 8 till late. £5 entry tickets available from Hartington post office.

Joint Village environment section - Take action for nature...How to create a hedgehog hole

Help hedgehogs get around by making holes and access points in fences and barriers to link up the gardens in your neighbourhood.

Hedgehogs need to be able to roam far and wide in search of food, mates and nesting sites - the average hedgehog roams 2km a night! Get together with your neighbours to make a hole in your fence or dig a channel beneath garden boundaries to connect your gardens.

It's been a great year for butterflies Have you noticed more butterflies were around this summer? It's proving to be a good year for most of our butterflies. Numbers recorded on counts across Derbyshire were up by over 100% compared to last year. The weather this year has been the major reason why – the driest spring since 1893 and multiple early summer heatwaves created perfect conditions for butterflies to thrive.

Now is a good time to think about how you can support them next year as you make plans in your garden - butterflies need nectar from spring to autumn. Choose native, pesticide-free plants that bloom in succession, for example Ivy in Autumn as it flowers late and is essential for Red Admirals.

Biggin News

Village Planters - We have been very busy this summer building flower boxes and a herb garden filled with rosemary, mint, thyme, bay, parsley and oregano for anyone in the village to use.



Thank you to everyone for their help in building and keeping them looking healthy and tidy. Sandra.

Biggin Village Hall The "BigHallSweep" (lottery in aid of the village hall) entry form is now easily available by googling "BigHallSweep", look for the jotform entry. Simples! Draws on the third Thursday of the month. Please help by signing up for only £50 a year to maintain this facility in your village. We're

getting a few more entries every month – if you've not joined: Go on! You know you should! The June winner was number 32, Louise Gain the July winner was number 10, Romney Smith. The draw was carried out in the village hall as a prelude to the weekly Bingo session.

Upcoming events: 4 October Eric Lawrence Country, in aid of "Playarea",
15 October Harvest Supper,
25 October Jumble and table top sale,
7 December Warslow Band Carol Concert.

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.

Earl Sterndale News

Coming Events September Bingo Monday 1st of September 7.30pm (in church).

October Bingo Monday 6th of October 7.30pm (in church).

Church Services September Service, Sunday 21st 6.30pm taken by Rev Howard Robson.

October Harvest Service, Sunday 19th at 6.30pm taken by Alan Griggs, (Agricultural minister).

Afternoon Tea - Saturday 27th September we are holding this year's Church Afternoon Tea. As always it will be either eat in, or a made - up, takeaway box. Opening times 11am till 3pm if you wish to book a tea or tea box, please contact Angela on 0129883447.

Christmas Fair on Saturday 15th November, if you would like a stall please contact Angela on 0129883447.

Golden Wedding Our best wishes go to **Mr and Mrs B Heathcote (Bill and Kay)** on their recent Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Special Birthday Wishes to Mr Bill Nadin on his 80th Birthday.

School Leavers Service - Many parents and friends attended this year's school leavers service, and leavers party. We wish our school leavers, a fond farewell and good luck in their new schools.

This year we sadly said goodbye, to Head teacher Mr Dan Holden, Infant teacher Mrs Rebecca Gill and teaching assistant Mrs Laura Balffe. We thank them, for all their hard work and commitment to the children of Earl Sterndale School.

SIAMS Inspection. Just before the end of the Summer - term, Earl Sterndale School had their church school inspection. The report said, our school is living up- to, its foundation as a church school. It was noted that our school, radiates, warmth, belonging and love. At its heart, is its Christian vision, that inspires and shapes every aspect of school life.

Earl Sterndale CE Primary School The end of the summer term was a busy, yet emotional one as we bid a fond farewell to our Year 6 Leavers and some members of staff, including Mr Holden, our longstanding Headteacher of 20 years. The Leavers' Party consisted of the usual fun and frolics, including our traditional ball race, a well-stocked bar and a delicious barbecue, but it was somewhat poignant as we said goodbye to so many in our community.

As we wish Mr Holden a happy retirement and we wish good luck to all of our departing staff and pupils, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Humpleby, our new Headteacher and Mrs Cross, our new Junior class teacher; both of whom will start at Earl Sterndale Primary in September. We also look forward to welcoming our ten new Reception pupils into the fold.

We hope that everyone has had a lovely, relaxing summer and that everyone is ready for the busy term ahead!

Earl Sterndale Fete Shines on the Summer Solstice. On Saturday 21st June, the summer solstice, Earl Sterndale celebrated its second Village Fete — a joyful day organised by the Village Committee in support of raising funds for the much-needed children's play park. With plans to make this an annual tradition, the fete brought together families, friends, and visitors with a strong sense of

community for a truly memorable community celebration.

The committee members worked tirelessly to create a day full of fun for all ages. The Children were spoiled for choice with games and activities including tug-of-war, bouncy castles, face painting, balloon modelling, nail painting, “splat the rat,” “milk the cow,” and the ever-popular lucky dip.

A major highlight was the raffle and auction, made possible thanks to the incredible generosity of local businesses who donate year after year. The committee extends heartfelt thanks to every single supporter — your contributions make a real difference, and we are deeply grateful.

Live music brought extra sparkle to the day. The incredibly talented Eric Lawrence Country performed not once but twice, joined by the equally brilliant Sticky Bones Jones and Martyn Allcock — all three offering unforgettable performances that had the crowd clapping along.

And of course, no fete would be complete without refreshments. The fete field was a feast for the senses, with Stalls brimmed with homemade cakes, teas and coffees, while the air was filled with the smell of a sizzling BBQ. The Bar and BBQ team outdid themselves once again, serving up food and drinks with such care and effort that they became a highlight in their own right.

The success of the day was reflected not just in smiles, but in the astonishing fundraising total. Last year’s fete raised a mind-blowing £13,000 profit — a figure the committee never dreamed possible. This year, however, the generosity of the community and surrounding areas has surpassed all expectations, with an estimated £17,000 profit raised. This achievement has absolutely blown us away, and we couldn’t be prouder of what we’ve accomplished together.

The committee were delighted by the turnout and generosity of all who attended. Not only did the fete raise vital funds for the new play park, but it also showcased the strength of our village spirit.

Without the support of our wonderful neighbours, businesses, and community members, none of this would have been possible. The Earl Sterndale Fete has now firmly established itself as a tradition to treasure each summer solstice — a day of joy, generosity, and village spirit that leaves a lasting impact.

The committee already looks forward to next year’s event, and we warmly welcome anyone who would like to volunteer their time, share ideas, or support through donations or sponsorship. Together, we can make the next fete even more unforgettable.

The Pomeroy Trust. The AGM was held on Wednesday 25th June at the Jug and Glass, Hartington. The Committee were re-elected apart from Ian Webster who has resigned. Jean Brown, Vice Chair thanked Ian for all the work he has done for the Trust over the last 5 years.

Jess O’Dwyer is now treasurer, so we still need a permanent clerk. Jean thanked Jess for all the work she has done as clerk over the last 5 years.

The Trust has not achieved a great deal this last year as we have been investigating the best way forward regarding power - mains electricity or greener alternatives such as wind and solar power (both will be expensive and there are difficulties either way).

We also need to decide how to proceed with the building work. We had been advised by Rural Action Derbyshire to just keep things ticking over and make the building watertight to prevent further damage. We have started work by having the chimney taken down and that section of roof made good. The gateway has also been widened to make access from the busy main road easier.

The next stage is to repair the roof, but inspection suggested the whole roof will need to be replaced. The windows and doors need to be replaced and the general appearance of the building improved. We therefore agreed to get a quote for all building work and advice regarding the order of work to be completed.

The project is not going to be cheap and fundraising and getting grants is difficult. The community of Pomeroy has changed. With the pub closed the heart of Pomeroy has gone. So many properties are for sale and another committee member has left. Can the hall ever be viable? This plus potential future fundraising plans will be discussed at our next committee meeting in September. To join us, help us or contact us, or to be added to our mailing list.

Please see our website www.thepomeroystrust.co.uk Or email info@thepomeroystrust.co.uk.

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall> Best Wishes Jean Brown.

Services at St Giles

7 th September 11am	Morning Praise
14 th September 11am	Baptism
21 st September 11am	Holy Communion
28 th September 11am	Morning Praise
5 th October 11am	Harvest Festival
12 th October 11am	All Age
19 th October 11am	Morning Praise
26 th October 11am	Holy Communion

This year we will be having a Harvest Lunch after the Harvest Festival service on 5th October. There will be no charge for the lunch (donations on the day), but tickets will be available in September to help with catering

Terry Nunnington – Following the passing of Terry the family would like to thank all our friends who sent words of sympathy and donations in lieu of flowers. All monies received were donated to Air Ambulance and Macmillan Nurses. Thelma, Caroline and John

Thank you to everyone who supported Isla's cake sale in June. A fantastic £627 was raised for Blythe House Hospice. Katherine and Isla Webley

Dovedale Dipper August 2nd - This is now in its 23rd year originally organised by Matlock Rotary – now by **Peak Running CIC**. The village hall has been used as the base for Registration, refreshments, first aid, radio control and start/finish. To alleviate the parking challenges Richard Sherratt provides the “sports field”. This year there were 280 participants, they all loved the route....and the weather!



This year the village had a connection with the winner of the women's race, Janie and David Theaker who now own the house opposite the Cheese shop, near the Stanner. Her daughter, Olivia, ran with her boyfriend Joel. They live in London and always enjoy cross country running around Hartington when visiting us, so jumped at the chance to enter “The Dovedale Dipper” It was her first trail race, she is more used to running road marathons. As you know the conditions were perfect and although the hills were a slog, they still managed to enjoy the stunning local scenery. They were very impressed with the organisation of the event, especially the welcome and hot meal in the village hall at the finish. Olivia's time was 4 hours 25 mins. They are looking forward to competing again next year!

Well Dressing After 25 years Lucy Annat is stepping down from designing and producing the Village Well. She is therefore looking for a new team or teams to take over the three elements if the well is to continue. These are-

1. The design of the well- we are very hopeful that this role has been filled
2. The puddling of the clay
3. The building of the design in flowers and seeds

The event takes place every September to coincide with Hartington Wakes Week and there are people in place to soak the frames in the village pond and to move and erect the finished well. Lucy is happy to give advice to anyone involved, why not visit the team in the hall week beginning September 8th to see what is involved and / or anyone interested please contact Hartington Community Group by September 20th

Hartington Village Hall- July saw us celebrate the centenary of Thomas Victor Perry buying the site on which he subsequently built our Village Hall. The Hall has been in community ownership since 1944 and is managed by a group of residents, who are either Trustees (6) or representatives of user groups (8). We have no paid employees – everything is done by volunteers.

Speaking of volunteers, Hartington has always had a strong tradition of volunteers who have supported the community in many ways; this was clearly evidenced in the History display. One striking part of the enjoyable eleven days of events was that this tradition continues with over 70 volunteers worked to make things happen. We took a gamble on the youngsters from Dumfries and Galloway, led by Jamie Brand, Director of Music, on the opening concert but their rendition of the ‘Sabre Dance’ will

live long in the memory of all who attended. The closing concert, with Steve Sutton and the Warslow Silver Band, equally delivered a memorable and superb performance.

In between those events Rob Tenty's 'Music thro' the Decades' hit all the right notes as music and dance have featured prominently throughout the decades that the Hall has stood as our community venue. We raised £696.32 for Hartington and District Community First Responders as a result. Then Steve and Geraldine Trowbridge ran a 'Race Night' which got the gambling juices working while Rusti showed us a glimpse of just how life changing a canine partner can be for individuals with a range of disabilities. We raised £382.57 for the 'Canine Partners' charity.

In addition, we had a successful afternoon Tea Dance organised by our Social Dance members, a thought-provoking history display, and several of our regular groups organised their own celebrations. Then the weather dawned fine and sunny for our community picnic on the 12th July when the Centenary Grand Draw took place. We are so grateful to the individuals and local businesses who generously supported the Draw which raised £1016.

A huge thank you to the small team who put together the plan, as well as all those who joined in through volunteering and it was heart-warming to see so many attend the various events.

We are currently pulling together plans to tackle three improvements to the Hall – modify the stage, erect a robust and attractive screen in the courtyard entrance and undertake remedial work to the gable end terrace. Our 2025/6 lottery will yield seed monies which will underpin a grant application to assist in the costs.

Meanwhile we continue to be busy, launching Mah-jong as an activity in August. To see what is on have a look at www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk or to book an event www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/booking-form/.

Lottery Results The last 2 draws of the Village Hall Lottery for 2024-2025 have resulted in wins for:

July £100 No. 12, Brian Broomhead, drawn by Audrey Smith at the Tea Dance on 09/07/25

August £300 No. 60, Tom Ironmonger, drawn by Theresa Hannan at the Pilates session on 13/08/25.

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.

OUR NEW LOTTERY EDITION FOR 2025 – 2026 will be launching this month so watch for emailing with full details including an entry form, which is the only item we need returned please. If you are not existing subscribers, but may be interested in being now, please contact David Graham: hartlot2@gmail.com for further information. Thank you, Keith & David

Hartington Wildflower Group- New wildlife sculptures installed- Members of the Hartington Sculpture Studio have been busy creating a number of sculptures out of stone and wood that we have been installing across our community wildflower areas. So far, we have installed them at the youth hostel, school, church and village hall, so do take a look if you are passing by to admire them. Thank you to all of the members of the studio for these fabulous works of art that help us to celebrate the wonder of nature. We plan to install more over coming months.



Clockwise: Bee hive (Village Hall), Hare (Church), Hedgehog (School) and Duck (Youth Hostel).

Installation of habitats across the wildflower areas - Throughout the summer months, members of the wildflower group have continued to create new habitats to help provide shelter to wildlife across our wildflower areas. To date, we have installed hedgehog, bat and bird boxes in the churchyard, school, youth hostel and Mill Lane car park. This has been made possible by

funding received as part of the UK government Species Survival Fund and we are grateful to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust for the support they have provided to us in obtaining this funding.

If you would like to install a bird, bat or hedgehog box on your own house or garden, Hartington Wildflowers can provide them at a discount, with advice about how best to install. If you'd like to find out more, please contact us at wildflowers@hartingtonvillage.com.

Keeping our village planters healthy. As we move into Autumn, a big thank you again to all of the volunteers who have watered and maintained our village planters throughout the summer. This has been especially important on those hot days in ensuring the plants have been kept well-watered.

Our ever-popular herb planter next to the bus stop proved popular again with both members of the community and visitors alike, and next time you are passing by them, look out for bug hotels in the interior of the planters we have installed to help provide habitat for visiting insects (A bug stop next to the bus stop!).

Mahjong - My name is Mandie and over the last few months I have been teaching a group of people how to play Mahjong at my home in Hartington. It has been a very successful experience and we are now looking to expand our group and open it up and invite in new people to come and learn how to play, meet new people, exercise your brain and have fun.

Mahjong is a tile-based game that was developed in the 19th century in China and has spread throughout the world since the early 20th century. It is played by four players. It involves skill, strategy, and a bit of luck, as players aim to create sets of tiles and a final winning combination, often referred to as a "Mahjong".

Cultural Significance: Mahjong is not just a game; it's also a cultural phenomenon. It's a popular social activity, often played in homes & cafes. There are regional variations and different cultural interpretations of the game making it a captivating game with a rich history.

We held a couple of taster sessions in August between 12.30-2.30pm in Hartington Village Hall, delighted to have 4 new members. So- we will continue to run the sessions in the Village hall, 12.30-2.30, on the following dates- September 3,5,10,12,19,24,26 and October 1,3,8,10,15,17,24. ALL WELCOME – just come along and see if it is for you .

Our very own Robin Hood- Jason Cox has been selected to shoot for the county in two upcoming competitions, one on September the 7th in Thorsby, and the other over the weekend of the 27th in Lilleshall. It is his first year of shooting, so has said he doesn't have high expectations, but will give it his best shot (pardon the pun). If anyone would like to take part in the club, some more information is provided below



About the club: Derwent Bowmen are based over in Darley Bridge, off an inconspicuous close of bungalows which, when passing through a steel gate, open outwards onto a 100 yard outdoor range covering nine shooting lanes, and an indoor range of 20 yards which often plays host to the county indoor championships.

The club has been running since the 1960s and are Derbyshire's only 24/7 range, offering members flexibility as well as informal but regular social meets through the week. They're the largest club in the county, with over 170 members at the last count. For anyone interested in shooting, the next charity 'have a go' session is on the 13th of September, from 13:30 until 17:00 at Gold close, DE4 2LA. It's an event being run with the nearby pub in support of Ashgate hospice. The club will be asking for a £2 donation for each end of 6 arrows. You can shoot as many ends as you like.

More involved beginners courses are run in March and October. I believe they cost around £80, which includes tuition from qualified coaches of four sessions, four hours each, over four Saturday mornings. All equipment and training is provided, and they're suitable for a wide range of ages, from 8+. On passing the course, you're awarded a certificate which allows you to join any AGB affiliated archery club. Those who complete the beginners course at Derwent are also first in line for membership there.

A website to the club can be viewed here:
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