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Remembering and Looking Ahead

As I write this, it is about the middle of November – distinctly Autumn although there are still a few late leaves falling. There's a poignancy about this season, a sense of the year ageing and things passing away. I always think that this feeling is first vaguely discernable in the early days of September when we know the Summer is over because the children are returning to school and there's sometimes a hint of sharpness in the air early in the morning.

Perhaps it's this poignancy linked to the visible fading of the year that has given rise to the custom of remembering at this season. In the Church's year, the 1st of November is All Saints' Day – we remember the witness of the lives of the Saints and recall that some were martyred for the faith (and some Christians still are). This is followed by All Souls' Day when many Churches provide the opportunity for their people to remember those who are dear to them but have departed this life. We shall have a special service for All Souls' next year at which the names of those who are to be remembered will be read out and those who mourn them can light a candle, if they wish.

November 5th, a secular event, urges us to remember "gunpowder, treason and plot" which should "never be forgot". There's certainly some truth in the saying that a people that forgets its history is doomed to repeat it – but Guy Fawkes recedes further into the past with every year.

It was appropriate that the relatively modern institutions of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday should have become established in this season. I thought of my grandfathers in the First World War and the great uncle, Charles, a fine horseman, whom of course I never knew, who died, dismounted, in the hail of machine-gun bullets at Gallipoli. I thought of my late father, a pilot in the last World War. I polished his medals but didn't quite wear them, in the end (as one can do, on the

"wrong" chest, of course). I did, however, arrange to retrieve his ashes from the undertaker's – where they've been on a shelf for the last six or seven years. An act of remembrance indeed!

We look ahead now to the "deep midwinter" and, almost in the very moment of the dying of the year, we may find our hearts warmed again by the golden glow from the stable at Bethlehem. In the Christ Child, Our Father in Heaven himself whispers to you and me, "It is I - be not afraid".

May God bless you and those you love this Christmas,

**Richard Benson,
Vicar.**

BIGGHARTS- Sports Hall Athletics- November 13th

The following children represented Hartington and Biggin as BiggHarts at this event- James Galloway Booth, Oliver McCurrach, Ruby Smith, Amy Freeman, George Wigman, Tom Wager. Despite being so few compared with the other schools they worked, as always, very hard and enjoyed themselves.

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HARTINGTON NEWS

GOOD NEWS- Janet would like to “resurrect the “Singing Group” as a Church Choir. It is hoped to be up and “Singing” before Christmas- so If you are interested **Please give Janet a ring: 01298 687329**

Manifold Valley Bygones Group- based in Hartington Royal British Legion- December 14th

A “LIGHT-UP” on the Village Green will be held mid-afternoon to late evening, with stalls and carol singing. The village Christmas tree lights will also be switched on at 6pm. All welcome.

Christmas Trees in Hartington Village Hall Friday, 20th December 6pm; Saturday 21st 11-3pm

On the Friday evening:- Village Community night – there will be a wonderful display of 17 “theme decorated” Christmas Tree’s, which have been provided by the groups/businesses in the village - Carol Singing; Mince Pies; Mulled Wine; Christmas raffle, visit from Father Christmas, and a special Christmas presentation by the young people of Hartington. Please come and support this event which is for everyone, funds raised will be for the Village Hall

“Come a Carolling” – Yes it’s that time of year again! Come and join us at the village hall on FRIDAY 20th 6PM, collect a carol sheet and ready yourselves for a “ Winter Wander” around the village, a’ carolling as we go. Please bring a torch or lantern and wear “high vis” clothing. On our return to the village hall for mulled wine and mince pies we shall sing a little more. Please come along and bring the family. If you can’t make it for 6pm we will be back in the village hall around 7.15pm so please come and join us then

“Carols by Candle-light” – our candle-light service, led by Canon Martin Collins, will be at 6.30pm on Sunday 22nd December in St Giles Church. Everyone welcome

A BIG THANK YOU- to everyone who helped at the “Church Clean- Up Day”. Despite the weather a very determined and stalwart group of people turned out to help and make a difference to our church, especially the Vicar, who got the really mucky job of doing the gullies!! Next date- April 12th 2014. PS- Thank you Debbie for the photo’s of the team- the dirt does not show up too much! (they are on view in Church porch)

Christmas Eve Crib Service- 4pm in Church- Come and share in the wonderful story of Christmas. The start of “Christmas proper”- for all that want to share in that special birthday.

Thank You- A sincere thank you to our family and friends for the lovely cards and good wishes on out

sixtieth wedding anniversary

Gordon and Jean

Scouts Victorious at County Rampage – On Sunday September 28th at Drum Hill, Derby the following 4 boys represented Biggin and Hartington Scouts in this event- Sam Blackhurst, Jim Bunting, Chris and Dennis Maltby. This involved a range of activities including, mountain-biking, archery, canon race, fire-lighting and pioneer bridge building. Scout companies from all over Derbyshire enter teams (all of 6 scouts- except for These 4) and yet they scored the most points overall to be crowned winner- well done to them all and to the leaders, Alan, Colin and Jill for all their training and hard work

Harvest Festival- October 6th The church was so beautifully decorated and the children’s display this time was quite amazing and a source of admiration and wonder. The village business contributions were again outstanding and combined with the communities gifts, 41 beautiful boxes were created and displayed in the chancel. The service was well attended and the boxes distributed by the PCC on Monday. Several letters of thanks have been received from recipients. Liz Broomhead

L’Eroica- meeting October 17th Charles Cotton All the local businesses were invited to a presentation of this event by Derbyshire Dales and Peak Park at the Charles Cotton. This international cycle event will take place in the Derbyshire Dales for the first time in 2014- June 20-22nd. Hartington will be a major food stop and will bring many opportunities to the community both for the business and community. See these links to get more information - <https://vimeo.com/20622427> <https://vimeo.com/31077041> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcTV9FBHOIM>

L’Eroica- International Vintage Cycle race through Hartington June 20-22nd 2014 Following the presentations to local businesses in The Charles Cotton on 17th October, There will be a meeting for the Village Community and Businesses – 7pm on January 6th at the YHA. Invitations will be sent but all welcome

Defibrillator installed at the Charles Cotton Hotel- October 25th Through the kind donations of Mrs Mycock (Alstonfield), Parish Council and the BHF a defibrillator has now been installed at the reception, Charles Cotton Hotel. The Chair of the Parish Council, Mr David Annat, thanked all those involved:- Mrs Mycock, Mr Dave McIvor (East Midlands Ambulance Service-EMAS) who provided the training for the local community, Hartington Surgery, Mr John Dean and the Charles Cotton for agreeing to host the defibrillator and ensuring access 24/7. We are also grateful to Mr Trevor Wragg who has donated £100 towards the purchase of

replacement pads .There are several notices around the village signposting people to this life saving equipment. Please remember that if you need to access it RING 999 first to alert the Ambulance service who will send an ambulance out as well as talk you through the use of the equipment.

Liz Broomhead

“Last Night at the Proms” – Village Hall – November 8th –in aid of “Battleback”

What a night to remember for Remembrance weekend- an audience in good voice enjoyed an amazing programme of wonderful melodies played so brilliantly. Those who missed this evening really did miss a great occasion. A big thank you to Jen and Harold and their helpers from the British Legion for the provision of the bar, and the many people who donated raffle prizes, so many that they will be carried over to the 21st December. The generosity of those who attended raised a magnificent sum of £483. The fund- raising for this great cause will continue right though to the Candle-light Carol Service in the British Legion on December 21st.

Remembrance Draw- for a weekend in a holiday cottage in Anglesey. The fund raising for the Royal British Legion Battleback Centre, at Lilleshall, continues in the form of a sweepstake, which can be found at the legion club house. All you have to do is pop into the Club, part with £5 select a square and write your name/ contact details in it EASY! The draw will take place on Sunday 22nd December, after the candlelight Carols, where we shall also hold a fund raising raffle with some great prizes. Good Luck, please support, remember “they gave” and we can give something back by doing this. Thank You

Remembrance Service- November 10th This must rank amongst the best attended and conducted service for many years. The weather was perfect; the dignity of the ceremony was reflected in all who attended from every aspect of the community, young and old. Our thanks to all who made the event such a success, especially Geoff Goodwin with his moving contribution and Jen and Harold at the Royal British Legion.

Hartington School This term has been very busy with many exciting events for the children to enjoy and learn from. On 26th October the PTA, primarily Anne Stubbs, Linda Wright and Rachel Mellor organised an excellent Halloween Party which was enjoyed by all. The school continues to work closely with the Peak Park Ranger- Rose Clarke, by conducting 2 National Surveys; the Opal Tree Survey to identify Ash Trees in danger and the Climate Survey in conjunction with Biggin School. On Friday 15th November the children will be raising funds for “Children in Need”, where Mrs Rachel Mellor has volunteered to have Cream Pies thrown at

her for the sum of £1. I am sure you will be queuing up!! On November 28th the whole school will go to Chatsworth to present their own Nativity play. Again with Biggin school, on December 11th, they will be working with the Working spaces theatre and “Snow Queen”. On the 12th December, the Children will present their Nativity in Church at 6pm followed by a “Pea and Pie” supper at school. The pantomime at Buxton will be visited on the 18th with the wonderful Christmas lunch for governors and friends of the school on the 19th Stay and Play will be invited to join the children for the Christmas Party and visit from Father Christmas on the last day, December 20th

Tracy Blackwell

Hartington PTA-now called Parents, Teachers and Friends Association- PTFA – The AGM was held at the Devonshire Arms on November 13th. The elections were confirmed as Chair –Mrs Linda Wright, Vice Chair- Mrs Rachel Mellor, Secretary- Mrs Holly Blackwell and Treasurer –Mrs Kerry Wager. They are busy with plans for Children in Need as well as the Pea and Pie supper after the Nativity on December 12th.

Children in Need- 15th November Hartington School and the PTA put on a great day of activities to raise money for this cause. The hero of the day –Mrs Rachel Mellor- who received many Cream pies “in the face” –at a price- the cakes disappeared like”hot cakes” and the grand total of over a £100 was raised- Well done everyone

Village Trail- There has been some excellent feedback from the many visitors who have used the leaflets as well as taking reference from the panel by the pond. The first batch of 5,000 copies have now been used and a new order will be here by the end of November . Thank you to all the businesses who are promoting this project. Liz Broomhead

Countryside Alliance Award Hartington Post Office has been nominated for the above award. Sue will know at the end of February if she will in the final to be held at the House of Lords in April. Well done Sue- Watch this space for further news

Leader Project Sue, our post mistress, once again joined other people from small business' in our area for a visit to Finland to see how their business' were helped by the leader project in their country. We had a very full programme visiting lots of places, for example, a Flour Mill, Ice cream maker, Dairy Farm, a Stud Farm, which included a lunch of Horse Meat followed by Mare Milk Ice cream. We visited a school and a college to experience their education system which was very good. They provide free school meals throughout their educational programme, including FE and HE. We stayed on a rare breeds farm in a remote area and were joined by

a group from Sweden who we visited in April. It was a very interesting experience for all of us.

Sue Bruce

British Legion Events- for December and January

1st Dec: Quiz;

7th Dec: Darts & Dominoes - Open to everyone;

15th Dec: Christmas Bingo;

22nd Dec: Carols by Candlelight plus Christmas Draw

5th Jan: New Year Quiz

St Giles Church- Union Jack & St Georges Flag-

Some recent history- Sally Gullane (nee- Shirley) who many of the older residents of the village will remember, contacted me to share some memories she had of the flags which fly on our church on special occasions. In 1993 Mollie Glossop (nee Shirley) Sally's sister, purchased 2 flags to be flown on the tower of our Church. A Union Jack- in memory of her husband Councillor Fred Glossop, and the St Georges Flag in the memory of Sally's husband Luke Gullane – known as "Geordie". For 2 years, before his death, Mr Bob Woodruff (who was known as the Flag man) would be responsible for raising the flags on the appropriate dates. Sally was so pleased to see the Union Flag flying after the Remembrance weekend. Having spoken with Belle Kerr as the secretary of the PCC she was able to share more information. In 2006 Mrs Kerr with Mrs Mollatt commissioned a new St Georges Flag in memory of her 2 brothers who had died the year before. These were raised by Mr Des Gee.

Liz Broomhead

Village Hall News After many years of faithful service, Lesley Veit has retired from the Village Hall Committee. However, although no longer a Trustee, Lesley has kindly offered to remain as a volunteer to meet & greet hirers of the hall. On behalf of the Village Hall Committee & the village, I would like to thank Lesley, and Barry, for all their hardwork and dedication in ensuring the smooth running of the Village Hall.

Lesley's retirement brings a change in the make up of the Committee: Mick Parsons is now the Chairman;

Garry Booth has joined the committee as Treasurer; and Janet Bray is the Secretary. Also on the Committee is Ian Parsons (Trustee), Jack Webster (Trustee), Alan Grindey (Parish Council rep. - non Trustee) & Clare Morson (Booking Secretary - non Trustee).

In addition, Sue Bamber will be retiring as the Cleaner, as from 30th November 2013, after 5 years of keeping our hall spotless. We wish Sue all the best for the future. As yet, the role of Cleaner remains vacant.

As some of you may be aware, sadly Age UK had had to close their day service on Fridays in the hall. This was due to dwindling numbers of users. The remaining users are now attending the service in Bakewell.

A small group of volunteers have been looking at how to ensure that the Village Hall is sustainable and well used. Part of this has been to revamp our marketing and to consolidate current regular events & activities in the hall and to promote new ones. The Christmas Tree Festival & Carol Singing is one such event and we are hoping to offer films again in the Village Hall early in the new year - watch out for the posters. If you wish to hire the Village Hall, please contact Clare on Tel. 07517220972 or email nettletorfarm@btconnect.com

And finally, due to rising fuel & utilities costs, we have unfortunately had to increase our hire charges from January 2014. However, we still remain a competitively priced venue, especially for local hirers. Contact Clare or check the Village Hall notice board for details of the new charges.

Janet Bray

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BIGGIN NEWS

The parish of Hartington Nether Quarter is presently going through the process of trying to obtain a life-saving **Defibrillator** to be placed in Biggin. As part of the process, Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council is trying to establish a record of residents who have already been trained in the use of a defibrillator. If you reside in Biggin and have been trained to use a defibrillator please would you contact Mrs J Brindley on (01298) 84244 to provide details. Thank you Mrs S Hampson Clerk to Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council

Macmillan Coffee Morning Many, many thanks to everyone who helped us raise £390.70p for Macmillan at our Coffee Morning on September 27th. See you all again next year. Jen and Thelma

Harvest and Harvest Supper St Thomas was decorated beautifully for Harvest. The School children had their own service on the Friday and all their beautifully decorated boxes were arranged in front of the altar. Sunday Service followed then the Harvest Supper on the Tuesday. This was, as usual a great success with the sum of £488.50p being raised. Many thanks to all who contributed by making the

pies and providing cheese and biscuits etc and to the Waterloo Inn for providing the liquid refreshments.

D Brindley

Biggin School Harvest – Many thanks to all the school children for a super display in church and for our lovely basket of fruit and vegetables .

Jen and David Brindley

Carol Service The Church Carol Service will take place on Sunday 15th December at 2pm Mulled Wine and Mince pies will be served afterwards and we look forward to having a full house as usual

Biggin PCC

Biggin WI Several members attended the Autumn Group Meeting at Taddington, when the guest speaker for the evening was Dorothy Whittaker, the founder of the Valley CIDS Lighthouse Charity Shops, a Christian based Charity with 26 shops across the region and also the Salt Box Cafe in Swanwick. Set up 14 years ago to support young people, with dedicated people helping to run after school and breakfast clubs plus their latest project, a 48 acre farm. The charity goes from strength to strength. This was followed by a musical quiz and keyboard entertainment by Phil Heyworth. The speaker at our October meeting was talented wild life photographer, Ruth Downing. She showed us amazing and original photographs of all manner of domestic animals and birds of prey. The November meeting will be the AGM.

Jen Brindley

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Thelma Pegg (687150) or Debbie King (84709) PS. You don't need to be a churchgoer – just someone who cares....

Red frog Fashions Charity Fashion Show at Biggin village hall on Tuesday the 11th February 2014 from 7.00 pm. All funds raised will go to Women v Cancer. Entrance £3.00 per person and tickets can be purchased from Sandra on 84434.

Biggin FC-Would like to thank all the players and supporters for making our season another successful one. We won the Constellation Cup and finished 6th in the league. We held our presentation evening on November 1st; the prizes awarded were as follows: Most Man of the Matches- Stuart Frith; Most goals scored- jointly by Josh Critchlow and Steven Atkinson; Supporters Player- Paul Williams; Managers Player- Josh Critchlow; Clubman was Dan Thorpe; Players player was Paul Williams. WE all had an enjoyable evening at Bentley Brook a special thank you to Brian Coles for presenting the trophies and Matt Critchlow for the speeches. Training for the new season will begin in February, we always welcome new members to come and join us. For more information contact Kim or Chris on 01298 84642

Biggin Church- Parochial Church Council Appeal- Christmas is upon us, so please think of giving an extra gift to the village church to help with the expense of the running costs. With this News and Views you will find a Christmas Gift Card for your donation and message, perhaps of a family event- Wedding, Christening, Anniversary; thinking of someone or simply just you. May we suggest a gift of £2 or more? These cards can be handed to Kay (Main Street) or Rita (Drury Lane) or any other PCC member. You can also bring to the Carol Service on 15th December at 2pm. All cards will be displayed in Church over Christmas.

EARL STERNDALE NEWS

We now have the result of the **Flower Festival**, final total £1031.00, a balance sheet is now on the Church Notice Board, Thank You to late donations to the fund from Mrs A Campeau and Mrs D Naylor

The **Harvest Sale** produced £126.00 including donations from Mrs D Naylor and Mr H Hodgkinson.

By the time News and Views are out, it will be time for our **Christmas Market**, Friday, 29th November, in Church. 2.00pm till 5.30pm, with Table Tops available, Stalls of Homemade Goodies, Hand -made crafts, Christmas gifts, Tombola, Raffle and refreshments.

Bingo continues on the 1st Wednesday of each month and is going well, the next one will be on December 4th in Church at 7.30 p.m. Christmas Carol Service in Church on Tuesday December 17th.

We are again looking for help with the distribution of our News and Views, as Howard has now finished, our thanks to him over the last months.

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Date	Biggin	Earl Sterndale	Hartington	Readings
November 24 th Christ the King (Red / White)			10.00 am Holy Communion	Jeremiah 23 : 1 – 6 Luke 23 : 33 - 43
December 1 st Advent Sunday (Purple)	11.15 am Holy Communion	11.15 am Holy Communion	8.00 am 1662 Holy Communion	Isaiah 2 : 1 – 5 Matthew 24 : 36 - 44
December 8 th Advent 2 (Purple)			10.00 am Holy Communion	Isaiah 11 : 1 – 10 Matthew 3 : 1 - 12
December 15 th Advent 3 (Purple)	2.00 pm Carol Service	11.15 am Holy Communion	10.00 am Family Service	Isaiah 35 : 1 - 10 Matthew 11 : 2 - 11
December 22 nd Advent 4			6.30 pm Carol Service	Isaiah 7 : 10 – 16 Matthew 1 : 18 - end

(Purple)				
December 24 th Christmas Eve (White / Gold)			4.00 pm Crib Service 11.30 pm Midnight Mass	Isaiah 9 : 2 – 7 Luke 2 : 1 – 14 (15 – 20)
December 25 th Christmas Day (White / Gold)	11.15 am Christmas Service	11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Christmas service	Isaiah 52 : 7 – 10 John 1 : 1 - 14
December 29 th Christmas 1 (White)	10.00 am BENEFICE EUCHARIST	See Biggin	See Biggin	Isaiah 63 : 7 – 9 Matthew 2 : 13 - end
January 5 th The Epiphany (Gold / White)	11.15 am Holy Communion	11.15 am Holy Communion	8.00 am 1662 Holy Communion	1 st Epistle of John 3 : 22 - 4 : 6 Matthew 4 : 12 – 17; 23 - end
January 12 th The Baptism of Christ (White / Gold)			10.00 am Holy Communion	Isaiah 42 : 1 – 9 Matthew 3 : 13 - end
January 19 th Epiphany 2 (White)	11.15 am Morning Worship	11.15 am Holy Communion	10.00 am Family Service	Isaiah 49 : 1 – 7 John 1 : 29 - 42
January 26 th Epiphany 3 (White)			10.00 am Holy Communion	Isaiah 9 : 1 – 4 Matthew 4 : 12 - 23
February 2 nd The Presentation (Candlemas) (Gold / White)	11.15 am Holy Communion	11.15 am Holy Communion	8.00 am 1662 Holy Communion	Malachi 3 : 1 – 5 Luke 2 : 22 - 40

White Peak Group Registers

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