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High Peak Harriers

'**The High Peak Harriers**' was initially called 'High Peak House'. First indicated on an Ordnance Survey map of the area in 1841, it became well supported by nobility and gentlemen of the time and their association with the 'hunting' fraternity of around 1881. Becoming known as '**The High Peak**' it had a relatively short life for a public house even though '**The High Peak Hunt**' met there at least once per week and on occasion twice weekly either on Wednesday or Saturday. '**Boxing Day**' meet and '**New Year's Day**' meet being the highlight of the season.

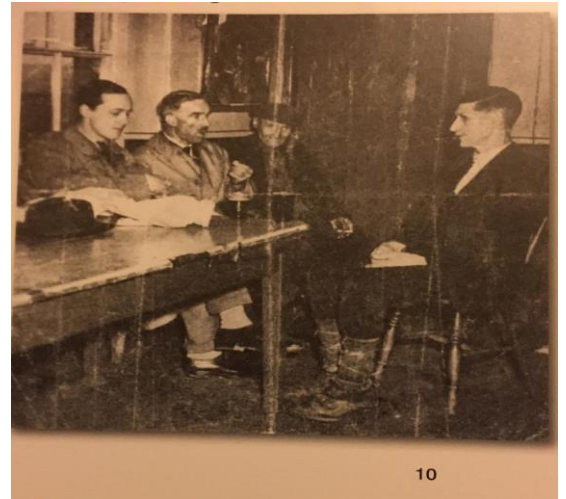
Locals can remember the riders, horses and hounds gathering half an hour before departure. It was at this time that the '**stirrup-cup**' (or 'parting-cup') was given to guests as they were leaving and had their feet in the stirrups (the term described the 'cup' that the drink was served in). Port, Sherry or Mulled-wine was the traditional drink served often accompanied by a light snack.

Hunting country lies between Bakewell, Buxton and Ashbourne in the Peak District. It is predominantly 'stone-wall and grass country' with old turf generally more than 1000 feet above sea level.

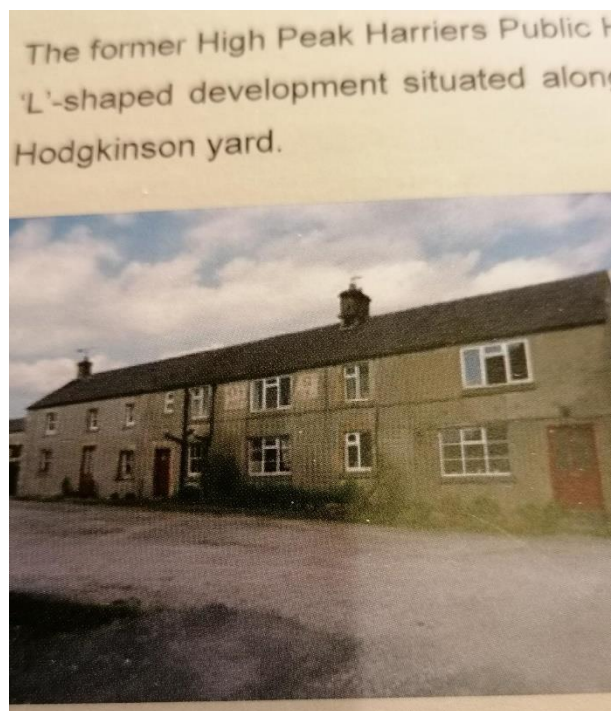
The High Peak Hunt was established in 1848 by Mr. Thornhill of Stanton-in-the-Peak. The pack was bred entirely on 'stud-book harriers' and feature predominantly at 'The Great Yorkshire Show', Honiton. 'Hills Cromford Brewery Company Limited' was listed as being the brewery supplying the inn. It was founded in c1825 at the "Greyhound" (or Black Greyhound"), Market Place, Cromford. Developed by the Higgott family it was an extension of their 'maltings' operations and Matthew Hill delivered, via Shire Horse and dray, to outlying taverns within the area including 'Duke of York', Elton; 'Jug & Glass' along with nine other local Inns; all of whom were also associated with the hunting fraternity. Activities were recorded until 1886 when the brewery was acquired by **Offillers' Brewery Limited** in 1914 and was closed in 1966. Almost directly in front of the **High Peak Harriers** was nestled **Woodbine Cottage**. It was the home of many and in the early 1950's Mr. Isaac Sherratt and his wife were in residence.

The 1st Carnival in Biggin was on 31st August, 1935 and it was here that the 'Float' was decorated prior to the procession throughout the village. Over the years Isaac and his wife made many thousands of paper roses on the run-up to the event and all vehicles involved throughout the day would be decorated here at **The High Peak**.

For many years of its life **the High Peak Harriers** had an 'Offiller's Nut Brown Ales' (painted) sign emblazoned along the upper frontage of the property. But during alterations being made during the late 1950's to living/office accommodation by the new owner, Derrick Barlow, part of the sign became obliterated by a window. It became a topic of conversation for the duration of its life before being removed totally during more recent lengthy renovations.



In the late 1800's and early 1900's 'The Marques of Hartington', the then Duke of Devonshire, was a frequent visitor to the village of Biggin. He would often call in the 'High Peak Harriers' either as part of a hunting party



or as a member of a particular parliamentary representative. On one occasion in 1944, he was pictured taking ale and cheese with his campaign manager (Mr. P. Bosely) having a discussion with the then landlord (Mr W Webster). Lord Hartington became a Member of Parliament in his early 20's and rose to be Financial Secretary to the Treasury until Balfour lost election in 1905. He was succeeded by the 9th Duke of Devonshire in 1908.

Little is known of licensees of **The High Peak**, but William and Hannah Webster were there in the 1940's. They were the Grandparents of Derrick Barlow who eventually became owner of the site. Having lost his wife Hannah, William remained until his death on 7.1.51 aged 72. The last landlord, Reg Currington took over. Reg was not in residence long, in the summer of 1954 he took over the tenancy 'The Waterloo Inn'. Thereafter '**The High Peak**' closed its doors to trade before becoming a haulage depot of the firm **Barlow & Hodgkinson**.

This is an extract from the research done by Mrs Joan Bonsall. The full article can be found by visiting: <https://bit.ly/3fPdLfV>

Vicar Letter

Hope and the future. Lyricist Linda Creed wrote "I believe the children are our future, teach them well and let them lead the way". She was facing a tough personal battle with serious illness. The lyrics reflected her need to find inner strength and pass that on to her own children, as a legacy they could take into their adult lives.

It's a powerful sentiment. Especially now, when we are Covid-19 fatigued and so much of life still feels out of kilter. Nevertheless, it's important that we continue to embrace our role in teaching and supporting our children: as parents, grandparents and extended Church and village families.

Amidst all the uncertainties of recent months, it's a great positive that our society is learning a new respect for the key people in our daily lives: the farmers, the drivers, the shop workers, the care workers and our NHS staff. And let's not forget our fabulous teachers and their superb support staff. They've faced unique challenges throughout lockdown. Paddling furiously through uncharted waters to keep everything going to educate our children, embracing distance learning and new tech. Not to mention their dedication in marking and grading work, feeding back to students, safeguarding and quietly supporting and encouraging our young people.

I know we are still enjoying summer, but, as we get closer to the familiar back-to-school smell and feel of autumn, let's hope and pray we can take up some of our lost continuity. The rhythms of a more familiar life. After six months, our ultra-resilient, brilliant and amazing children literally can't wait to get back and see their teachers, their friends, their nurseries, schools and colleges. Our fabulous teachers are ready and waiting to teach our children again.

We, too, have a role in teaching our children as they journey to adulthood. And, when we need help in our endeavor's, it's worth remembering Jeremiah's words: "in the uncertainty of life, give thanks that God has good plans for your children. He will give them a hope and a future" [Jeremiah 29:11]. Stay safe. Elizabeth Cook, Governor at Earl Sterndale C of E Primary School.

Hartington Surgery update- Whilst Covid-19 restrictions, and precautionary measures, continue in accordance with Government Guidance, the Practice is now planning for the delivery of the seasonal flu vaccinations. The national annual seasonal flu campaign has been expanded this year to ensure more people are vaccinated against flu (influenza). This aims to ensure that more people are protected from the flu virus and to protect the NHS during the current pandemic. In addition to people aged 65 and over and those with certain chronic illness, this year, household contacts of those on the NHS shielded list, children of school year 7 age,

some health and social care workers and people aged 50 to 64 years will also be eligible for a free flu vaccination. Those at the highest risk of complications, if they contracted seasonal flu, will be included in the first cohort for vaccination followed by those aged 50 – 64, later in the year.

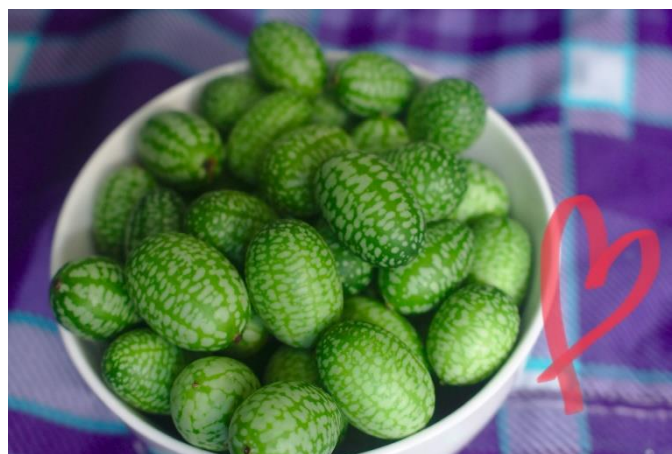
The practice HIGHLY recommends that if you are invited for a flu vaccination that you make an appointment to attend to protect both yourself and those around you. If you are not eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination you may be able to arrange a private vaccination, from an external retailer, at a cost. Hartington Surgery is proud to report that it exceeded all National and Regional targets for flu vaccination uptake during the period 2019/20 and demonstrated the highest, all round, performance within the locality. Julie Coles Practice Manager

Tales of the field - Village life continues to plod along to its own beat, its lovely to see local businesses are back to encouraging visitors again and furloughed staff are slowly returning to work. It feels like the world is cautiously waking up, it's difficult to ignore the sadness and disruption the global pandemic continues to cause, but amidst all this I've had a personal "covid light bulb revelation!"

I've discovered I can actually work from home very effectively. It suits my role as a counsellor perfectly, I am more relaxed without the hours commute to the office and I'm delighted I no longer contribute to the rush hour pollution and sky high stress levels of everyone trying to get home. I now speak to clients via the Internet from my kitchen or by phone sat in a quiet corner of my garden overlooking the fields, creating a much calmer work environment and I am very reluctant to return to office based working. it's actually made me totally rethink my previously structured Monday to Friday workday and make drastic changes. Working from home has allowed me to offer evenings and weekend appointments, something I would never do if I had to be in the office, enabling me to have mornings off to hang out with my chickens, walk the dog and generally aimlessly potter about. Also growing far too much salad and veg. whilst offering key workers or those working during the daytime the option of out of hours appointments.

Hardly rocket science I hear you mutter but I hadn't considered jumping the Monday to Friday ship before the lockdown made me leave the office. Maybe this split home /office workday is a healthier future for us and the environment.

Covid has brought many negatives but for me this change in my workday environment and hours has been a very positive one, and one I shall be hanging onto long after the office has reopened. When we take time to reflect back on the impact the pandemic has had on our own lives, I do hope we have all found a few positives, whether it's remembering how much we like long chats with friends; that new hobby you tried and now love or you've just slowed down enough to appreciate the small things. Or maybe like me you've restructured your entire working week and have discovered growing something called a cuca-melon is the most exciting thing ever.



Hartington News

Church services in St Giles Church. Our beautiful church, after several weeks of being closed due to Covid 19, has re - opened for a regular Sunday service. It is also open between 2.00pm and 5.00pm, on Wednesdays, for private prayer and visitors, when it will be manned by church volunteers, my thanks to them for their help. In these different and difficult times we are, for the moment, planning services very cautiously, month to month. I very much hope we shall continue to be able to provide a regular Sunday

service, please check local notices/ social media, to see.

Most people will I know, be aware that we are without Vicar at this time, within our White Peak Group benefice. This can be a bit challenging, but we have been here before, come through it intact and will again. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parishioners and the wider village, for their support as we go through this time of vacancy. At the time of writing, we are unable to say how long this period will

last, all we can say is that it is under review. Please be assured that when there is something to share with you, we will do so, appointing clergy to new posts never happens rapidly! Until that time may we ask, if you feel able to do so, that you pray for our lovely church and for the many of us who are keeping our services going and providing a warm welcome to all.

It is great to be back, even the many regulations have not dimmed that pleasure! We hope very much that the Blessing of the Wells service on the 12th September, and our Harvest Festival, planned for 4th October, will take place. Please put the dates in your dairies. Let us keep on hoping, planning and looking on the bright side, together. Sarah Lacey. Sec to St Giles Church P.C.C.

Informal Flora flower arranging classes. Linda and I are planning on starting up the new classes on Wednesday, September 23rd 1- 3pm as usual, in the Village Hall. Please be prepared to be socially distanced, wear a mask and willing to follow all the necessary regulations that are in place, to keep us all safe. Also bring your own drinks with you, as sadly, we are unable to provide refreshments yet. The classes are £10 a session, per person. For the first session, Linda and I ask that you bring a basket with you, if you have one. If not, don't worry, Linda will bring some with her, that you can purchase at £4 a basket. Please let one of us know if you are attending the class. Linda - 07757844977, Sarah - 01298 84319. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Hartington Village Hall to re-open: by the start of September we will be able to re-open. We have carried out a thorough risk assessment using guidance provided by Rural Action Derbyshire and have taken steps to ensure the safety and well being of members of our community. The steps we have taken and implications for hirers can be seen at <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/covid-19/> At the time of writing we expect activities such as Pilates, Badminton, History Group, flower arranging, Parish Council meetings and some activities relating to our Rural Social Group to start again in September.

Bookings can be made as usual on <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking-form/> or by contacting Leon or Liz. Hopefully, we can see the gradual return of HYPAC, Scouts, a new Cubs group, the Wednesday Dance Club, our Singing Group and monthly Antique Fairs over the Autumn. Social distancing will need to be adhered to and we will be limiting use of the Upper Bakehouse for a time because of its size. Access to the kitchen will be

limited to a small number of our volunteers but given the size of the Hall we expect Hall users to face few concerns. Face masks can, of course, be worn but are not mandatory. Encouragingly we are currently discussing four wedding receptions being held in the Hall during 2021. All our volunteers connected with the Hall are so looking forward to welcoming you back.

Hartington Village Hall Roof Update: weather permitting we are on course to complete the re-roof of the Main Hall by late August. We had a set back when the asbestos tiles were stripped to reveal that the ceiling boards and some purlins had been badly affected by water leakage and woodworm. We took the decision to commit our 'Business Interruption' grant of £10K towards the extra work needed as the total cost will be in the region of £43,000. The new ceiling is tongue and groove redwood and certainly radically improves the internal appearance. With the roof being insulated we will benefit from reduced heating bills while ensuring a warmer, more welcoming environment.

We are grateful for the financial support from SW Peak Partnership, The Duke of Devonshire's Foundation, The Bingham Trust and the Alstonfield Leaden Boot Challenge as well as the £13,000 raised through community initiatives such as our 2019/20 lottery. We look forward to welcoming members of the community back to our Hall at the start of September.

Hartington Village Hall Lottery 2020/21 Update: we remain committed to replacing the ancient heating system for the Hall despite the additional costs of the new roof. As a result of a grant for £1000 from Hartington Community Group together with £2500 from Rob Tenty's 'Boiler Bash' we have the start of a match fund to hunt for potential grants. In September we will make the first of 12 monthly draws from our 2020/21 lottery, all profits of which will be devoted to a new heating system. £1800 will be available in prizes, £100 per month with December's being £500 and August being £300.

The likely cost of the heating system, including removal of asbestos panels and flue, will be £24,000 so please consider joining our community lottery if you have not already done so. Details and an application form are on <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/lottery/>, or get a form from the Post Office or ask one of the Management Group for a copy. Our Hall, owned by the community and managed by representatives of our village, is benefitting from an

investment of £43K in a new insulated roof, has seen a new LED lighting system installed, and has been extensively redecorated by volunteers in the past 2 years. For it to move forward further we need the support of our entire community – take part in one of the diverse activities and clubs that will be held in 2020/21 and do consider supporting the lottery.

Lesley Veit- The tremendous contribution which Lesley made to Hartington Village hall has been acknowledged by a plaque alongside the one for Jenny Scurfield on the hall near the rose tree. Hartington Community Group was delighted to support this.

Wells Dressing. The dressing of the Well begins Monday 7th September in the Village Hall from 10.30. This usually takes us though to Friday so if you have any spare time and would like to be creative it would be great to see you. We will have to adhere to the Covid rules so we may have to have a rota system but don't let that put you off there is so much to do. Lucy Annat .

Hartington Town Quarter- VE Commemoration Mugs for the children (u16) in the parish- It was not possible to distribute these on May 8th therefore it was decided to give them to all the children of our Primary School as well as their siblings, The remaining mugs have been distributed to the children who are 16years of age.

Rural Social Group (RSG) – restart and new activities- the first session since February was held on Tuesday August 25th. A full report will be available in the edition as this one will have gone to print on the 24th. When members were asked if they would like to return the response was a resounding “yes please”. We want to discuss the next steps for RSG- the “What-When -How”; promote a “book swap opportunity” on 07791 337323 or Rebekah Dicken by email: bekdicken@gmail.com., involve different activities such as table tennis, indoor bowls.

We still hope to continue with outside presenters, when the time is right. The cake, tea and coffee will be still be of the highest quality and the company excellent. We do hope, over the coming months, we will be able to continue and welcome old and new members to these relaxed and friendly session. If you would like any further information please contact either Liz 687263 or Keith 687384.

Hartington Community Group (HCG) - We certainly haven't been inactive over the past few months; thank you to all the members who have responded in so many ways sometimes wearing

different hats – Village Hall, PCC, Parish Council. We have supported financially the village hall in both its gradual return to re-opening as well as a £1000 from the funds raised through the sale of the John Bob Sherratt diary “A Village Life”. Tackling the litter problem in the village alongside the Parish Council, John- the ideas man – with his novel way of raising funds from our visitors at the pump and much more!

The date of the next meeting is planned for September 30th -village hall- time to be confirmed. The Key agenda items will be Harvest Festival and food bank- it is unlikely we will be able to hold a Harvest supper but if we can I will be in touch. “Battleback Concert” with Warslow Band- again if able to hold; Lantern Making and Advent windows- Helen and Stuart both have plans in mind; support of Village Hall fund raising and Open Gardens 2021. We do have a membership of 20 groups; HCG is there to support all the community so if you would like to attend please do so. Liz B – Chair

Hartington C of E Primary School- The Governing body of our school would formally like to acknowledge the dedication and quality of support which the whole Staff have given to our children and their Families during these past few difficult months. It was heart warming to see how happy the children were to come back to school, be with their friends, engage again with the quality learning environment, routines and opportunities to grow and develop both physically and mentally. We want to support the staff of this school as they prepare for the children's return in September, a top priority will be the mental health and wellbeing of the pupils. They have already been in school to plan the delivery of the new recovery curriculum as well how they will do the school well dressing, engage again with the Parish Council to address the litter issues of the village, deliver a “different look” Macmillan Coffee morning which will be in memory of Mrs Bel Kerr and much more.

The staff and governors look forward to the time when we can safely welcome our community back into school, we hope that it will not be too far in the future.

At the end of the term in July – the children were unable to do their usual leavers assembly, however they produced two amazing videos, one a “Goodbye” from KS1 and the other a topical role play of Covid 19 and the impact it has had on their school life. Their characterisation of politicians as well as the staff was something to be seen to be believed. Parents and Governors have been able to access and view these on the school website; perhaps when the community has

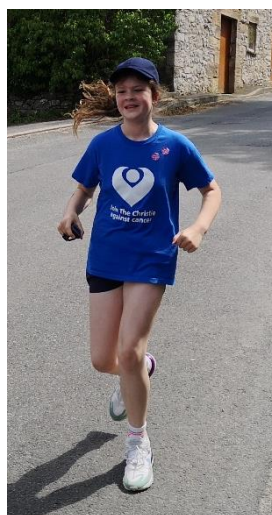
access to the school again we will be able to show a wider audience.

Best wishes to the 5 Year 6 leavers as they progress to their secondary schools- we will miss them and hope that they enjoy their new schools as much as they did at Hartington. Liz Broomhead and Alison Ivins- Co Chairs of Governor Body

Hartington School PTA Number Run- It is with regret, after 17 years, we have decided to stop running the Number Run. We started this fund raising idea on the 24th May 2003 and have gone from having 60 + members to 15. It is felt that it is no longer viable with such few members to carry on. The PTA would like to thank the many members that over the years have come and gone for their magnificent support.

Over the years we have raised nearly £15,000 for the PTA and paid out around £20,000 to 204 lucky winners. This has been a tremendous fundraiser and one, which not only parents of pupils supported, but members of the wider community. The PTA, past and present committee, would like to thank everyone for their continued support over the many years and hope that you will continue to support the school and PTA in the future. Anna Wardle- Chairperson – PTA. This is an extract of a letter that will be sent out to parents and supporters at the start of the school year. Anyone who has paid past July will be reimbursed. If they haven't paid up to and including July they will need to, as the final winner will require to be paid their winnings.

Sophia's Fund Raising Runs- During lockdown I saw on television that people with Cancer are at risk of getting COVID-19 and vulnerable to becoming particularly poorly. I wanted to raise some money to help cancer patients get the treatment they need. I chose "The Christie" because lots of local people have to travel to Manchester to get treatment and I wanted to help people to have treatments more locally. When I was doing the 50 runs in 50 days it made me feel happy because I have always wanted to help people. However, there were some days when it was very difficult, mainly when it was very hot weather or if I had pulled a muscle. I liked timing myself to see if I was getting any faster and I did get faster. My first mile was just over 21minutes, my last mile was just over 10minutes!



I had three main routes which I ran; down the gated road, up and around the cheese factory and out past the school and the farm shop. I also ran on the local trails and on a few different routes if I was out for the day. On my final run I had no idea that there would be so many people clapping me along the route, it was amazing. I was really shocked when I ran into the village and saw everyone and even more

shocked when I was presented with a certificate from the village.

I was super happy with the money raised because I know that it is going to such a good cause. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the people that have sponsored me and all the messages and comments on social media which had a great impact on my days of running. With Gift Aid the current total is over £3200. Thank you everyone for all your support, from Sophia. More details can be seen on <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sophia-webley>



Hartington Virtual Open Gardens 2020

Starting on April 1st the Hartington Virtual Open Gardens ran for an incredible 100 days of photos of gardens from all corners of the village. From small gardens to large gardens, pots of flowers, planters and hanging baskets to vegetable plots and even the inclusion of pets and wildlife along the way. In total almost 60 different gardens featured giving villagers a chance to bring a bit of colour, a smile to faces and pleasure to many, in the village and beyond, over the ensuing lockdown. In total over 400 photos, and 1 video (Thank you George and Shirley) were posted during the initial 100 days and it is hoped that, at a community event in the village hall sometime soon these can be displayed. Since early July Hartington Virtual Open Gardens has gone to a weekly review posted every Friday at 9.00am and photos can still be submitted for inclusion to hartingtongardens@btinternet.com Having had to visit gardens virtually during the 2020 lockdown has

prompted discussions about a return of the real Hartington Open Gardens in 2021- See next item

VIRTUAL TO REALITY During the last few months we have enjoyed the photographs of a variety of gardens in and around the village. A massive vote of thanks to all those who submitted photographs and to Stuart Hitch for his hard work in getting them posted to the website for our enjoyment. Now is the time to turn Virtual to Reality. Back in 2018 the Village held a Hartington Hidden Gardens Event, the proceeds of which became the “Seed” capital for the funding of a new roof at the Village Hall. The replacement of the new roof should be very near completion by the time you read this. The next task is to replace the ancient boiler and heating system and in order to raise funds it is planned to hold a Hidden Gardens Event during 2021. Rather than a one day event it is being considered to make it a two day event. Along with suitable entertainment for those of you who remember the Red Barrows.

Previously we had some twenty plus gardens open which made it difficult for visitors to view them all in the allotted time available. We are hoping for a similar number of gardens next year; some could choose to open both days or just one day. Several properties can be viewed over the garden wall or from the roadside. A date for this event has still to be decided but this needs to be decided very shortly, in order to get the date into a website that publishes Garden Events nationally. Currently, there are no villages on the site with dates for 2021 anywhere in Derbyshire. It would be great to be the first! In the next few weeks Garden owners will be asked to fill out short questionnaire to indicate their willingness to participate in this event or help in other ways. Please give consideration to opening your garden for this event ... Let's get a new efficient boiler and heating system as soon as we can.

Advent Windows 2020- The first Hartington Advent Windows, throughout December 2019, was well received even appearing in Derbyshire Life. With the longest day well behind us it is time to start to plan for Hartington Advent Windows 2020. The theme this year will be **“Christmas in the Countryside”** and will run **from December 1st to 24th inclusive, with windows on display until 1st January 2021.**

Further details and an application for will be in the next edition of News and Views with a **deadline for applications of 5.00pm on Sunday 8th November.**

Jug and Glass- Open every day from 12 noon- Food available from 12 till 8pm everyday. Booking advisable.

Parish Council News-

LITTER The extra volume continues to be appalling but Derbyshire Dales District Council will take NO action due to budget constraints. That means NO MORE BINS and ONE collection on a Thursday. The Village Hall have very kindly agreed we can use the village hall bin over the summer period (when their activity is low) and the Parish Council will meet the costs of the extra collections. A team of litter pickers and additional plastic bags are being used to alleviate the problem. If businesses can get people to put take-away rubbish in their own commercial bins – so much the better.

THE POND We intend to deal with the level of silt. The biggest problem is the fish which need to be removed before we can drain the silt and replenish the water. We are seeking advice on how to catch them and to put them somewhere else. They are not natural to our pond. We will hope to commence once silage and haymaking are over. PS we are grateful for the barley straw bags supplied by a resident which see to keep the water free from green Algae.

THE STANNER We have weeded the area and will use a digger to remove the silt and growth at the base. We have notified County Council that the tarmac around the Stanner is in a poor state, dangerous and needs repairing.

PARKING This is a historical problem. We have no control over parking and it is Derbyshire County Council's responsibility for enforcing parking restrictions but there seems little deterrent to parking on the yellow lines. Any double parking in the centre are police responsibility if it is causing an obstruction. We have informed our local police liaison officer who informs us individuals must dial 101 to report specific problems. We currently have an application underway with County Council Highways to put double yellow lines at the end of the pond, on the brow of Hall Bank and on the bend opposite the Charles Cotton.

PIZZA TRAILER OUTSIDE DEVONSHIRE We have notified both DDDC street licencing authority and Peak Park about complaints that is an eyesore outside a listed building and on a public highway.

BURIAL GROUND We have created a new garden of remembrance with over 60 spaces, weeded the

existing areas, levelled the whole burial ground and installed new wider pathways.

FACTORY SITE We are all suffering from the noise particularly from the machines. All the relevant authorities have been notified and a site meeting has taken place which will hopefully lead to a reduction in noise. The first house is now sold and the site for

the very large house (Plot 1) which is in different ownership is now of the market for £500,000. Any purchaser will have to return a large part of this plot to green field. A series of changes to the buildings and layout have been approved by the Peak Park Planning Committee despite our objections. The site is however still restricted to 26 homes in total.

Biggin News

St Thomas's Church is currently open between 10am and 4pm on a Wednesday and Sunday for private prayer. We are keeping a close eye on Covid-19 developments and will update the parish depending upon the situation. Social distancing means that we can fit very few people into the church. We already know that the annual harvest supper will not take place this year as the village hall can only accommodate 30 people at the moment. The PCC and the people who work so hard every year to make the supper a success are very sad it won't be happening and know that many of you will miss the annual pie and pea supper. We are working on some alternatives which we will let you know about as soon as we've got everything planned - keep an eye on the notice boards around the village and the St Thomas's Facebook page for further updates.

It is unlikely that the Harvest Festival Service will follow its usual format. Realistically we expect that the annual Remembrance Sunday service will take a shorter form and be based entirely around the war memorial. We will be working with the Parish Council to decide how to best keep everyone who attends safe. We would like to think that by December everything would be back to normal but unless there is a sudden development with a vaccine we think that the candle lit carol service and nativity which we all enjoyed will have to take a different format to last year. We hope and pray that 2021 will see the church year provide opportunities for the village to rejoice together.

Village Hall - The Hall has been used twice for meetings since March. These were held under the strict distancing and sanitizing conditions as required in the current crisis. Other than that, the hall has been 'dark'. We can open up for meeting of up to about 20 people but not for general lettings due to restricted circulation areas. There will be another Parish Council meeting in the main hall in September. Hopefully the restriction on live performances will be lifted soon and we should be able to something on for

select audiences to resume some semblance of normality.

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council if you have recently passed Heathcote Mere, you may have noticed a large piece of limestone which has been kindly donated by Longcliffe Quarries. The stone has been re-positioned recently to enable it to be used as the mount for a large colourful plaque, illustrated by local resident, Jennie Gill, which depicts some of the Mere's history and information about the wildlife surrounding it. Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council hopes to arrange completion of this project, sometime this year, subject to the restraints of Covid-19. This beauty spot is popular with visitors, and locals alike, providing a tranquil seating area to take in the sights, sounds and smells of this traditional watering hole set in our scenic Peak District. The Parish Council encourages wildlife and is responsible for maintaining, and mowing, the area and strongly discourages parking vehicles upon the grass area and littering.

Biggin WI- We have not been able to meet since our last meeting in March. Hopefully we will be able to meet in September if we can set the social distancing rules and follow government guidelines for groups. We will be in touch with all our members to see what they would like to do shortly. Sandra

Memories of Biggin WI- The first meetings of the WI (we think in the late 1920's) were held once a month in the old Village Hall. One of the earliest Presidents was Mrs West from Friden (they owned Friden Brickworks). In 1933 the royal Show was held in Derby and a competition entry for a hand sewn "Derbyshire" sun bonnet was won by a member of Biggin WI (information from WI Headquarters Derby). It would be lovely to know who this was- a thought was it was Mrs Naylor?- do you know? A happy memory of this time (we think 1950's) was when Miss Mary Watson from the Smithy, to everyone's surprise, won a WI Federation competition about shopping in a store; Mary had never travelled far and knew very little about

shopping. The Prize was a holiday in Germany, this was to be a new and slightly scary experience for Mary as her life had been spent looking after her brothers and sisters at the working Blacksmiths Smithy. After some considerable thought and concern about travelling abroad, two good neighbours, Mrs Riley and her daughter Betty, agreed to book a holiday and travel with her.



The picture here shows them sat in the restaurant of the Hotel Hohn Rudesheim, Miss Mary Watson on the left with Mrs Riley in the centre. The WI closed many years later, then the present WI opened again, in 1984, when Irene Thomason and her husband came to the Waterloo Inn and is still going strong 36 years later

Biggin C of E Primary School - I hope everyone is managing to enjoy a good summer, despite the difficulties this year has presented us with. At school we welcomed the majority of children back for the end of the term and really benefitted from learning together again. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces. Our gorgeous Year 6 children had a very good send off to High School for the next stage of their adventure. We are all very grateful to Mrs Mansfield for making amazing leavers' videos and coordinating a presentation evening by zoom for all the Year 6 families and staff. We will miss this talented group of young people who have always been a joy to work with and we know their futures are bright. We look forward to seeing them thrive in Year 7 and hearing about all their exploits soon. We also said goodbye to Mrs

Eaton as Reception and Key Stage 1 teacher. This was a bitter sweet moment for us as Mrs Eaton will be very much missed and has contributed massively to the school over her very long and dedicated service here. However, we know an active and exciting retirement awaits and we all wish her every happiness. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, our celebration of her outstanding career had to be a little smaller than we would have liked. We are planning to hold an afternoon tea party for everyone who has worked with or been taught by Mrs Eaton as soon as we can – watch this space for details.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our children including our lovely new reception intake back to school for the Autumn term. Routines may be a little different but we plan to have just as exciting and fun approach to our learning as usual. We have taken the opportunity to move classrooms and have lovely new environments for both key stage rooms. We're planning for a good range of afterschool clubs and some exciting community projects such as an art project for St Thomas' Parish Church. Please contact school if you are interested in having a look around school. Here in advance are details of our Harvest Service to be held outdoors at school on Friday, 23rd October 2020 at 9.00am. We would like to invite anyone from the community who would like to come but would ask if you could let us know beforehand. Please ring school (01298 84279) if you plan to come along.

Waterloo Inn Welcome to all our customers old and new. We have had a very busy month with the nice weather and the government scheme for discount meals Monday-Wednesday, which ends at the end of August. Please can we remind people that booking is necessary due to the restrictions on how many people are allowed in the pub at one time. We do not like to disappoint people but we have to follow the guidelines set out at the moment. As always we would like to thank all our customers for their support since opening again. Hopefully we will be able to have live music in the pub again in the near future. Debs, Steve, Jack and Stevie

Earl Sterndale News

Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council met on 13th July in covid-19 safe conditions, the first time since 9th March. Thank you to Mr and Mrs D. Holland for their hospitality. Amongst items discussed were ongoing support for Pomeroy

Memorial Village Hall, the adoption of the red phone box in the village, and the mowing of the recreation ground and churchyard.

The Methodist Chapel are planning to celebrate harvest and re-opening of the chapel with a scarecrow tableau on the theme of harvest on 27th September,

more details will follow. Offers of help please to chapel members.

The Pomeroy Trust (Pomeroy War Memorial Hall) Since we started meeting again in July, we have had one committee meeting and we attended a workshop with Greenwood Projects/Fit for Funding at The Duke of York, Pomeroy. This was to assess the future of the hall and potential uses for it. We have one new committee member, Rebekah Dicken, and we have assigned roles to all committee members. We are progressing well with behind the scenes activity: land registry, insurance, charity status and a feasibility study including research on highways and utilities. We have also adopted the name "The Pomeroy Trust" which incorporates Pomeroy War Memorial Hall, the adjacent recreation ground and the original Pomeroy War Memorial Hall Fund.

We would like to thank Hartington Middle Quarter Parish Council for their support and a generous donation towards the insurance which is much appreciated. Thank you to Derbyshire County Council for an Action Grant of £425 and David Chapman at Derbyshire Dales District Council for £600 from the Local Project Fund. Also, many thanks to committee

members who have been working hard through lockdown repairing walls, removing bushes and doing whatever could be done in these difficult times. We are now considering uses for the hall's recreation ground as well.

NEW Pomeroy War Memorial Hall Committee are starting a 100 club. This lottery scheme will contribute towards the up-keep of and progress with the hall and you could win a prize! Numbers will be drawn on the last day of every month starting from September 30th and costs just £12 a year per number. If you're interested in joining the 100 club, please contact Jenny Cooper on 07791 337323 or Rebekah Dicken by email: bekdicken@gmail.com. Money can be paid via cheque to "The Pomeroy Trust" or by bank transfer to The Pomeroy Trust, account number: 92302254, sort code 60-04-18, with the reference "100 Club."

For any other information about Pomeroy War Memorial Hall please see our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall> or email: pomeroywmh@talktalk.net



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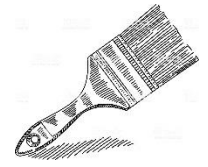
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