

News And Views



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Dauphin Antiques, previously Post Office, General Stores, Café and housing of lodgers

We begin our story with a mystery; over the doorway on the stonework is painted a sign – E. A. PERCIVAL Grocer and Tobacconist- The sign would have been created in or around 1890 with the shop belonging to Ann Elizabeth Percival. From



the 1891 census, Elizabeth Percival is listed however Ann Elizabeth Percival is listed in the trade advert details for that year as a shopkeeper

The first photograph we have depicts the building with a fuel pump, phone box and a sign over the door – CAFÉ. Adverts on the wall for TUROG - (Turog flour was sold to local bakeries, who baked brown bread with it and then sold and

advertised the **Turog** brand. Up until the 1960's **Turog** competed with Hovis as the leading "Healthy Loaf". This large wooden sign would have hung outside a small local Bakery, around the 1940's and 1950's.) Phone boxes nationwide started in the 1920's. Any ideas on the dates of the 2 vehicles shown in the photograph? -the one on the left maybe an early 1930's Ford AA.

During the war years and through to the mid 60's, Mr Arthur Tress with his wife, Anna, and their 2 children, Peter and Pauline, lived here as a shop, Post Office and Café, they also took in lodgers. It is thought that Mrs Williams, Anna's mother, may have lived here prior to this. Miss May Bunting began her long career in Hartington's postal service here alongside the Tress family. The post office was a small cubicle in the central part of the room with the café area to the right. The tables were covered with check design heavy duty plastic tablecloths.



The postal service during and after WW2 was very much "in house". The post bags were collected from Hartington Station having arrived by train from Buxton, by Mr Tom Kavanagh, having walked there and back with his little dog. On his return the post was sorted by his brother Bob and Daisy Broomhead from Arbour Head. Daisy would deliver on foot to the village, Bob to Biggin and Tom would have the mammoth task of walking, via Newhaven, and Friden to Alsop Moor and back. Deliveries were done everyday except Christmas Day.

During the late 50's and into the 60's, we can see some changes- the Telephone Box has gone, to the left of the door is a small "window hatch" from which Ice Cream was served. To the left of the building is Grove Cottage; Mr Brindley with his wife Bet lived here- the extension at the front was let to National Bank Ltd. once a week. A solicitor, Mr Hill, from Ashbourne would also attend on Fridays, having his lunch in the tap room of the Devonshire Arms. You can see a milk churn close to the gate which led to the yard and shippen where five Jersey cows and one Guernsey were milked by Walter Holloway.

Around 1964/5 the post office, with May Bunting, moved to her home – “Ivy Dene” at the bottom of Hyde Lane. Mr and Mrs Mcleans took over the business and named it Café and Grill. Mr Alistair Sears with his family wife Maureen and two sons moved in on September 15th 1971. Bessie Blackburn from Bank House would work here along with Mrs Lansbury. Successful businesses flourished through into the 80’s and 90’s with various owners Ester and Roy Dyson who rented the café and grill room from Alistair living upstairs, and later Mr Stuart Grievson

During this time, an age-old problem would occur when there had been heavy rain. The photograph shows flooding which was a regular occurrence until the council created a culvert to take the flood water from the River Harding in the “The Dale”. You will notice also that the Name of the Bank has now changed to National Westminster Bank and there is no post box outside the café.



We now know the building as Dauphin Antiques, the owners Alan & Jan Robinson. The new venture started over 17 years ago, it was such an exciting but apprehensive time, scurrying around to find antiques and collectables. At that time, we were selling Victorian and Edwardian items. Our son, daughter and both mums helped out on different days, so we decided to purchase a more comfortable chair in the form of a leather chesterfield high back armchair for them to sit in. On the back of this we sold numerous chairs as they looked so comfortable in them. In fact, the elderly ladies of the village used to come and utilise them and sit and chat. Sylvia Pass, Nellie Deaville and Mariah (Ria) Deaville, to name but three.

During the past few years’ we have made major changes to the shop incorporating a flag floor, which compliments the period oak furniture we now sell.

It has been a lovely experience coming to Hartington, which we would not change for the world.

Vicar Letter

Wherever do I start? 2020 stopped most of us in our tracks one way or another. It is a year that will take its place in the history books beside the Black Death of 1348 and the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918/19. We are all looking forward to an effective vaccine and better times in 2021. We all hope that someone is going to press the reset button.

Covid has made the whole world our neighbour and we have been asked to see the difficulties that our families, our friends and that all our neighbours’ face. None of us are safe until we are all safe – from viruses, climate change or whatever else the future may hold. Sir David Attenborough, who knows what he’s talking about, says that “The truth is: the natural world is changing, and we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it.” We also need to look after one another. It is no good saying ‘it’s got nothing to do with me’ or “it isn’t happening here” because as Covid-19 has demonstrated it does and it is.

That brings me to 2021 and New Year resolutions – our own personal reset buttons. We all have choices to make in our lives and they are not necessarily easy ones. 2020 has been a difficult year for so many people and now there has to be a way forward. We can focus on the negative, or even worse complain about what others are doing whilst doing nothing ourselves. Alternatively, we can look around us – see what needs doing, roll our sleeves up, and help to make a positive difference to our communities, to our lives and to the world – one small step at a time – together. We can be kinder, braver and capable of so much more than we think. It doesn’t matter who we are or where we come from. If we want to live in a better, safer world and we’d like our children and grandchildren to have a brighter future then it’s us who have to make a difference now.

At the end of his first Christmas speech in 1939 George VI read a poem that was first published in 1908. It was a good poem then and it’s a good poem now. *“And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: “Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.” And he replied: “Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.”*

Wishing you all a safe and happy 2021.

Watch this space! As our villages evolve and expand so is the News and Views!
We are excited to announce a new “children’s corner”, written by local children for children, to include stories, poems, book, film, App & game reviews and much more.
So get your thinking caps on and start writing. More info on how to submit your ideas in the next issue.

Hartington Surgery update - Happy New Year Everyone. It is hoped that 2021 will be able to offer some positivity. The National vaccination programme should be well underway in vaccinating the population against Covid 19 and working towards restoring some normality to our lives.

In recent times, national TV and radio bulletins have made important announcements regarding healthcare, flu vaccination eligibility and Covid vaccinations, before they have informed General Practice. These lines of communication have resulted in Practices being given information, and directions, with very little time to implement. Please be assured that the Practice will always aim to respond in the quickest way possible as soon as important information is released.

The Practice uses a variety of communication methods to keep our patients up-to-date with the latest Surgery news. The Practice website www.hartingtonsurgery.co.uk is the first point of call for information or online communication via E-Consult, followed by the ‘Hartington Surgery Patient Participation Group’ Facebook page, which, in conjunction with our Patient Group, features the latest Practice posts. The Practice widely communicates via text now, to confirm appointment bookings, invitations for vaccination and general updates. Accu RX is also used to generate a secure text message which is linked directly to your medical record and can be useful in informing you of test results and messages direct from the Clinician. If the Surgery does not have your up to date mobile telephone number, please contact Reception to add this to your medical record. Stay safe and thank you for your patience, co-operation and continued support in 2021

“2020: It was the best of times, it was the worst of times”

Looking back, can we take good news stories forward? What can we learn from 2020? What will make a difference in 2021?

We have asked these questions to young, not so young and older people from our three villages and all walks of life. Here are some of the things they say.....

Primary School Children and Young people- “appreciation of family and friends; glad to get back to school; enjoyed getting out in the countryside”. “we have learnt to protect ourselves more than we used to and we do more things on our own” “learning from home was really hard because mum and dad had to work so we have to do a lot ourselves and with mum and dad helping”



“it is like the world stopped spinning, like it needed a rest. Maybe we all did and now we’ll all think more and do better”

We asked the children for some of their thoughts about the events of this year and how they felt about being away from school during the lockdown. The general consensus was that the children enjoyed spending some time at home playing outside, doing craft activities, having time with siblings and parents and the novelty of home-schooling, but they all agreed that they missed seeing their friends and the daily routines of school life. They were certainly very happy when they eventually did return to school!

Parents and Residents “Look out for your neighbour.” “We can help others to make new ways of communication, like face time and Zoom” “There have been brighter skies, the air is more fresh.” “There has been more time to play games with our children.” “I have enjoyed walking around and seeing all the well-tended gardens and have grown vegetables again” “I have enjoyed being home more and I have appreciated the changing of the seasons”

Key workers “What a funny year this has been. First lockdown - no school, no shops, no anything! Good thing we had our wonderful village shops and Post Office, but as a school kitchen, we were open all the time. Although this was different, I was happy to pitch in with the rest of the team. However as children gradually returned to school, in year bubbles, things appeared a little more like the norm!”

We still couldn't meet people in the community and the year 6 pupils were not able to have the usual trips out, they did manage to have a film and quiz night, along with a take away supper in school, with staff. Everyone had

a great time despite the lockdown, it gave these pupils the opportunity to show their talents by delivering a series of short sketches on what was happening in the country and around the world. It raised the spirits of the entire school. Watch out Britain's Got Talent, Hartington here we come!

McMillan was totally different, with an afternoon tea sent out to the community, still raising a wonderful amount.



I was so pleased at how the school and children were creative in their thinking of how to get round the current restrictions.

Now as we are in the run up to Christmas it's going to be really strange, no Pie & Pea supper, no Community Christmas lunch's (No stress Ha Ha!) but the children at both schools will still enjoy the usual Christmas lunch and party. Let's hope 2021 will be a better year for all."

Farmer - "Selling sheep was difficult and unusual. We just had to drop them off at the market and we'd receive an email telling us how much they sold for. But on a positive note, prices have gone up and having the family more at home helped massively with lambing this year"

New resident - "Moving at the start of lockdown and furloughed meant we had time to explore the area and we said a lot more hellos than we ever did in the city"

Senior member of the Community- "I don't drive, not on the internet and regarded as vulnerable; so what would I have done without the village shops, Post Office and Fiveways. The friendship of the village people and the care of the Surgery. They have all been a lifeline and are much appreciated"

"We have learnt the art of patience again and the need to keep to rules and regulations"

"I am fortunate to live in Biggin where I can enjoy the green spaces and we have so many sensible people who just get on with what needs doing"

Parish Councillor "What a strange year we have all had! The Parish Council has still been dealing with Planning, Highways, Street Lighting, and problems from parishioners sent via email. Improvements to the war memorial were completed before Remembrance Day as well as repairs to the steps on the pump. Thank you, Trevor Wragg who undertook this work. With best wishes for 2021"



What can make a difference- "The vaccine; community gatherings; a proper doctors' appointment; being able to see your animals sold at market again; looking forward to shopping without wearing a mask"

Community Support for 70+ and vulnerable- Hartington YHA suddenly found itself closed with a great deal of fresh food which would be wasted - a phone call and within a day a team of volunteers had distributed the "goodies" to many members of the community aged over 70years. From this opportunity, during the lockdown and beyond, these volunteers continued with weekly shops, phone call and friendly support. A Book/Magazine swap was also developed in the Village Hall, with volunteers distributing within the community

"I was very fortunate to see a video on Facebook, of some of our village Mums and their children singing happy birthday to one of our senior ladies"

People have been kind, offering to do shopping, offers of takeaway meals, sharing books, lawn mowing, but most importantly, just taking the time to make conversations, by phone, in person, on Facebook or Zoom.

Biggin's older generation are a tough old bunch but additional help, physically, mentally or spiritually, was only a phone call away, with phone numbers posted to every resident on a temporary newsletter. The Village Committee checked on their Supper Club members, the WI checked on their group, the Church Warden and Committee checked on their congregation and neighbours checked in with each other.

VE Day "The War Memorial still held a two minute silence which was supported from peoples' homes; bunting and flags were hung from houses and businesses. A call to afternoon tea (socially distanced) based on each of the streets with scones and jam, and Phillip's decorated engine doing a tour of the village."





This was a thoroughly jolly affair with the theme of stay in your own garden party. Bunting, WW2 music, many in fancy dress enjoyed “over the wall” chats with neighbours and Biggin Hall generously gave every resident a cupcake to enjoy with their garden picnics.

Use of websites and Social Media – The positive use of digital resources reached out to many people young and old – the Virtual Open Gardens with a 100 days and over 60 gardens, those without the internet were included with volunteers taking photographs. The wells dressing was live streamed as well as the Christmas

Tree “Light up”. The Advent Windows were featured every day.

Our community Facebook page has grown from strength to strength and is now a much used and greatly valued source of information, notices, competitions and a source of support for many.

Jay Jay has even done his best to tempt us to a Zoom Bingo. This wonderful technology will never replace physical human contact and the natural interaction that happens. We can't wait to welcome you all back to the next Bingo.

Primary School and Children- Already well established intergenerational projects were in danger of being curtailed; but creative children, with a little help, soon rose to the occasion, ensuring their “buddy” received letters and pictures as well as information cards on daily exercises to stay fit and well – even a video demonstrating how to perform the exercises. Cake is always a winner with young and old (and those in between) so it was no problem getting the children to devise a MacMillan fund raiser with a difference as well as remembering a special lady no longer with us. One young lady ran 50 miles in 50 days to raise funds for a local hospice. This inspired the village community to acknowledge her achievements by a rousing clap at the finish line.

We are very fortunate to still have a church, chapel, and school in Earl Sterndale. The three together provide our village with a good number of community events, coffee mornings, summer and Christmas fairs, Flower festivals, Craft Groups, school services and more. We haven't been able to hold family church or chapel services all summer, but thankfully chapel did organize a harvest service and village displays of scarecrows. The school joined in, with this, with a fabulous display of scarecrows, which the children had greatly enjoyed making. Teachers and staff are working hard to provide a safe, enjoyable, learning, environment.

The village discussed how to safely celebrate Halloween and it was decided residents would place their goodies at the gate or front door and children could follow the lit pumpkin trail to find goodies and help themselves.

Sadly due to Covid restrictions we were unable to have the usual carols around the tree so a co-ordinated ‘switch on’ of the village hall Christmas tree lights and residents garden twinklers went ahead on Saturday 5th at 6pm spreading Christmas cheer throughout the village.

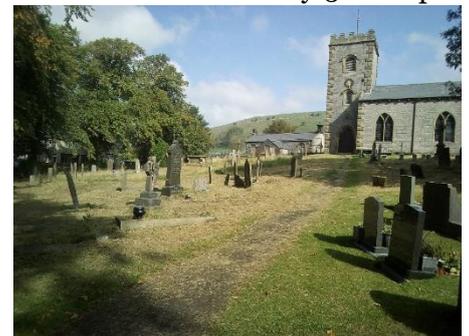
Church- Each of the village churches have used the year in different ways – cleaning, care of churchyard, finding ways of communicating through newsletters and online services.

Thank you must go to the grass cutting team, for keeping the playing field, mown and tidy and making them a safe place for the children to play, have a game of football or ride their bikes in safety. The Village Green looked very smart and the churchyard tidier, making it easier for all to visit and tend family graves.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Breedon Dowlow Quarry for their generous donation of £5000 to the church maintenance funds and a big Thank You to Mr and Mrs N Mellor of Braemar Farm for putting us in touch with them and making this possible.

Remembrance Day- Due to government guidelines, Remembrance Day was marked by a small Service and an informal gathering, with the placing of wreaths on behalf of the Village, at the War Memorial.

A brief, but moving tribute was held with six wreath bearers, the reading of the names and the last post. Many stood in the distance or in their gardens



Community support for the village- Social Media has really come into it's own here. There are many examples of groups and individuals making a real difference: the stripping and re-painting of the seats around the pond; and, the cleaning of the Stanner, to name just a couple.

Biggin rallied round to ensure annual favourites like the pie and pea supper went ahead with a few covid-safe adjustments; instead of a sit down meal, it was a takeaway event. Biggin Hall gave all its fresh food away to residents, the Waterloo Inn offered takeaway food and drinks, and the church was open for private prayer.

Support for the wider Community – The national call for Clap for the NHS was supported enthusiastically. A call for duvets produced an amazing response from far and wide. Many sewing machines were dusted down and used to make masks.

Meals were cooked and delivered to a hospital, a local homeless unit and a family staying in temporary accommodation, with food donated by residents and Biggin Hall.

This year has seen so many “new people” getting involved with new and different activities, better use of modern technology-working hard to be inclusive and accessible to different generations.

These contributions from the members of our community are heart-warming and inspiring. The importance to all 3 villages of the Church, Chapel, School and a beating Community Heart is what has made 2020 something which future generations in our villages will reflect upon and perhaps say – “They didn't do too bad a job”

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St Giles Church Services

January 3 rd	Holy Communion or Mattins	10.00 am with Father Lionel
January 10 th	Morning Praise	10.00 am with Sarah Lacey
January 17 th	All Age Worship	10.00 am with Liz Hitch
January 24 th	Holy Communion	10.00 am with Ossie Post
January 31 st	Morning Praise	10.00 am with Dorothy Hawton
February 7 th	Morning Worship	10.00 am led by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield, Carol Coslett.
February 14 th	Morning Praise	10.00 am Sarah Lacey
February 21 st	All Age Worship	10.00 am tbc
February 28 th	Holy Communion	10.00 am Ossie Post

Congratulations Terry Nunnington – who was 90 years young on December 8th

Church Services and News- I am sure we all remember 23rd March when we went into the first lockdown. Along with everything else, places of worship were closed – and we used the word ‘unprecedented’ a lot. Of course, buildings may close but the church is always open for business and, although technology has its drawbacks and limitations, it has proved to be a real blessing this year. We were able to keep in touch by email and Sarah and Liz H were soon busy writing wise and godly words to encourage and inspire us. We realised that not everybody has access to email so we posted monthly bulletins to the wider congregation and, as rules relaxed slightly, this gave the opportunity for a socially distanced chat. In August we were able to open our doors again - thanks to Sarah and Chris for completing the dreaded Risk Assessment! We may have been masked and sanitized but it was great to meet for worship together, to listen to some new songs and to pray for ourselves, Hartington and the world. Some did not feel ready to join in group worship and so we continued the emails and bulletins. Also, we now have a St Giles Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/StGilesHartington>).

Please have a look at it, ‘like’ it if you do and send a message if you think there is anything we should add. As I write this, we are three weeks into our second lockdown and am pleased to hear that it seems likely that places of worship will be allowed to reopen after 2nd December. Many of us have become familiar with Zoom, and we have (so far) held three services on this platform with a chance to chat afterwards. Like everything else, it is not everybody's cup of tea but our ‘virtual’ congregation has found it very helpful and we have welcomed people from the Benefice and beyond.

It has been a strange year but one that has forced us to try new things. As good news about the vaccine promises a return to ‘normality’ we hope that we will use what we have learnt in 2020, as well as appreciate what we have missed. If you would like to be added to our email or bulletin list or can suggest any improvements to our Facebook page please contact me (Dorothy Hawton dorothyhawton@gmail.com Tel 01298 84256) or Liz Hitch (liz.hitch@btinternet.com Tel 01298 687148)

Thank You- on behalf of those on St Giles Electoral Roll and the three village communities a BIG thank you to Dorothy and Malcolm for all their work on

setting up the Zoom platform and to Liz Hitch for producing the newsletters. It really is appreciated.

Remembrance Day- Sadly, due to the regulations on the day, no church service or parade took place. However, a shortened service of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony, with the reading of the names of the Fallen and the two minute silence did take place. I would like to express my thanks to all who took part in that brief, dignified ceremony. My particular thanks to Reg Graham, Jeff Goodwin and Paul, the British Legion Standard bearer for their essential participation. Sarah Lacey.

Poppy appeal 2020. Thank-you to Hartington Town Quarter Parish Council for sorting the war memorial (Scott Wager and Alan Grindey) and to Trevor Wragg for the pointing of the stones. I would also like to thank The Royal British Legion and branch committee, Paul Bacon, Biggin and Hartington Scouts, Poppy Queen, Odd fellows, Sarah Lacey, Reg Graham, Jeff Goodwin and the local businesses as well as Brian and Liz Broomhead for the circulation and collection of the poppy appeal boxes. The poppy collection for Hartington district is £1,171.06. **So, thank-you to YOU - we cannot help raise this amount without you.** S Grindey (PAO)

Wells Dressing team- It was omitted from the previous report that Ian and Mick Parsons are stepping down from their roles with this event. The team would like to thank them for their support over many years. They would be happy to help any new volunteers on how to prepare the well, come September 2021- please let them know if you are interested

Lanterns 2020- This year we needed to be creative about how we could safely continue this new tradition which everyone has enjoyed so much over the past 2 years. So, we created lantern making packs with the key ingredients and instructions, some of which were then collected from the village hall on December 5th. THANK YOU to Helen Debes for all her hard work and inspiration to make this work under such difficult circumstances. The village Christmas tree was lit on the 12th December and live streamed for people to view. Some Carols, led by Sarah Lacey and Liz Hitch from St Giles Church, were sang following covid regulations. Thank you to the Parish Council for the beautiful tree and lights. This was sourced, transported, erected and decorated by Richard Sherratt and Brian Broomhead. Their time and expertise is very much appreciated. We are also grateful to the Shenton family of Hulme End who donated the tree and to Roland and Sue Tacey for allowing us to use their electricity supply.

Hartington Advent Windows 2020

Following the success of the first Hartington Advent Windows in 2019 the "Christmas in the Countryside"



Windows Advent Calendar of 2020 is now well under way. This year there are several new locations for displays including several from residents who have

only recently settled in the village. The light up began on the 1st December at the Post Office, in the heart of the village, and will cover all four corners of Hartington before concluding at Hope Cottage on Dig Street on the 24th December. The theme is well represented in all the windows and once again a very spectacular and theatrical display adorned the St Giles' Church main window on December 6th.

Photos of all windows are being posted on the village website, www.hartingtonvillage.com, and on the Hartington Community Group Facebook page. Hopefully by the time you have read this you will have had the opportunity to view the windows, along with the Christmas



Tree on the green and all the other displays around the village bringing a bit of brightness and cheer at the end of a quite extraordinary year.

Hartington Community Group- The AGM will be held on February 10th at 6pm in the Village Hall.

Digital Hartington - Following lockdown Digital Hartington has once again resumed meetings, via Zoom rather than in person and we were pleased to welcome Phillip to the group. It is disappointing, but not unexpected, that we have not been able to respond to the one-to-one support requests due to lockdown restrictions and social distancing but hopefully we will be able to resume in the Village Hall in 2021. The social media feeds continue to develop, and the Hartington Community Facebook Group goes from strength to strength. At the time of writing it has 400 members and is a popular site for visitors to the village. Should local businesses want to be included in directory listing pages on the village website www.hartingtonvillage.com please drop a request

with information about the business along with website and social media details to digitalteam@hartingtonvillage.com. The Hartington Village Twitter feed @hartington_Info is back up and running and the website will be undergoing an overhaul but will continue to keep you updated with news and events in the local area. Best wishes for the New Year. The Digital Team.

Hartington Village Hall: With lockdown followed by Tier 3 restrictions we, in common with other Village Halls across Derbyshire, have not been able to offer our usual activities over recent weeks. However, this does not mean that we have been idle. Through the help of six volunteers we have transformed the foyer and Lower Bakehouse, the latter having become a glorified storage area over recent years. Damaged plaster has been removed and the area redecorated and transformed into a welcoming community space complete with our CD and book loan items on easily accessible shelves. We plan to house several volumes of images of Hartington going back over the decades and hopefully residents can return in 2021 to browse through the folders as well as benefit from the CD and book loans.

We have also benefitted by a report from 'De-Carbonise' who are supporting our plan to replace the ancient heating system. The options are few and essentially the report recognises that a new oil boiler plus other measures will reduce our oil consumption and carbon emissions by c20%. They are also offering a grant that will help with costs. though we remain significantly short of our target of £24K at this point. We were unsuccessful in a £10K grant application to The Prince's Countryside Trust.

We have also offered the Hall to Hartington Surgery as a potential vaccination centre when/if the Oxford vaccination becomes available.

If interested in potentially joining any of the following please contact Liz Broomhead on secretary@hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk or 07900 054802:

- Rural Social Group (meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday 2.00-4.00)
- Pilates (two different classes on Wednesday mornings)
- Badminton (to restart Monday evenings)
- A new indoor games session (indoor bowls, curling, skittles, table tennis) – different stations can be set up according to the number involved. Days and times can be flexible. Can be booked on a regular basis or as a one off family session. All equipment is provided free of charge.

Members of our Management Group wish you all a 'Happy Christmas' and look forward to welcoming you back in 2021.

Hartington Village Hall Lottery: Following the win by Kevin Allen from Hall Bank, Hartington in October good fortune continued in that neighbourhood with Stuart and Liz Hitch winning the November draw (Number 45). Our December prize of £500 was won by Sheila Johnson (number 39).

We are grateful to all our subscribers, with all funds raised being allocated to our planned new heating system. The next draw takes place on Wednesday 13th January. Subsequent draws will take place on the second Wednesday of each month.

Hartington C of E Primary School- The school would like to convey a heartfelt thanks to the late Eva Mannion's family and friends for the generous donations in her memory, which came to the total of £434.00. This is a magnificent amount and a tribute to her popularity. Eva always supported activities and events at the school and was admired by all. It has not been decided what the money will be spent on, but you can be assured it will be put towards a lasting memory of Eva Mannion a true friend.

As 2021 draws ever nearer we reflect on what 2020 has offered. Having spent most of the year under some sort of Covid 19 restrictions we are looking forward to being able to undertake some of our normal activities, whatever they may be!

We are happy to announce that our after school club on Tuesdays has recommenced with sport, art and craft activities being undertaken. The closer we seem to be getting to Christmas the more children are attending, so a huge great big thank you to Mrs Jones for running this club every week.

On Wednesday 11th November at 11am the children took part in their own two minutes silence, in a socially distanced circle in the hall. This was to remember our fallen heroes and was followed by prayers and poems read by the children. Later that day our own 'General Election' took place to elect a Chair and Secretary of the School Council. Each nomination read out their manifesto to the whole school before a secret ballot was held and the votes counted. It was all very exciting!

On Friday 13th November the children once again celebrated 'Children in Need', by attending school in yellow or spotty clothing. This was then supported by 'Pudsey' activities which were held throughout the day and everyone took part in.

On Friday 11th December it will be Christmas Jumper day so all staff and pupils will wear their best Xmas jumper and take part in a non-uniform day. Again activities have been planned to raise money for this very worthwhile charity. A challenge has been made

by one member of staff who has announced that she is going to wear a different Christmas Jumper to school every day leading up to the end of the school term. I am delighted to say she is well on the way to achieving this challenge. However, the jumpers are becoming more sparkly and brighter each day! I think we will all be wearing sunglasses by the last day!

Unfortunately due to the present guidelines we won't be able to perform our School Nativity Play in St Giles Church which has then been traditionally followed by the annual Pie & Pea supper this year for our families, Governors and friends. Therefore we are planning a little treat for them as we won't be able to invite them to join us for our annual Christmas Community Lunch either. The school has devised another way to share this important time with everyone and it will hopefully be a lovely surprise for all.

Sadly we are also unable to put a display in the 'Children's Corner' of the Church either, but we have decorated our school hall window as part of the 'Advent Windows around the Village' Project. We were delighted to switch on our lights on the 4th

December to our 'Winter Wonderland'. It looked stunning!

As part of our commitment to the community the children have undertaken the task of writing post cards to the Community Lunch attendees and local people living on their own to let them know they haven't been forgotten. We close our doors on the 18th December following a Christmas Party for the children and maybe a visit from Santa 'VIRTUALLY'. At the end of a very busy term for everyone, the pupils, staff and governors of Hartington C of E Primary School send you our very Best Wishes for a happy, safe and healthy 2021.

Open Gardens 2021 please see questionnaire enclosed. We hope you will find time to complete. Thank you.

Hartington and Wildflower areas- In 2021 a small team are hoping to develop this in various areas of the village. We will need to discuss with Parish Council and other key groups – the church and school are already interested. If you would like to be involved in any way at all please contact either Janet Bray 01298 84417 or Liz B 01298 687263.

Biggin News

St Thomas's Church remains open for private prayer on a Wednesday and Sunday between 11am and 3pm. Anyone wishing to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one should contact Julia or add information via the St Thomas's Facebook page. We will review our risk assessment in February and consult with the diocese about the possibility of resuming some services. This will be dependent upon Covid-19 guidance at the time. We continue to make slow progress towards becoming a festival church and building other kinds of worship including some Messy Church for children. In the meantime, the PCC continue to get quotes for the work that needs doing and for the improvement of the facilities which will enable us to better serve the community. Watch this space for more information about Biggin's churchyard project and the 2021 photography competition. The "pop up" harvest supper was a great success and we really enjoyed seeing the entries to 2020's photography competition. A number of people have commented on Biggin School's harvest prayers which we were very pleased to use on the St Thomas's website. Our new memorial panes are in place and as soon as it is safe to do so we will invite everyone to attend a dedication service. At the time of writing, whilst the church is rather damper than it should be, there are no holes in the roof. The PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported St Thomas's in any way this

year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back when it safe to do so.

We still have 2021 calendars: £6.00 without an envelope or £6.99 with an envelope. We also have copies of Biggin and Hartington Nether Quarter by Peter Featherstone at the bargain price of £5.00. They're much more expensive than that on Amazon! Contact Julia Hewgill, Sandra Lovatt, email stthomasbiggin@gmail.com or message us via Facebook to make a purchase.

Biggin Village Hall. The hall was used to distribute the hugely successful church Pie and Pea suppers, in a Covid secure way. Well done to Jayne and crew. The village Christmas tree was lit up on 6th December and is proving to be a beacon of lights in these dark times. Thanks to the Parish Council for a few more lights. Thanks to Steve and Ian for their help and to Dave and Dan for loan of tractor, trailer and telehandler.

As the Senior citizens' Party could not be held this year, the village hall committee distributed 'Christmas hampers' to senior citizens around the parish in December. Thanks go to Andy and Biggin Hall for their generous contribution to these and their effort to prepare them.

Despite preparing the hall for parish council meetings and school PE, none have been possible at the time of writing. Other than that, the hall is kept under the strict distancing and sanitizing conditions as required. Generally, the hall is not used but checked

regularly. Fingers crossed that there will be better news for the next edition of N&V.

Biggin C of E School If this pandemic has taught us anything, it's the value of community. At Biggin C of E Primary, the school community has never felt so strong. Everyone has been committed to the wellbeing of all in school and has been lending their support and encouragement in emails, telephone conversations and messages. Most importantly the children have all settled back into school brilliantly well. They've been excited by the opportunity to learn collaboratively and play and meet with their friends.

Many of our normal traditions have had to be a little different this Christmas. Regrettably we have not been able to invite all the people who work with school throughout the year to celebrate Christmas dinner with us at the Village Hall. Instead we have had to have a much quieter affair in our two classrooms and send homemade cards out to our usual visitors. Similarly we've not been able to hold our Christmas Concert and Fair. We were a little worried that this would seriously affect our fundraising efforts but we needn't have been concerned. Everyone has rallied round to sell raffle tickets in a socially-distanced way and even the Year 6 Festive Quiz has raised over

£200, surpassing all of our expectations. In the meantime, as I write, we have finished filming our Nativity Production and it's now in the Cutting Room! Look out on our website for the link. We hope you enjoy watching and also get a sense of how much we have all enjoyed making it and performing.

We've had to substitute a trip to Buxton Opera House Pantomime for a virtual one and a church service for one at school. Some new traditions are also emerging, including a procession to the Crib. We've all enjoyed the strange new Christmas of 2020 and feel a sense of what is really important; being safe and being able to share lovely times with friends and family.

I hope 2021 will quickly enable us to travel and interact more freely and do some of the things that we especially enjoy in school, such as trips and sports with other schools. In the meantime please may I say a massive thank you to parents for keeping us safe and being so sensible and supportive, the children for giving their very best and especially the wonderful staff team for making this truly a term to remember for all the right reasons – we wouldn't be anything without you! Here's to the most peaceful 2021, filled with love and joy. Teresa Nicholls

Earl Sterndale News

Church and Chapel News- see reports in Positive stories 2020

Parish Council- Very little has happened during the lockdown. We did commemorate Remembrance Day with a short service at the war memorial in which a wreath was laid by the Parish Council on behalf of the village. We are still open to ideas for the future use of the telephone box on the green.

Earl Sterndale C of E Primary School -Usually at this time of year, rehearsals for the Christmas Nativity would be well underway in preparation for our performances in the village church. As we can't congregate in the church this year, we've altered our usual course and have decided to film this year's Nativity to distribute to children's families online.

You may have seen the children busy filming scenes around the village with some of the local landmarks making fabulous film sets. The church path made a fantastic Road to Bethlehem and The Quiet Woman had no room at the Inn. With bales of hay in the classroom for the setting of the Stable, some might wonder if Hollywood won't be our next destination! The children have all had great fun filming the play, and even more hilarity watching themselves in the video afterwards.

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Youlgrave-based author Andrew McCloy has written and edited over 20 books including subjects such as the Pennine Way, Roman Britain and the Peak District Boundary Walk. He is currently Chair of the Peak District National Park Authority.

Pomeroy Memorial Hall. Despite the second lockdown we have been very busy behind the scenes at Pomeroy War Memorial Hall. We are nearly there with funding for the feasibility study. As well as £1000

from the Derbyshire County Council Community Leadership Scheme and £3390 from the War Memorials Trust, we have also been awarded £1000 from The Bingham Trust, £1000 from The Better Derbyshire Dales Scheme (via Derbyshire Dales CVS) and £300 from the Peak District National Park Authority. We are so grateful for the support of all these organisations. We would love to hear from you if you have an idea for the future use of the hall. We have also been trying to do our own fundraising within the current restrictions. Our 100 club is doing well and the winner of the £25 prize for November was Jennie Parker. There are still places in the 100 club if you would like to join. It's £10 for the remainder of the year (until Sept 2021), with a chance to win £25 each month. Let Bekah or Jenny know if you would like to join (bekdicken@gmail.com or jennycooper1980@hotmail.com). Cheques can be made payable to "The Pomeroy Trust" and sent

clearly marked for The Pomeroy Trust c/o The Duke of York, Pomeroy, Near Buxton, SK17 9QG. Bank transfers can be done to The Pomeroy Trust, Nat West account 92302254 sort code 60-04-18 with the reference "100 Club". After a break of thirty-odd years the Pomeroy Christmas Raffle returned, bigger and better than ever. The draw was on 20th December after print – so will be able to confirm winners in next edition. We have been amazed by the generosity of local business and we would like to thank them for their kind donations. There will be more events and fund raisers next year, Covid permitting. We are hoping to be able to do something in September 2021 to celebrate 100 years since the opening of Pomeroy War Memorial Hall. If anyone has any ideas for this event we would love to hear from you. Email pomeroywmh@talktalk.net or see our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall

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