

News And Views



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HAPPY HEALTHY 2024

Bringing Health and Social Care Information to the Heart of Rural Derbyshire Dales.

Our three villages are linked closely with Hartington Surgery. Whether you are with the surgery or not, it is important that members of our rural communities have an opportunity to access the same Health and Social Care information, that is being shared with our neighbouring urban communities including Buxton, Glossop, Bakewell and Ashbourne. This way we have a better chance to be able to follow 'Joined Up Derbyshire's' health message to Start, Stay and Age Well. Just as important is the information needs to be in a format that is easily available to all.

'Hartingtonvillage.com' is fortunate to have a digital platform where we can make this information available. There is now a Health and Social Care section where you can find out about support in the local area. It is a Hartington Community Group project in progress and focus's around health and wellbeing information. The project has been supported by our village volunteers along with professionals and volunteers linked to 'Joined Up Derbyshire's,' NHS Public Health and Engagement Teams. Evident was a gap in Health and Social Care information to our three villages and so the project aims to improve communications, engagement and equal access to health information.

Volunteers in each of the three villages are willing to assist you if you need help to access information from the Health and Social Care section on Hartingtonvillage.com or request a leaflet or obtain a telephone number for you to call.

Hartington

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Digital Access to the Health and Social Care Information is available on Hartingtonvillage.com and by using the following link <https://www.hartingtonvillage.com/health-and-social-care/>

Click on the Health and Social Care tab at the top of the website page and it will reveal different sections which should link you to; Regular Health and Social Care Newsletters, Bulletins, Events, Community Directories/ Links and an A-Z of Local Healthcare Provision.

Selection of Leaflets- Hartington Village Hall SK17 0AW. For those not being able to access information digitally, there is a selection of Health and Social Care leaflets displayed in a new information stand inside. The selection will hopefully build in time and leaflets could be displayed in other local meeting venues too.

Health and Social Care professionals are willing to come and present to us as a group so we can learn about current and new service provision and how we can access the help, advice and information that will equip us to Start, Stay and Age Well starting with;

Rural Group Tuesday February 27th 2024 2-4pm - Kay Baggley Hartington Community Group Volunteer, will offer some project background and the types of information available in the Health and Social Care section followed by, Kirsty Westran (Outreach Advisor, Derbyshire Dales Citizens Advice) Sharon James (Engagement Officer, Derbyshire Carers Association) and Jo Biggs (Falls Prevention Manager, Age UK), who will be updating on their new and current services and will be available for questions before and after the session.

Kay Baggley (Volunteer-Hartington Community Group)

Vicar letter- 2024 has dawned full of expectation, with our hopes and wishes for a better year than the last one.

New Year resolutions are made. We endeavour to lose weight, stop smoking, start a new hobby, plan for a holiday. There are special events to look forward to: the birth of a baby, a wedding, a new job. As the year unfolds, we will have disappointments too perhaps; unexpected news that brings sadness and challenge.

As the saying goes, "It's good that we don't know what's around the corner" in our lives and the lives of our loved ones, our neighbours, our friends.

It's amazing how resilient we are as humans. With the help and support of our great communities, we find that there is a way forward after devastating events that affect not just individuals but sometimes the whole village. We persevere.

So, I wonder what you are looking forward to this year. How are you going to do the best you can for your family and community. How can you make use of your talents to enrich the lives of those around you.

In our church services, we will be praying for the life of each community throughout the year. We'll also be giving thanks for the hard work and forward thinking which has paved the way for the first "Anna Chaplain" in Derby diocese. Sarah will be supporting older members in their faith journeys, particularly those who are unable to get to church because of infirmity.

At the start of next year, when you reflect on how 2024 has panned out, what will your highlights be. You may be surprised at what you've achieved and how you have helped the village, the community, even yourself, to flourish and grow. A happy and peaceful New Year to you all. Blessings, Margaret Slyfield

Hartington Surgery The surgery would like to remind patients attending the practice that all respiratory illnesses are highly infectious (not just COVID) and as a measure of respect to vulnerable patients and staff we would be grateful if patients attending the surgery while experiencing respiratory symptoms could wear a protective facemask. This prevents spread of infection by aerosolised droplets passing into other patient's airways and eyes. This will help keep each other safe and prevent unnecessary staff absence during our busy winter period. Many thanks.

Our well-being room is relocating, hopefully this should be up and running in the new year, we will update you when it is ready. Best wishes to all our patients for 2024, from everyone at the Surgery.

Tales from the field- In the middle of nowhere and everywhere! A nice neighbour said to me recently when describing Biggin. And that's exactly where we are.. feels far from anywhere but we're almost equal distance from Buxton, Bakewell, Matlock and Ashbourne. This can be wonderful but also challenging, particularly as we get older so thank goodness for the new scheme in collaboration with our local villages to support those who may not be as tech savvy as the younger generations and are struggling with using the internet to book doctors/hospital appointments, accessing physio and health advice, they'll now be people on hand to help. Shorter daylight hours and colder weather can impact both our physical and mental health.

Being aware of our own wellness during these darker winter days means taking extra care of ourselves as well as others, making it even more important that we can access support & medical care when needed, but its important not just to access this information when we are feeling unwell, NHS websites have information on managing and improving our health for every day of the year – so lets all approach 2024 with a firm

commitment to be aware of our own health and wellness needs to stay happy and healthy to enjoy all that our middle of nowhere villages have to offer us.

With this in mind I shall be retreating to my craft shed whenever I have time, little stove on with a good book or podcast to recharge my batteries. Stay warm, well and I hope 2024 brings you everything you deserve.

Childrens Corner- After all the excitement of Christmas what can we do in January? Curl up with a good book, a cup of hot chocolate (with marshmallows and squirry cream of course) and take our imaginations to wonderful places. We have 3 fabulous books here recommended by Ruby, Elsie and Ernesto.

The amazing story of Adolphus Tips by Micheal Morpurgo. Set in 1943, Lily and the cat Adolphus tips are forced to move from their farm in a seaside village called Slapton, as allied forces need the village to prepare to invade France, making it out of bounds but Adolphus Tips and Lily enter the danger zone in this amazing story full of adventures and excitement.

Diary of a wimpy kid – Dipper overload by Jeff Kinney Full of funny things and laughter, like when they had to do a challenge, who could keep their hands on the truck the longest won the truck! Based on an older boy called Rodrick who wants to become a famous singer , his friends come up with some random ideas and let's just say it does not go well...

Stick man by Julia Donaldson (also a short cartoon of this book on BBC iplayer.) it's about a stick family that love each other a lot, the daddy goes missing and it takes him a long time to get home to his family. It's sad then its happy.

Hartington Farm Shop

Hartington Farm shop and cafe won the England's Business awards for Best Cafe in Derbyshire as Regional winners and then went into the grand finals In November and won the national category! We are so proud of our entire team their dedication, passion, and commitment to providing an exceptional experience for our customers truly paid off. We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who voted for us.



Your support and recognition mean the world to us. It's because of you that we are able to continue doing what we love and serving our community and customers with delicious food and a welcoming atmosphere. I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing staff. Their hard work, creativity, and friendly service have played a significant role in earning this prestigious award.

Thank you once again to everyone who made this possible. We couldn't have done it without you!

Joanne Holland Hartington Farm Shop & Cafe

Joint Village environment section Reducing our carbon footprint. The recent United Nations climate conference (COP28) included for the first time a commitment to begin the transition away from fossils fuels – a major step towards reaching "net zero" by 2050 to avoid the worst consequences of global warming.

If you are thinking about ways to reduce your carbon footprint in 2024, small changes can make a big difference collectively. If you have access to the Internet, a good way to identify opportunities for you and your family is to complete an environmental footprint questionnaire – WWF do one which can be found at <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

Hartington Wildflower Group. Breaking the ice - Youth Hostel pond liner replaced

After sustaining damage to the liner of the Youth Hostel pond earlier this year, a hardy group of volunteers successfully relined the pond in December. We had to remove all debris and water from the pond before starting - including a layer of ice an inch thick! A big thank you to all involved, and to the YHA Hartington team for their fabulous support. The pond will now quickly fill up again ready for Spring and the return of wildlife to it, including frogs and smooth newts.

The pond area is open for visitors and provides one of the best views of the village, so way not pay a visit – with two benches available to sit and admire the views.



St Giles churchyard winter maintenance and new bug hotel open for business.

On a crisp, sunny winters morning in November, a group of volunteers had an enjoyable few hours carrying out maintenance activities around the churchyard, including clearing a number of the graves and memorials of ivy and elder - some that have lain hidden for a long time. Gulleys around the church were cleared and a number of stick and leaf piles created for our local wildlife to shelter in as well.

We also opened our first bug hotel that is now open for business! Created from old pallets and filled with a variety of materials including broken pots, roof tiles and sticks, we've already seen wildlife moving in!



Creating a Wildflower trail linking our wildlife havens together

Following on from a very successful fund-raising campaign in December that raised over £2800, in 2024 we plan to create a wildflower trail that will link our eleven wildflower areas together for both residents and visitors alike to enjoy. This will give an opportunity to explore more of the village and each of the areas, whilst at the same time providing the means to educate and inform those who walk the trail with information about local wildlife, and actions we can all take to protect nature and reduce our impact on the environment - we can all make a difference by taking small steps is one of our key messages

The plan is for each to have an information board with artwork from local artists along with narrative, and in addition local artists will also create a series of wildlife sculptures along the trail. A wildflower trail map will also be created - available both online and in paper copy from local shops.

If you are looking for inspiration for a New Years resolution and would like to get involved in this exciting project, help will be needed including designing and creating the maps, information boards and sculptures.

Keeping a look out for toads and frogs around the Mere Sadly, many toads and frogs are killed each spring as they make their way to their breeding ponds that they have used for generations – but we can help those that make that journey here in Hartington.

Although the exact date will depend on how mild it is, toads and frogs are likely to start making an appearance in numbers around the village Mere towards the end of February. We will be putting up signs to alert motorists on roads around the Mere, please do slow down when driving by, and keep a look out for those amphibians! We plan to run several toad patrols as well, so if you'd like to help with one, please let us know.



Toads crossing

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

Hartington Social Dance Club - Why not come along and join a friendly group to exercise both body and mind in Hartington Village Hall each Wednesday evening. Doors open 7.40pm and we dance from 8pm - 10pm with a refreshment break half-way. Open to absolutely anyone – we have many members from our neighbouring county Staffordshire.

Sequence dancing uses ballroom dance steps in a particular sequence which means all couples dance the same steps at the same time. If you are unsure of the sequence; join in, keep an eye on the couple in front, when you turn, keep an eye on the couple behind!

Membership costs just £2.50 per person per dancing year (mid-September - early June). Entry fees are £2.00 per member or £2.50 per visitor inclusive of tea/coffee with biscuits/cake.

We have a few themed evenings too! Please phone 01335 390286 or email hartingtondanceclub@gmail.com for more information.

Hartington Sings A big thank you to everyone who joined in Hartington Sings leading up to Christmas, and to everyone who supported us. 20 of us met for 6 rehearsals and supported the village for the Christmas Tree light up, carol singing, and the Carol Service at St Giles. If you were too shy to join this year, put it in the diary for next November, and look out for information nearer the time. Alternatively, contact me now and I can add you to the list now! *Liz Hitch* 687148 liz.hitch@btinternet.com



The Grand Order of Oddfellows - What a brilliant 2023 it was for our Hartington Social Branch, with a significant increase of new members jumping on board and joining our Social Friendship Group, we even got to represent Hartington at The Oddfellows Main Headquarters in Manchester along with other groups from around the country towards the end of the year and a visit from Grand Master Peter Mouland at The Christmas Party Bash in the Village Hall, the event was a great success and we would like to thank everybody that helped set up the event and who came along in support, dancing the night away with DJ Rob & Jodie. A big thank you to everybody that donated such wonderful prizes for the raffle raising such much needed funds for local charities, £500 has already been donated to the toddler group Wiggles & Giggles, Selection Boxes was also handed out at the School and the Panto Bus was also paid for by the Hartington Oddfellows.

But we are now ready to kick on with 2024 with a number of our members signing up to join the Hartington Snow Warden Project for this year, the volunteers will be at the ready to keep your pathways clear when the snow falls, on Saturday January 20th we will be putting on our traditional Burns Night Event, tickets are available so please see posters dotted around the village or view our social media pages to gain more information.

Don't forget our monthly social evenings being held at Hartington British Legion on Thursday January 25th & February 27th at 9pm, EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Kris Owen Social Media Officer 01298 687322 - 07980122648 (Oddfellows Cavendish Lodge)

Poppy appeal 2023 Thank you to everyone that has been involved in this year's poppy appeal, raising £1,615.40.

Thank you to the following, Sandra Wood for helping put up the stationary boxes together and for helping me put the new seals on the collection boxes. Brian & Liz Broomhead for taking and bringing the boxes back to me. The count up was held upstairs in the legion on the 14th December. The counters were Brian and Liz Broomhead, Paul Bacon, John Brambley, and me so thank you to all of you. There will be a breakdown of this amount raised in the British legion in the last days of December.

Also, thanks to Keith Bradley for taking control of the march on Remembrance Day (under the watchful eye of Reg). To Reg for doing the Roll of Honour at the War Memorial and to Paul Bacon for the standard bearing. Thanks to Harold, Jennifer, Eileen, Stuart Mycock (legion), Mandy and Andrew for the refreshments and observations in the Royal British Legion. To everyone that marched on the Remembrance Parade, including Oddfellows, Scouts, Parish Council and the community. S Grindey PAO.

Biggin News

There will be no Christmas Church services this year in St Thomas Church Biggin

Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council -

The parish council has been very grateful for the supply of the Christmas tree each year in Biggin. Unfortunately, the same source cannot provide a tree for Christmas 2024. If anyone is considering removing a tree, late in 2024, which could be suitable for the purpose of a village Christmas tree, please can you advise a member of the parish council. Thank you. Mrs S Hampson Clerk
Hartington Nether Quarter Parish Council

Biggin C of E Primary School This half term has been busy, productive and full of learning as usual but typically for primary schools all over the country, this half term has been dominated by preparations for our Christmas Nativity performance in the Village Hall. These events are so important for the children, their families and indeed the whole community. Not least because they will be remembered far longer than regular daily lessons in school.

In tiny schools such as ours, performing has both positives and negatives. Everyone has a substantial part. In fact, many of our children this year have several parts. There are many opportunities to shine! Everyone is in every song and dance which is a lot of learning, especially for our youngest children, and with fewer bodies and voices everyone has to work that little bit harder to fill the space of the Village Hall with energy and sound. To help with this we have pre-recorded some of the action so we can focus

on the singing and dancing on the night. What a brilliant opportunity for building teamwork and encouraging everyone to have a go and do their best!

We are looking forward to our performance on Wednesday 13th December and are hoping lots of people from the wider community will join families for a good time and refreshments afterwards. If you aren't able to join us, look out for the film on our website – you're in for a treat!

In the Spring term we are looking forward to:

- Working with the Babbling Vagabonds Theatre Company on the community project
- Creating Epiphany Gingerbread as we explore the story and traditions of this special time of year
- Welcoming Bemma from Ghana to discover more about African culture – this time from the Zulu tradition
- Enjoying a Robotics and Coding workshop with Elton school joining us
- Preparing for the Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena
- Completing Dance workshops with QEGS

Please feel free to pop in to see us to take a closer look at the special work we do here. Call 01298 84279 to arrange this. We'd love to see you. Best wishes Teresa Nicholls

A letter from Rev Andrew Parker on behalf of the Methodist Church

Since 1850 The Methodist Chapel in Earl Sterndale has been at the heart of the local community. The time has now come to think about the future.

Despite falling numbers, the Chapel has remained open for Sunday services, monthly coffee mornings and been a venue for meetings, a polling station, Sunday school, Messy church and art and craft workshops. Although there have been numerous appeals for help, the responsibility of upkeep and maintenance of the chapel has fallen upon just four trustees. They have generously given of both time and finances in their commitment to keep the chapel open. The time has now come when this is too much and with a heavy heart, they have taken the decision to close the chapel.

The future of the building will be decided by the Methodist Church, which is a charity and has to follow charity law.

The weekend of June 15th and 16th will be a time of celebration recalling all the good things which have taken place over the years and the final service will be on June 16th 2024. Meanwhile the monthly service and coffee mornings will continue and the building remains open for the usual activities to which everyone is welcome. Please continue to support the Chapel in whatever way you can. Best wishes Andrew Parker Superintendent minister High Peak partnership.

Earl Sterndale Methodist Chapel Remembrance Sunday was observed in the village on November 12th. There was a service at the War memorial where Alex Holland, chairman of the Parish council laid a wreath on behalf of the parish. This was followed by a short service in the Chapel which was very well attended. A donation, of £90 from the collection was sent to the British legion. Monthly coffee mornings continues to be held on the first Wednesday each month and everyone enjoys the opportunity to meet up for a good chat over coffee. We are grateful to the Community ACEs group who have decorated the Chapel ready for the Carol service on December 17th at 6pm.

Earl Sterndale Church Christmas Fair Our fair took place on Saturday the 18th of November. Our church looked very festive with all the Christmas trees and lovely stalls (18 in total). The stalls that came, were selling, confectionery, e.g. Sweets,

chocolate, preserves, and cake. Then there were beauty products, jewellery, Christmas decorations, sewing craft, sheep's wool craft, woodwork, wax crayons, also a candle stall. We had stalls from. Blyth -House and Pomeroy Trust + Church Tombola and Secret Santa Bags. Our Christmas Raffle had 14 donated prizes. Linda Mycock won guess the weight of the cake. Our tea shop was in action, with tea/coffee, cakes, sandwiches, and sausage rolls. +Jason's Special Hot Chocolate. Our PC C would like to say thank you to stall -holders, tea shop workers, helpers, and shoppers. You all helped to make our fair, a very enjoyable event.

Carol Service A candle - lit Carol Service was held in Earl Sterndale Church on Sunday the 10th of December. Our church looked beautiful. The Service was given by The Reverend Lisa Price. Dove Holes Brass Band played the music for the Christmas Carols. A soup and bread roll were served after the service, for a congregation of 70 people. We would like to say thank you to Bentleys Coaches for sponsoring the band. We would like to say thank you to Shirley Daly for making and donating the soup and thank you to Jane Gerrard for donating bread cobs and butter.

Thank you to the young ones, of our community, for helping serve soup, but most of all, thank you everybody, for joining us, and helping make our Carol Service A Very Special One.

Bingo, Whist, and Quiz We are taking a break for January and February. Look forward to seeing you in March and hopefully warmer weather. Thank you everybody, for your support.

Earl Sterndale Church Services Sunday 21st of January 2024 - 6.30pm Sunday 18th of February 2024 -6.30pm

Reverend Adele Barker We were sorry to hear of Adele's recent fall , and broken wrist, we wish her a good recovery, and send her our love and best wishes.

The house-to-house collection on behalf of the RBL Poppy Appeal resulted in a grand total of £177.33 which was a great achievement from the village. Also, the Methodist Chapel in the village very kindly donated the collection taken during the service on Remembrance Sunday to the Poppy Appeal which was £94.60 so the grand total collected

was £271.93, which has been sent to the Royal British Legion Kind regards, Jennifer Hoskin.

Earl Sterndale CE Primary School Everyone was in the Festive Spirit at Earl Sterndale Primary. We had a lovely Christmas Film Night on 8th December, where children settled down on a cold Friday evening to watch a Christmas film together. Our Christmas Shopping Night on Friday 10th November was a great success with lots of stallholders coming into school. Thank you to everyone who donated raffle and lolly stick prizes.

There was the Christmas Nativity Performances – Friday 15th December at 2pm and 6pm where the children performed the Christmas songs that they've been working on. Santa's reindeer also made an appearance!

The Buxton Opera House visited school to perform The Hare and the Tortoise on Tuesday 19th December. The Junior children were also given the opportunity to participate in an acting workshop.

Congratulations to our newly elected School Parliament (one child from each year group who form a School Parliament to discuss the matters in school) who did a fantastic job of fundraising on Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December. They provided morning refreshments and ran a craft stall at lunchtime to raise funds for Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.

Sterndale Moor News Things are very busy at the moment. The kitchen work is advancing and is now ready to be replastered. Memberships will be due at the Club in January 2024 new members are always welcome and forms can be obtained from the club or committee members the cost is £6 per person. The club has two pool tables and two full size snooker tables and a dart board as well as a large function room and welcomes everyone. There are lots of events both for members and children and club is supported by Sterndale Moor Task Force.

Forthcoming Events- 5th January 6.30pm- Kids Games Night 20th January 8pm Bingo 21st January - 10am to 2pm Table Top Sale £5 per Table 26th January 7.30 Quiz Night £2 per person 16th February Valentines Disco 24th February 80'S Disco £5 per person Kids Free All these events are open to everyone. We are also planning a Fashion Show in March details to follow. For more details just ring 07811134798 or pop into the club.

Pomeroy War Memorial Hall- was built between 1920 and 1921 and was one of the first, if not the first, to be built in the local area. This was an outstanding feat, being built from funds raised by local people with the work done by a small group of dedicated local men. Many memorial halls were built later, around 1924, as the government gave out loans to communities to build memorial halls to improve public morale.

We are trying to bring Pomeroy War Memorial Hall back into use. It is such a shame it is standing empty and deteriorating, but it was built in different times when families were bigger, and more people lived in the local area. The hall was set up as a charitable trust with local trustees. We have trust documents and conveyances, but the original trustees were never formally replaced. None of the documents stated how this should be done and the hall and its recreation ground were never registered as a charity.

We are now finding it difficult to become a registered charity, as the criteria states there must be an income of at least £5000 per year. The alternative is to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). There are various ways of doing this and all of them are complicated and mean handing over the hall and the land to the CIO.

There are also complex issues about how the charitable trust was originally set up in the 1920's. The hall was built between March 1920 and September 1921, but the land on which it was built was not conveyed until 1925. The land for the recreation ground, donated by a different benefactor was conveyed in a separate document in 1924. This in effect gives us two separate trusts.

The CIO would hold the land on the trusts set out in the 1924 and 1925 conveyances. There are various mechanisms for this, but all are complicated. We would welcome help or advice from anyone who has any experience on becoming a CIO.

We now have planning permission to improve the entrance and car park at the hall.

We are continuing with our fundraising activities, via the 100 club. Recent winners of £25 each were Ian Webster (September), Jo Shaw (October) and Brian Spencer (November). We had a stall at Earl Sterndale Christmas Fair, with a chocolate and teddy tombola, a "guess the name of the teddy" competition (won by a local little boy) and knitted items for sale. The total raised was £88.50 We also held a games night at the Duke of York, Pomeroy on 22nd November raising a further £42. The committee are planning further events including a

Spring Fair. To join us, or help us: Please contact us through our website: www.thepomeroytrust.co.uk Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroymemorialhall> or please email: pomeroywmh@talktalk.net

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Services

31 st Dec 11am	Joint Benefice Holy Communion at St Giles
7 th Jan 11am	All Age – Service for Peace
14 th Jan 11am	United Benefice Service at Taddington.
21 st January 11am	Holy Communion
28 th Jan 11am	Morning Worship
4 th Feb 11am	All Age - Snowdrop Service
11 th Feb 11am	Morning Worship
18 th Feb 11am	Holy Communion
25 th Feb 11am	Morning Worship

Parish Council- On December 3rd we saw the 12th year of the Hartington Christmas Tree light up and this year's tree ranks as one of the best yet. Our special thanks to David and Jaynee Theaker and their family from Stable Cottage, who not only provided a tree for the second year running, but again cut it down and transported it from their Yorkshire farm. Many thanks from the whole village. This year saw an additional challenge as we lost our source of electricity from Corner Cottage with the sad passing of Roland and Sue Tacey. However, Jackie Johnston from the Old Vicarage came to the rescue allowing us to connect to her mains supply. Thank you, Jackie. Of course, this source is not as close as previous, so that necessitated extra cabling and cable protection across two roads.

Here our special thanks again go to fellow parish councillors, Richard Sherratt and Alan Grindey who erected the tree, put up the lights and with help from Brian Broomhead linked and fixed the cables from Jackies garden shed to the tree. It is testimony to the steel shaft in the ground that Richard and Brian made some years ago, that the tree withstood the gale force winds of last weekend!

Thanks also for the Mulled Wine courtesy of Hartington Oddfellows, Mince Pies from the Community Group and Carols from Hartington Singers under Liz Hitch. And finally, thanks to the Peak District weather for providing a covering of

snow exactly on the day, to round off a very successful light up!

WAR MEMORIAL Our first Remembrance Day service with the memorial restored and the new trees in place. Despite the rain there was a magnificent turn out and our thanks to everyone involved in the restoration work and watering the trees throughout the summer. We are currently arranging an information plaque to explain the history of this listed monument, and this will be in place early next year.

AFFORDABLE HOMES We are assured by the Peak Park Authority that the 4 homes at Peakland Grange, will eventually be completed and available to rent early in 2024. Details with rents, which are higher than we would wish at £680 to £760 per month, are with Mellor Estate Agents and on the Right Move sites. Any applicants must complete a Local Needs Enquiry form (to establish their local connection) from the Peak Park Authority available on-line or via the Planning Customer Adviser Officer on 01629 816 200.

Hartington Village Hall What a busy year it has been at the Village Hall! It has been a pleasure to see existing groups move forward as well as new activities become established. This rich tapestry of activities would not be possible without the unswerving support of our numerous volunteers – trustees, members of our management group, cleaning teams and the individuals who have assisted in decorating, maintenance and the many other unseen and unheralded tasks that make things happen. We also must recognise the leadership given by those who plan and deliver on the activities and give their time and energy so freely. We will see one long established group cease in December after decades of success – Scouts. Numbers have sadly dwindled to the point that the group can no longer be sustained. However, a new opportunity arises on Thursdays 6.45 – 7.45 there will now be a fitness class for all abilities and ages from 4th January (J H Fitness).

We are in the process of setting up a small team to plan future events such as film nights and live music. If you are interested in joining this team please let Keith or Liz know.

Work will start on refurbishing the toilets on 8th January but there will be no interruption to normal day or evening activities. We are grateful for a grant of over £13K towards the refurbishment from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Community Resilience Grant. Very best wishes to all those who use our Hall and/or have supported our refurbishment programme through our lottery – have a great Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2024. Look at our calendar <https://hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/calendar/> to see what is on.

At the annual Rural Social Group Christmas Lunch today our last draw of 2023 for the Hartington Village Hall Lottery was made by Bethany at the Hartington Farm Shop. Number 9 was the ball drawn and so Anita & Steve Stoffel at Heathcote now have £500 towards their last-minute Christmas shopping. The November lucky number was 98, drawn by Anita Stoffell at the Pilates group, making Chris and Jennie Dullage of Hartington our winners of £100. Congratulations to all our winners and a big thank you as always to all our loyal supporters as we wish you a Happy Christmas. Good luck for 2024.

David Graham, Promoter of Hartington Village Hall Lottery

Hartington C of E Primary School- Children in Need - Raised £50 by coming to school in pyjamas. Has special Pudsey lunch with themed biscuits. Followed by a Pudsey themed afternoon of activities run by Primary Stars.

Remembrance Service: Each Collective Worship for the week was around Remembrance and the Christian value of Service, culminating in the school's final worship on Friday 10th November. This was followed by the whole school walking to the Village War Memorial, where they stood for a two minute silence, which was preceded by prayers and the reciting of the Poem entitled In Flanders Fields by John McCrae.

School Christmas Fayre: This was hosted by the school's hard-working PTA on Saturday 18th November. This was a hugely successful annual event where a range of stall holders 'plied their trade' helping the PTA to raise money to support

the children of the school. It was lovely to see so many people from the community and surrounding areas during the day and there was a constant supply of delicious food and drinks available for all guests.

Nativity: Held in the church on Tuesday 13th of December, the children delivered a wonderful rendition of this well-known story within the Christian Calendar. The children's performance was amazing as always, with beautiful singing clear narration and enthusiastic dances, which was well received by the audience. There wasn't a free seat left in St. Giles' church and everyone was so proud of them. This was then followed by a Pea and Pie supper held at the Devonshire Arms Public House and hosted by the PTA.

Pantomime: The children and staff travelled to Buxton on Tuesday 19th December to watch the much-loved pantomime Cinderella performed at the Opera House. This is a traditional event the school attends just before the Christmas break and the arrival of Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. This year we were lucky to receive a generous donation from the Oddfellows which covered the cost of the transport and was gratefully received.

Christmas Lunch. On Thursday 21st December the school hosted the Christmas Lunch event for parents, governors and community members to share with us. This is a lovely way to say thank you to everyone who supports the school and provides the opportunity for the children to demonstrate their understanding of the school's vision, "Caring and sharing as part of God's Family". The day also included a surprise visit from Santa just before his busy night at the end of the week.

The final day saw the whole school celebrate and remember the school's retiring Catering Officer Mrs Anne Stubbs, following 39 years of service to not only Hartington School but also Biggin School as we sat down for 'Big Breakfast'. Her dedication and commitment to both schools continues to be remembered and she will always remain a much-loved member of staff. Happy Retirement Mrs S. The day was concluded by a buffet followed by party games and activities before children and staff going home at the end of a fun-filled week. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone. Tracy Blackwell Head Teacher / SENCO

R.B.L. Battle Back Concert - November 10th. Nothing goes to the head like success, they say, and I am pleased to let you all know that our annual concert for R.B.L. Battle Back, with the wonderful Warslow Silver Band, was yet again a great success - my head was full of gratitude for the way you all support the night, thank you so much. Because of all of you I shall shortly be sending a cheque for £ 1000.00p to my Battle Back friends in Shropshire, inside their Christmas card, they will be so grateful to you all too. Thank you to the Village Hall Committee who generously waived the hire fee, and to the indefatigable Liz B. who organised the setting up, along with her helpers, to Val and Brad who were 'on the door,' and to everyone who generously donated raffle prizes - with all that help and support all I had to do was enjoy the night, and watch all of you doing the same thing - thank you everyone. Sarah.

Informal Flora flower arranging sessions.

Thank you to everyone who has attended this year's sessions, I know that you have all enjoyed them and how much you appreciate Linda's floral talents, and her friendship, as do I. Thank you to Carol and Sue who have baked some delicious goodies to go with our cups of tea - between them we have all been very spoilt. Linda and I will be planning dates for next year when we get together after Christmas, the plan is to re - start the sessions in March, which means that the dates will be in the next issue of N & V's.

News from Hartington Community Group

It's been another great year for Hartington Community Group (HCG) culminating with something to suit everyone in December from wreath making to Pilates, from Carol singing to the Christmas disco, from the inaugural Fine Arts and Craft Fair to the Crib service at St Giles. A massive thank you to everyone who makes all these and so many more activities and events possible. Into the new year, 2024, the AGM for the HCG will be held at **7pm on Thursday 8th February 2024** in the village hall. Please make a note in your diaries. Absolutely everyone is welcome whether you live in the village, use community groups within the village or whether you're simply interested to know what goes on and there is a lot going on! It will be a short meeting, as befits an AGM, and everyone is asked to stay on afterwards for the general meeting at 7.30pm where we will be discussing activities

and events for the coming year. Liz Hitch, Secretary HCG liz.hitch@btinternet.com

'Knit happens in Hartington' is a group of likeminded folk who like to stick their needles, pins and hooks in to yarn, felt and fabric towards a finished product. We're a friendly bunch who share expertise and experience over tea and cake twice a month. We meet the first Thursday and the third Tuesday of every month. From 2.00 until 4.00 at the Hartington Youth Hostel in the restaurant. There are no costs involved other than the cost of your own tea and cake which is not obligatory but hard to resist. If you'd like to come along, or find out more, please contact Annette Judges - email anetjay7@gmail.com

Hartington Christmas Windows and Lights Trail 2023 – Christmas in the Countryside

By the time you read this you will, hopefully, have had time to view the large number of Christmas window, lights or garden displays which have brought a bit of sparkle and creativity to the long dark nights. Thank you to all those who volunteered to be on the trail map, some were



annual returners but also good to see a number of new locations being represented across the village. Once again there were many creative responses from imitation stained glass windows, to a model of a local farm, a fabric collage of the village to willow Christmas scene, amongst all the other lovely displays. Well done all, thank you for your time and effort and your contribution to Christmas in Hartington. Happy New Year everyone. Stuart.

Hartington 12 Days of Christmas Giving 2023

The Hartington 12 Days of Christmas Giving was launched on December 1st in aid of the Ashbourne Foodbank and once again the generosity and kindness of Hartington folk came to the fore. The items collected in both St Giles' Church and the Village Hall were bagged and boxed and taken down to the Ashbourne Foodbank at the Elim

Church where the donations were very gratefully accepted by the staff on December 13th, in time for distribution before Christmas. Thank you everyone who was able to donate this year. The collection boxes in the church and the village hall remain ready to accept donations throughout the year, not just Christmas.



If you wish to donate financially to the work of the Ashbourne Foodbank please email foodbank@ashbourneelim.church for more details. Stuart

Parish Register

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