

News And Views



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Hartington & District Community First Responder Service Help us to help you

The areas include Hartington, Biggin, Earl Sterndale, Flagg & Monyash

After listening to our communities regarding the need for more urgent/emergency response support, we have been working with the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) to bring more Community First Responders to our rural area.

We are pleased to say that following an advertisement campaign we now have interested applicants awaiting training with EMAS for the new Hartington & District Community First Responder Service which should enhance and compliment the support given by our neighbouring Responder Services.



So Here is how you could help

We have reached a point in which we would like to form a larger working group, to take the service forward. A simple constitution is being developed to ensure we have secure, transparent governance and access to a bank account. We will also be working with the five Parish Councils alongside Hartington Surgery. If anyone would be interested in being involved with any roles or responsibilities and would like to know more, then please get in touch, **before January 20th** with Kay Baggley or Liz Broomhead via email at hartingtonalive@gmail.com or alternatively contact Stephen Trowbridge, Hartington & District Community First Responder Co-ordinator via HartdistrictCFR@gmail.com

As you will be aware there are Defibrillators available in each of our 3 villages – details as follows:

Hartington – Position on outer wall of Beresford Tea Rooms/Post Office, registered and maintained by Steve Trowbridge

Earl Sterndale – Position in phone box opposite the Quiet Woman Pub, registered and maintained by Clive Howarth

Biggin – Positioned at the Primary School, situated by the front door and maintained by Sandra Lovatt

Heathcote- Situated at the end of the drive to Chapel Farm maintained by Steve Fletcher.



The Grand Order of Oddfellows and British Legion Club alongside Rob Tenty at the Christmas Disco on 22nd December, raised £1300 for Hartington and District Community First Responders – the Presentation of a cheque will be held in the New Year. Thank you to everyone who supported by providing prizes, buying tickets and attending on the evening.

Vicar Letter – As I write this, we are preparing for Christmas in this busy but joyful time of year. In our first Advent service we celebrated God’s love and the light that came into our world on that first Christmas. A light that is still needed in so many places today where there is war, oppression and injustice. Last Sunday we held our Christingle Service, using oranges to represent God’s generosity to us as well as the love and light he shares with us. The little candle lights that filled our church were a powerful reminder of the hope and joy we find in Christ. Next weekend The Christmas Tree Festival will transform our church into a wonderful celebration of the season, ready for the baptism of Matilda on Sunday. The trees, decorated by businesses and community groups based in Hartington, will be a testament to the creativity, love, and generosity that are at the heart of our village. Then there will be the rest of the Christmas services, all giving us the opportunity to come together in song and worship. Our celebrations will also have been tinged with sadness as we remembered June Dean who, along with her husband John, worshipped with us for many years and whose funeral was on 19th December.

Throughout December we will have heard the story of the nativity and the beautiful message it brings – that God is with us

By the time you read this, it will be 2025. New Year is meant to be a time of resolutions. Of course, we usually take these fairly lightly. Our resolutions are often to lose a bit of weight, tidy that cupboard, walk every day... and so the list goes on. Maybe these resolutions don’t last very long and usually it doesn’t really matter. However, the start of a New Year is always a time of reflection, renewal, and hope. It is a time when, remembering that God is with us, we look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead, and this is as true for the little congregation of St Giles as it is for any other group of Christians, large or small. As the star guided the Wise Men, may we be guided to make resolutions that matter and direct our time, energy and money so that we can make a difference. To us. To others. To our world

Wishing you a year filled with joy, blessings, and peace. May 2025 bring you wonderful moments and unforgettable memories.

Hartington Surgery- There has been a small amount of government funding to support the employment of newly qualified GPs. This has resulted in the surgery receiving an allocation of a day per week of a new GP to the practice. We would like to welcome Dr Ravi Bhattacharjee who will be working with us initially from January until March 2025. He is a very nice GP who will be an asset to the community while working with us.



Hartington Surgery rated First in East Midlands

Following publication of the 2024 NHS GP Patient Feedback Survey, Hartington Surgery in the Peak District village of Hartington has been rated first in the East Midlands by Patients.

On the back of being placed first in Derbyshire by patients in the 2023 Patient Survey and receiving a Special Commendation by the Regional Director of Public Health, Hartington Surgery has achieved an even better rating in 2024, now placing them first in the East Midlands.

“Hartington Alive”- Improving engagement opportunities in rural communities

On Thursday 7th November our Derbyshire Dales Professionals and Volunteers from the Health, Social and Wellbeing sectors, came together, in Hartington Village Hall to put on a wonderful event focusing on brain health and mind matters. Fifty people attended from local and surrounding villages. Information was available about the positive steps we can take to protect our brain along with further support and advice around memory changes and the Derbyshire Dementia Services. £40 was raised in donations and will be given to Hartington Surgery towards the Equipment fund. Thank you to the cake bakers and all volunteers who helped on the day. Please contact your volunteer information champions if there are any Health, Social Wellbeing topics that you would like us to cover at the next event. There is also a suggestion box in Hartington Village Hall, just inside the door.

Joint Village environment section

Help wildlife in the cold

The colder months can be a tough time for wildlife, food is scarce and hibernators are looking for shelter. Below are three top tips for maintaining your garden for wildlife during winter.

Help birds find a home

The spring breeding season is just around the corner and as soon as the new year dawns, birds will be scouting for homes to raise their chicks. Winter is a good time to give existing nest boxes a good clean in preparation, or to put up new ones.

Introduce a water feature

Winter is also a great time to introduce a water feature to your garden. Amphibians like newts, frogs and toads use water as shelter and breeding grounds when spring arrives. Butterflies get valuable minerals and salts from slightly muddy water, and birds use water to bathe and remove parasites. It is important to keep the water topped up during the chilly winter months as sources of water can become frozen and more difficult to find. To make it as appropriate as possible, ensure your water source is shallow with gradual and rough-textured edges. This will mean that anything that climbs in can get out again.

Leave the garden alone

Keeping a messy garden is good for wildlife! Leaving seed heads can provide shelter for the many minibeasts in your garden. Insects can use the stems of seed heads to hide themselves and their eggs. If you want to help our feathered friends, you'll be pleased to hear that some birds can also munch on seed heads. It's not always easy to find food in winter, so this will definitely be appreciated! Also avoid turning the compost heap - turning your compost won't hurt wildlife, but it will disturb any hibernating slow worms, frogs or hedgehogs from their winter slumber. Moving compost around in cold conditions will lose some of that all-important heat needed for decomposition too, so it's best for everyone to wait until spring when the weather warms up and any residents have moved on.

Tales from the field - The mystery of the fly tipped chicken or is she Houdini hen?

Despite having an automatic door, I still check my chickens before work and after the sun has gone down, and probably 17 times in between, if its cold breakfast is porridge and toast, if its sunny they are treated to seed and fresh berry ice cubes in their water bowl... get the idea? They're pretty spoilt and very well cared for so imagine my surprise when doing a head count I appeared to have acquired a new hen, she had managed to join the coop unnoticed and she does look remarkably like purple (yes my grandson named the chicken and she isn't purple she's black) But how did she undo the bolts and do them back up on the run gate? Or had she slipped in as a purple imposter... confidently walking past me unnoticed pretending to be my black hen purple. I have asked around the village and even put up a poster, but nobody has missed her. So no reply to the mystery of how she got into my coop, but she's very settled and has made friends with my rather haughty hen Estella (I take the credit for the name this time, she's the new Mrs Havisham and those of you who love the Charles Dickens novel Great Expectations or have watched the film will understand why I've chosen that name for her successor) they sit together on the perch and seem to have formed quite the friendship, perhaps I should call my mystery bonus hen Pip.

A special wish that 2025 brings you everything you deserve.

Childrens corner Just because its chilly doesn't mean you have to stay inside!

Winter walks and a play on the park with a flask of hot chocolate and cookies to munch is so much fun and its easier to see the birds and wildlife with no leaves on most of the trees... many birds go on holiday for the winter to sunnier climates but there are still plenty to spot like tits, nuthatches and tree creepers so make sure you leave out food and water for these brave little birds.



So pop of your winter woollies and see which birds and creatures have braved the Derbyshire winter and stayed in your villages, just waiting for you to visit them.

NEW – “Gym'n'Activ” preschool class coming to HARTINGTON Village Hall in 2025 - Brought to you by KiddiActiv!

Our “KiddiActiv” program provides a range of stimulating activities that foster physical, cognitive, and social development in toddlers. We're bringing our hugely popular Gym'n'Activ class to **Hartington on Thursday mornings** 10-11am in the new year; this is a preschool Gymnastics & Movement class for children aged 1 to 4 years old, designed to introduce young ones to the joys of physical activity through fun, age-appropriate exercises. This class focuses on developing basic motor skills, balance, coordination, and flexibility in a playful and supportive environment. Using games, songs, and interactive activities, children will explore movement, build confidence, and lay the foundation for future physical development. It's a great way for little ones to socialize, stay active, and build essential skills for life! Pre-booking required; 6 session weekly.

To book now, or learn more, use the following link: <https://mega-stars-clubs.class4kids.co.uk/>

HYPAC- Children in Need- CIN As a gesture of thanks and as a means of raising awareness of local support Hartington Primary School hosted a school community lunch on Friday, November 15th, which raised an impressive **£150 for CIN 2024**. The event was a great success! Everyone enjoyed excellent food, and it was fantastic to see so many parents, siblings, and members of the wider community coming together.

We're absolutely thrilled to share that we've received an incredible **£5,000 from Children in Need (CIN)** to help cover the running costs of **HYPAC**, our local children's activity club. This should sustain the club for at least another 2 years! This support is absolutely vital in ensuring that young children in our rural and isolated communities have access to safe, high-quality, and fun activities.

The atmosphere was buzzing with fun and excitement, especially with the raffle featuring an array of amazing prizes. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and contributed to making this event such a lovely and memorable occasion.

Poppy Collection 2024- Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthwhile cause, either buying a poppy or promoting with a box. The total of £1540 was raised – a breakdown of the various amounts will be displayed in Hartington Royal British Legion – Thank You. Stuart Grindey

Battleback Concert- The Friday before Remembrance Sunday - time for something special, the R.B.L. Battle Back concert with the wonderful Warslow Silver Band. Can it be even better than last year - you bet it can! Between us all, and thank you to each one of you, we raised an amazing £1,600 .00p. A huge thank you from me to you, yet again you have made it possible to make a real difference. Sarah.

Events at Royal British Legion – 25th January “Burns Night” - pop into legion to book your seat for the event 15th March St Patrick’s Day event.

Charles Cotton Hotel- Thank you to all our customers and friends from the local communities for supporting us during this last year and especially over the Christmas period. We will be closed for January and look forward to welcoming you back in February.

Biggin News

George Gilbert (Gil) Wilton. After a long life lived mostly in Biggin, Dad passed away on the 20th of October just 10 days after his 101st birthday with loving members of his family by his side.

Gil was born at Monyash, but came to live at Cheapside on Back Lane in 1926 aged 3 years old.

The number of people who attended his funeral at Biggin church is testament to the regard he was held by so many.

He loved living with his family and friends in Biggin and his ashes are buried with his beloved wife Audrey very near those of his son David and also close to his parents, in Biggin church yard.

Coffee, Cake and Chat January 30 1-3 soup and a roll £3. Join us for lunch and a chat.

February 27th 1-3pm Soup and a roll £3. We'll be working on the background to the parish map now that we've got the fabric and planning the next steps.

We've tried out a formal book club format and for the time being we're opting for a 'what I've read this

month' for book recommendations to share authors and titles that we've enjoyed. Everyone agreed that they enjoy books set in Derbyshire. For fans of crime fiction, we identified the DI Meg Dalton series by Roz Watkins and, of course, Stephen Booth's novels. Running Out of Road, by Catherine Staincliffe, is also set against the backdrop of the Peak District. In fact, it swiftly became clear that lots of writers use Derbyshire as a setting for murder and mayhem.

Biggin Telephone Exchange Thank you to everyone who has supported the telephone exchange in 2024. January 2025 sees us returning only to books for the time being. Having a post festive clear out? Please consider donating any unwanted books to the telephone exchange. If the shelves are full, books can be dropped off with Julia Hewgill or Sandra Lovatt.

February's theme is romance but there will still be plenty of choice.



Biggin Village Hall. The Christmas Tree lights switch on, mulled wine, mince Pies, carol singing, quiz and social on 1st December was a great success. As was the Senior citizens' Christmas meal and 'disco' later 8n the week.

Get your tickets now for An Evening with Kelly's Heroes on 18th January. This will be brilliant! These are a very professional group with fast and furious Celtic songs, gentle ballads and quality contemporary numbers. Tickets are available online – just type 'ticketsource biggin' into your search engine! There is a QR code on the posters and on the Biggin Community Facebook page which also take you there. Alternatively tickets are available from Dawn on 07967 749929.

On 22nd March it will be Four Hands and a Horn: blends of folk, blues and acoustic music.

The hall now has free Wi-Fi for users!

The hall is available for hire to anyone for their events or one they would like to produce. Favourable rates for parish residents are negotiable! A profit for your favourite charity is easily achievable. Please consider making use of your Biggin Village Hall, it's there for the community.

PRIZE BINGO happens every week: every Thursday doors open at 7, play starts at 7:30. Buy one or more sets of cards and play for half house and full house. Then there's the Flyer for the cash accumulator, added to every week until it's won! A fun game evening for everyone.

Biggin Primary School What a brilliant December we have had! On top of our normal curriculum, we've enjoyed a full range of Christmas celebrations. We learn so much about culture and community at Christmas and because we are a very small school, everyone has a much bigger part to play.

Our Christmas play, performed at the Village Hall, was The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse. It was loved by the whole audience. The children especially enjoyed discussing the story's themes of friendship, bravery and kindness. Afterwards, everyone had lots of fun with the refreshments, raffle and Christmas stalls - it just felt very lovely to be together as one school community.

The children completed our traditional Christmas Village Procession, spreading a message of joy and

singing carols until we reached the stable at Bethlehem (aka Biggin Hall's gazebo)! We were rewarded with a warming drink of hot chocolate, but the children also had the chance to give small chocolate gifts to all that had joined us to sing. On the last day of term, children performed scenes from the Christmas Story which they had written themselves, for our Nativity Service. In the afternoon it was time for dancing and games at the Christmas party – even Father Christmas joined in!

The icing on the cake in the final week was that the SIAMS (church) inspection had confirmed that school is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish. The inspector especially praised the breadth of the curriculum, the values and ethos of the school and the deep awareness of connection which leads to a sense of belonging and increased wellbeing in the school community.

Exciting news for the New Year:

From 13th January we'll be running a special session for Preschool and Reception children called Active Explorers. This group will run every Monday from 10.30 am – 11.30 am in school, making the most of the fantastic space we have for indoor and outdoor learning. It will focus on fun and games to improve physical development and communication skills in young children and will be delivered by specialist coaches from Primary Stars. We welcome all preschool children with their carers to come along.

We also run a Forest School session on Thursday afternoons from 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm which is open to Preschool and Home Educated children to come along with their parents or carers and enjoy the fun. Just call school on 01298 84279 to book places for either of these events. Best wishes for a happy and peaceful 2025. Teresa Nicholls.

Earl Sterndale News

Royal British Legion (RBL) Poppy Collection.

The house-to-house collection on behalf of the R.B.L. in Earl Sterndale, resulted in £180-21, many thanks to all who donated and bought poppies, a magnificent total.

Earl Sterndale Remembrance Service took place on Sunday the 10th of November. The service was led by Amanda Foulkes who was assisted by Dorothy Hawton (Hartington Church warden). Two wreaths were laid at the cenotaph. One from the Parish Council, by Mr Alex Holland (Chair of Parish Council.) and one from church, by Mrs Jayne Patterson (PCC secretary).

The names of the fallen soldiers were read by Mrs Jane Holland. A good number of parishioners attended our service and joined us for tea /coffee and cake.

Church Christmas Fair Sadly our Christmas Fair had to be cancelled, due to snow.

Church Carol Service "OH WHAT A NIGHT"

Despite the rain and winds, the turnout of people was amazing, thank you all so much for coming. We had Santa and his elves driving past on his tractor, to help light up the village Christmas tree, we then walked to church, for our Carol Service, everyone joined in with Carol's, and enjoyed mulled wine, hot dogs, home-made soup, tea and coffee, all donated by the village committee.

Thank you to Amanda Foulkes for a lovely Carol Service and thank you to Rev'd Nicola and our Anna Chaplain Sarah Lacey for assisting Amanda. Our thanks also to Dove Holes Brass Band, for coming along and playing the Carol's for us + the twelve days of Christmas (An Earl Sterndale favourite).

A special thankyou to Mr Steve Barber, who made a new stable for our nativity, it looks wonderful and will be used for many years to come. Thank you, Shannon, and Tammy for putting the Nativity together.

Last but not least, thank you to everyone, helping behind the scenes and the village committee for all your support. Earl Sterndale PCC wish you all, A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Dates for Your Diary

January 19th Sunday Service 6.30pm

February 16th Sunday Service 6.30pm

Earl Sterndale CE Primary School The children had a wonderful Festive period and enjoyed all kinds of seasonal events in the run-up to Christmas: We were invited to participate in a flash mob performance of Walking in the Air in Buxton's Pavilion Gardens, which was accompanied by a live orchestra and filmed by the BBC!

We had our school nativity in the church, which was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

Santa visited school on the last day of term. Despite his busy schedule, he managed to speak to all of our children individually and deliver a small gift for each of them.

After a well-deserved break, the children are back at school again, ready for another term of fun and learning!

The Pomeroy Trust. At the last committee meeting we discussed further the return of the hall to community use. The hall does have a water supply, but will need considerable investment regarding power supply. The next stage will be to start work on the structure and quotes are now being sought.

Our next fundraiser -the return of our big Christmas Draw was drawn on Wednesday 18th December at the Christmas Rock and Roll bingo night, held at - Flagg Village Hall. Full report on the event and raffle prize winners will be included in the next edition of News and Views

The next event will be a Spring Fair - to be held on Saturday 5th April 11am - 3pm at Flagg Village Hall.

To join us, help us or contact us, or to be added to our mailing list -

Please see our website [www.the Pomeroy trust.co.uk](http://www.thePomeroytrust.co.uk)

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pomeroy> memorial hall

Or please note new email address info@thePomeroytrust.co.uk

Sterndale Moor News

We've got to the end of the year and Christmas is almost here and what a year it's been things are still improving for the club the kitchen refurb is almost finished which is really good news.

The Halloween party for the kids was a great success everyone having a really good time with games dancing and food. Thanks go to the Task Force for organising this event.

The lights switch on went well as the did the accompanying Christmas Fair and it was lovely to see Santa there as well.

The Annual Bonfire was a great success and well attended and the display was as always excellent. The club committee would like to thank all the volunteers who made this possible from building the

bonfire to electric lighting and fund raising to make this event possible. They would also like to thank all the people who made donations large and small to pay for the fireworks.

There was a Christmas Party for the kids on 21st December and Santa came along as well.

In the new year there will be Bingo, Beetle Drive, and a Quiz each one being on the last Saturday of the month in January, February and March please keep an eye on the social media for times etc. Everyone is welcome and we are looking forward to meeting you all.

The Function Room can be hired for events and New Members are always welcome. We also have two snooker tables, two pool tables and two dartboards for the use of our members.

Hartington News

Services at St Giles Church

5 th Jan 11am	All Age
12 th Jan 11am	Holy Communion
19 th Jan 11am	Morning Praise
26 th Jan 11am	Morning Praise
2 nd Feb 11am	All Age
9 th Feb 11am	Morning Praise
16 th Feb 11am	Holy Communion
23 rd Feb 11am	All Age

St Giles Church Christmas Tree display - between 14-29th December.

22 amazing, creative trees, prepared by the village hall groups and village businesses were on display. It was a fantastic celebration of community spirit. So many local and visitors have enjoyed viewing the creative trees.

Two of our annual services at Christmas – The Carol Service on Sunday 22nd and the Crib Service on the 24th were outstanding events. The Carol Service with Hartington Sings was amazing and so well supported. Thank You. The crib service, so many children and their families – it was a delight to see.

Hartington Town Quarter Parish Council-

Election to fill Casual Vacancy - For the first time in our history, we had to hold a full election to replace a Councillor mid-term, instead of the normal practise of receiving applications and co-opting a new councillor. This was because the required number of 10 residents, completed a demand for a full election to Derbyshire Dales District Council the body responsible for elections. This resulted in a cost of around £3,250 from DDDC, which has to be met from parish council funds.

Welcome to our new Councillor Sam (Samantha) Spencer The election was held on the 14th November and we are delighted to welcome our new councillor, elected with 79% of the vote. Sam will be known to many of you, has three young children, two of which are at our village school and works full time on the family farm in Hartington. Thank you to the 175 of you who voted, a 60% turnout.

Precept Next year's precept will be £15,000 the same as the current year. As background, the council has a fixed cost base of around £12,500, just to provide essential services. These include Clerks salary and overheads (which includes managing the Council Burial ground) £6,750; village mowing and burial ground maintenance £3,750; Insurance £400; Grit Bins, News and Views Contribution, Defibrillator, meeting hire and other small items that account for around £1,500. That leaves only around £2,500 for other expenditure, for example the renovation of the war

memorial, with the excess coming from past reserves or burial income.

We started 2024/25 with reserves of almost £17,000 and to date with only around £500 in burial income and with the unexpected cost of over £3,000 on the election, we expect to start next year with reserves of around £15,000. Historically reserves have been much higher, but if at any future year-end we do see bigger reserves from lower expenditure or increased burial income, the precept will be reduced accordingly.

Neighbourhood Plan On the 18th December David Annat and Keith Quine representing the Parish Council and The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, met with officers of the Peak Park to hear whether they would be recommending our draft plan to Planning Committee in January. The good news is that there will be a full recommendation which is our most important milestone to date. It will now go to a section 16 consultation organised by the Peak Park, then a planning Inspector's appraisal, before hopefully being put to a village referendum in May/June 2025. If more than 50% of you vote for the plan it will become an important part of planning policy for this village. From this point all costs are met by the Peak Park.

May we take this opportunity to thank, in addition to those mentioned above, Janet Bray and Richard Gregory for their work throughout the years, to Phillip Neal for his editing support and to Leon Goodwin for creating the web site which contains full details of the Plan. If committee agree, we will be only the second village in the Peak Park to have a Neighbourhood Plan accepted.

Christmas Tree Many thanks to Richard Sherratt and Alan Grindey for erecting this year's tree kindly supplied yet again, by David and Janie Theaker of Stable Cottage. Thanks also to Jacqueline Johnson of the Old Vicarage for the power supply. The switch-on, saw an excellent turnout brave the awful weather and a slight hitch with two sections of the lights damaged by two days of storm force winds, but that didn't stop everyone enjoying the mulled wine courtesy of the Oddfellows and carols from Hartington Sings. Thanks to all.

Centenary celebrations of Hartington Village Hall July 2025 – see attached flyer and future announcements.

Hartington Village Hall We now offer an amazing range of activities across the week and indeed on several weekends (see our updated calendar at www.hartingtonvillagehall.co.uk/booking/calendar). In most cases just turn up to any activity you fancy joining in. If you would like to make a booking for a children's party or other activity, then simply contact Judith or Liz (again see our website).

It needs to be said that without the freely given time and energy of members of our Management Group, our volunteer cleaning teams, those who organise activities, and our other volunteers who help with maintenance and decorating we simply could not operate as we do, so a big 'THANK YOU' to all those who contribute so very much. Since the last edition of News and Views we have added a new display board in the entrance and blinds in the Upper Bakehouse. New smoke/CO sensors have been purchased using our lottery income and will shortly be installed.

Two entirely new activities at the Village Hall will be added in 2025. On Wednesday 8th January 2.00-3.00 a Sports Development leader from DDDC will bring along equipment for us to play 'Pickleball'. If you want to find out more simply come along but we do plan to launch the sport of 'Pickleball' as a regular activity if there is sufficient interest.

Then over the 21st – 25th April we will be hosting a series of **Contemporary Dance** Classes for beginners as well as those who have some experience. This new venture is only possible because of the funds raised by our 'Arts and Crafts Fairs'. We are determined to create opportunities to showcase 'The Arts' in our communities. Watch this space as well as Facebook to book onto these exciting courses.

Lottery Results The last 2 draws of 2024 have resulted in wins for :

November £100 No. 93 Mrs Janet Oliver, drawn by Teresa @ Wednesday Pilates session 13/11/24

December £500 No. 3 Mr & Mrs Colin Ellse, drawn by Kerrie Wager at the Rural Social Group Christmas Lunch at Hartington Farm Shop 10/12/24.

Congratulations to our winners, and as always, we thank ALL of our Lottery subscribers for their ongoing support which really makes a significant contribution to what we are able to provide for everyone at the Village Hall.

HCG AGM and Annual meeting 2024 was another successful year for Hartington Community Group (HCG) and its members - now with over 30 groups continuing to offer a wide range of activities with something to suit everyone. A big thank you to all who makes all these and so many more activities and events possible.

Thinking ahead into 2025, our AGM and annual meeting will be held takes place on Tuesday 18th February 2025 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm 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 where we will be discussing activities and events for the coming year. The HCG relies upon the help and support from the community and also input from all of you as to what you want from the HCG - be it a continuation of existing activities, or new ideas. If you would like to find out more or add an item to the agenda, please email our HCG secretary Cathy Manson.

Plaque installed to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II



This has now been installed on the second stone plinth outside of the Village Hall, to complement the existing plaque which celebrated the Kings

Coronation in 2023. Designed by members of the community, and jointly funded by HCG, Parish Council and Village Hall, this provides a fitting way of remembering our late Queens reign.

Hartington Wildflower Group Getting ready for the return of toads, frogs and newts to our village ponds

Sadly, many toads, frogs and newts 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.

Last year we ran our first Toad Patrol around the village Mere as part of the Froglife campaign and joined with nearly 1000 other patrols across the UK, rescuing 43 amphibians from the road around and returning them safely to the Mere.

This year's patrol will start again when the first amphibians are seen which will depend on the weather – last year it was the 15th February, with sightings seen up to the end of April. During this period, volunteers will be out in the early evening looking out for any amphibians that need a helping hand, and if you'd like to take part, please let us know as extra help always welcomed – even if you only have an hour to spare, it does make a difference.

Also, if you have a pond in your own garden, why not see what you can spot? We are fortunate here to see not only frogs and toads but also smooth and great crested newts (the latter being nationally very rare).



As last year, 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!

Hartington C of E Primary School- So many things happening- Craft club Tuesdays, Cookery Club Wednesdays, Lego club Thursdays - hugely popular and successful. Replanting of wildlife garden and installation of small pond, new outdoor furniture for Spiritual Garden delivered, - paid for by PTA Wildlife information signs and prayer board to be added soon

Remembrance Day was celebrated in school with a special assembly including the 100yr anniversary of the Hartington War Memorial

Anti-Bullying week 11th -15th This was accessed throughout school during this week and culminated in supporting Children in Need appeal through the hosting of a community lunch and raffle raising £150.

Ambassador School Status - the whole school went on a walk with the Peak Park Rangers around the village looking at micro-habitats linked to the science curriculum.

We thoroughly enjoyed and learnt so much from - School's Together - Elizabeth's Story with Biggin School

On Thursday 12th December the Nativity was performed in Church @ 6.00pm followed by a Pie and Pea Supper hosted by the PTA

on Monday 16th December we visited Chester Zoo linked to habitats and food chains researched within the curriculum Finally, a visit to Buxton Opera House to see- "Jack and the Beanstalk" what a wonderful way to end 2024

Best wishes to all our community as we move into 2025.

Parish Register

Hartington St Giles

Baptism:

15th December: Matilda Audery Adelaide Garlick

Funerals:

24th October: Sylvia Bunting

19th December: June Dean

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