

# The voice

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## Nick's view of the New Hall

Well fancy being asked to write an article for insertion in the local news sheet, about what it's been like to work on this contract since June 2010.

Well yes, that's when it started for me. I was driven to site by Mr Daren Atkinson to meet committee members, Dick, David, Martin, and Roger. There were one or two others that also called. I received the keys and away we go. Due to the finding of a small amount of asbestos particle board, and our responsibility to report the matter to the Health and Safety Executive, we were held up for approximately 3 weeks. Because of our commitment to achieve certain dates in order for the monies from particular grants to be realised I have been fighting to catch up the 3 weeks ever since. I always describe my job as like a bicycle wheel – I am the axle in the centre and at the end of every spoke there is someone or something that will cause a delay or a problem (or a committee member asking another question). Boy has this wheel got a lot of spokes!!

To give you a few examples, we have had delays with the cut stone lintels - either through manufacturing faults or stone being the wrong colour; the weather (I'm sure I don't have to describe Over Haddon weather); Manufacturers not being able to achieve vital delivery dates on orders; the latest 21<sup>st</sup> century fashion of wholesalers obtaining materials into stock only when they are sold. This is only a tiny amount of the problems/delays.

I have had some fun though; I am a terrible torment and had great fun with some wind - ups. I have met and made some really good friends amongst the residents – Helen, Robert, Alice, Noreen, Suzie (my personal car parking attendant) Dennis, Dick, Martin, Malcolm and of course the infamous Clyde, who shares my hobby of wood butchery! To name a few.

My normal contract level is for much larger projects and when I was placed on this contract my thoughts went to what a nice steady number. Oh well, wrong again. I seem to be flat out all day long - driving forklifts - helping move materials, giving operatives a hand, and making design decisions. I have also tried to guide the committee on choices etc., not just to ease my job, but to give all of you a better quality and more serviceable village hall.

I have also had many visitors, hikers passing through and asking questions about the project. I was even asked to give a talk on the works to a party of 7 to 10 year old school children on a visit to Over Haddon. And I thought the committee members could ask difficult questions – the children asked me numerous questions about green energy, air source heating, recycling, how much do I earn, why the committee ask so many questions (only joking Dick!) Whilst this has been a difficult job because of its complex design, incorporating all the energy saving details, and the insulation to save this cheaper energy, I have enjoyed it and will remember the fun and rewards. Building is like child birth – you forget the pain, and enjoy the finished product. I hope you all enjoy my little baby!!

**Nick**

Over Haddon Village Hall Management Committee would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during the noisy upheaval of the re-build, especially those of you who have been at the 'business end' of the village. Traffic has been very busy at times, particularly on delivery days, but this has been made all the easier for the contractors by your consideration when parking etc. Thank you.

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### Lathkil hotel 'Children in Need'

#### Sunday 14th Nov

#### Fun day 11.30am

3k fun run and 12k fell run.  
Teas/ coffee/ cakes /  
White elephant / Tombola /  
Raffle / Wellie wanging/  
Children's games/  
Fun dog show /  
Longest golf drive /  
BBQ

#### Friday 19th Nov

#### Auction from 8pm

An evening of mad bidding for assorted lots, including Sporting Memorabilia, gifts and promises.

These annual events have helped to raise thousands of pounds for Children in Need.

### STOP PRESS !!

#### **DRCS COMIC REVUE**

**SAT 13TH NOVEMBER**

**MEDWAY CENTRE**

## The next generation at the village hall?

### Calling all mums and toddlers

During the lifetime of the village hall, Mums' and Toddlers' groups have come and gone with regularity. The final session of the current toddler group coincided with the closure of the old hall.

The play equipment will still be available when the new hall re-opens, and with new young families in the village we hope that someone will see the need to resurrect the playgroup.

Please call the secretary, Dick Foxon 812133, if you may be interested in getting involved.

### Calling all under 16's

Would you like to use the hall as a 'drop in' centre to meet up with each other? Would you like free access to the Wii games? Would you just like somewhere to sit and chat?

The village hall committee would like to invite the 'younger generation' to form a sub-committee, to make suggestions for events you would like to organise and to air your views.

Again, please contact Dick if you're interested.

## Early warning of polling day 2011

Once again Over Haddon Village Hall has been requested by Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) to host the Local Council and Parish Council Elections, scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Over Haddon Village Hall Management Committee expect that the new hall should be fully functional by then, and would like to thank St. Anne's Church for "stepping into the breach" for the General Election earlier this year.

Christine Laver, Democratic Services Officer – Elections, at Derbyshire Dales District Council, Town Hall, Matlock DE4 3NN has also advised that if anyone is interested in standing for election next May, nomination packs will be available once the notice of election is posted at the end of March, and these can be obtained by contacting the election help line 01629 761335 or from Main Reception at the Town Hall in Matlock.

## A big thank you to the Parish Council

This year the Village Hall Committee received a donation from the Parish Council towards the cost of the fireworks for Bonfire Night celebrations. The Village Hall Committee have decided that any profits from the collection taken on the night will be donated to Friends of St Anne's.

Look out for a 'new look' Christmas tree this year. The old lights were very fragile and inefficient, so Parish Council have very generously donated a new set of lights to help us celebrate a brighter Christmas!  
Many thanks.

## *Friends of St Anne's church (FoSA)*

FoSA held its Annual General meeting in St. Anne's Church on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

A number of residents attended the meeting, along with Rev. Tony Kaunhaven and Rev. John-Paul Hoskins. Officers for the next 12 months were agreed as Dick Foxon (chair), Keith Renshaw (treasurer) and Susie Mensforth (secretary).

In presenting his report the treasurer pointed out that the current level of fixed donations, (mainly by standing order from FoSA supporters), plus the Gift Aid repayment on these donations are not currently covering the annual churchyard maintenance costs.

The costs of keeping the churchyard mown and tidy this year had been met due to a boost to funds from private benefactors.

A number of ideas were suggested to encourage additional regular donations, and it was agreed that FoSA would liaise with the Rev. Tony Kaunhaven and the Parochial Church Council to take these forward.

In the meantime if you would like to "do your bit" to help finance the ongoing upkeep of St. Anne's churchyard then please consider completing and returning the standing order authority enclosed with this edition of "The Voice".  
Dick Foxon...Chair, FoSA

## I REMEMBER

Pat Thurlby

I remember, possibly during or just after the war, Second World War just in case you are thinking I am old enough to remember the First, that the army held an exercise up the dale

Now many years later we Kids were investigating the mill dam and discovered numerous 303 bullets.

(Presumably discarded by the army on exercise).

They were quite deep below the dam wall.

Now these items were of great value in a small child's eye, consequently many futile efforts were made to retrieve them, bearing in mind none of us could swim.

We eventually succeeded by lowering ourselves down the wall and grabbing the bullets with our toes.

We must have managed to get about 40, giving each of the five of us 8 bullets each. (If my maths is correct, or is it are correct?).

We were euphoric never had we been the owners of such riches. Our euphoria soon turned to despair when we realised there was nothing we could do with them, on top of which there was no one we dared tell.

I don't remember what the others did but I took mine

home and hid them in the wall of an old shed in the back yard, this was where Dick and Jen live now, there the bullets lay for many years lost and alone.

We all grew up and I joined the Royal Air Force, the house was eventually sold and as always the new owner decided to do major alterations, including demolishing the shed.

I was now in Cyprus and was most upset at being arrested by the Military Police and asked to explain why eight 303 bullets, presumably stolen, had been found hidden in a wall where I had previously lived.

They believed me on the grounds I didn't have the intelligence to make such a story up!

How the past always seems to come back to haunt you.



## Film nights in Over Haddon

Whilst the Village Hall is out of action, film nights have continued very successfully in the Church, with thanks due to Martin Chresta for the 'Heath Robinson' screen frame he made. It really does need to be seen to be believed!

On **November 21** we will be celebrating 30 years since the release of **The Blues Brothers**. 12 cert. Starring Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi

**December 12** **White Christmas**, U cert. 1954  
Return of the Christmas favourite with Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye

**January 16 2011** **Cinema Paradiso** pg cert. 1989  
Oscar winner for Best Foreign film. (English subs)  
A young boy's love affair with the movies.

**February 20** **Eat, Pray, Love** pg cert. 2009  
Julia Roberts and Javier Bardem star, based on the best selling novel by Elizabeth Gilbert. 'One woman's search for everything'

**March 20** **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas** 12 cert. 2008  
With David Thewlis and Vera Farmiga. A tale of two young boys, one the son of a camp commandant and the other a Jewish boy who wears the 'striped pyjamas'

**April 17** **Made in Dagenham (TBC)** 2010  
set in 1968 in the Ford Car Plant where female workers walked out in protest against sexual discrimination.

All films start at 7.30pm, Bar open from 7pm  
Guests are welcome, tickets £2.50

Everyone is welcome to drop in, you don't have to 'sign up' for the season.

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## St Anne's Church

Christmas is coming – in about six weeks, actually – but between now and then there will be some changes to the normal pattern of services at St Anne's.

First of all, the **Annual Remembrance Service** will take place in front of the War memorial on Main Street at **10.50am on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> of November**.

This short but poignant service honours the dead of all wars, especially those who come from this village. There will be no service in church on that day.

Secondly, at **6pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November** there will be a **"Service of Light"** (with candles), otherwise known as the Advent Carol Service, in St Anne's, and again there will be no morning service that day. The other churches in the Bakewell group are invited to this service and it should be a beautiful occasion with lovely music.

Thirdly, at **6pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December** we will hold the **Christmas Carol Service** when familiar carols will be sung and local people will be invited to read the lessons.

Provided we are not cut off by snow the Bakewell Youth Theatre will join us.

Fourthly, on **Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December**, there will be a **morning service at 9.45 am to celebrate the birth of Jesus**.

After Christmas, in the New Year of 2011, the pattern of services that we have had for the past few years, namely 9.45am each Sunday (except for fifth Sundays) will be reduced to **two services** each month.

This has been made necessary because John Paul Hoskins is moving to Gloucester cathedral as bishop's chaplain and there will simply not be enough clergy to look after the Bakewell group of

churches. We will be very sorry to see him leave but I am sure you will join me in congratulating him and wishing him well in his new post.

As to which Sundays in the month, and what services they will be – watch this space (and the church notice board)!

Finally, I would like to remind everyone about the **Festival of Trees** which will be held in the Parish church in Bakewell from 3<sup>rd</sup> December onwards. This is where all local organisations are invited to decorate a tree to demonstrate their activities and interests.

Anyone who went to see it last year will remember how fascinating it was and how beautiful it helped to make the church look.

**Roger Truscott**

### Sidewinderz CD

Local lads, Joe Pearce, Adam Pearce, Alex Pendleton and Harrison Wyatt, collectively known as Sidewinderz, have recorded a CD!!

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### DERWENT RURAL COUNSELLING SERVICE PRESENT A 'COMIC REVUE'

DRCS present a Comic Revue at the Medway Centre in Bakewell on Saturday 13 November, 7pm for 7.30pm

This will be a Gala Evening, with a free glass of wine and canapés!  
Licensed bar.

Tickets £20 available from Alison Nicol, 01629 812262

### Over Haddon Village Oil Tree and Neighbourhood Watch

The Oil Tree is set up to save money on fuel costs by ordering in bulk as part of a "syndicate". Membership of Neighbourhood Watch has benefits in negotiating your annual insurance premium.

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### POSTCARD ART NOTELETS

Many artists gave the copyright of their art work, which was exhibited on postcards, to DRCS.

A selection of these were printed as notelets, and are available from Alison Nicol, 812262.  
£3.50 for a pack of 10 notelets

## Scribblings from the pen of a Scrivener about 'The Bakewell Silver Band' concert, and other 'matters'!

As Jonathan Glancy (journalist and architect) once wrote – “The pen is mightier than the sword, but no match for the accountant”. Yes! Her Suziness is an Accountant, also a Scrivener, and indeed a Freeman of the City of London – yet she has never attempted to drive sheep over London Bridge. The Scriveners were Writers of the Court Letter and date from 1357, only a few years before her time, and as such she enjoys writing about various proceedings within Over Haddon. People went to these professional writers (and readers) as in those days not everyone could read and write and there is a wonderful ‘oath’ that must be taken on admission to the Scrivener’s livery but maybe more of this at another time as possibly I digress. Possibly I digress too with the opening ‘quote’ although I feel that Architects are pertinent to the venue of the Bakewell Silver Band concert on Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010. Architects, builders and other experts are beavering away at the (soon to be) new Village Hall, and so the annual concert given in Over Haddon by the Bakewell Silver Band (and kindly sponsored by Derbyshire Dales District Council) took place in St Anne’s Church. A big thank you to the Church personnel for allowing this.

With about 20 members of the Bakewell Silver Band grouped in the west end of the church, the bass instruments up by the altar, trombones and trumpets to the fore, and the audience in the pews, the evening’s entertainment commenced: but not before the audience had filled their glasses from the well-stocked bar, with reminders to use the beer mats as the wood must not be marked. So with wine, beer and soft drinks to fortify us, Mark, the conductor, reminded us of the Band’s latest successes and the concert began. It was an amazing cacophony of sound especially with the unusual arrangement of the musicians and the vaulted roof of the church – some thought it overwhelming, I considered it magnificent. The music reverberated richly from the rafters and down the aisles, grave stones jangled merrily to the sound, and I felt that the music could have been heard throughout the east end of Over Haddon – were the sheep dancing too?.

The quality of the music was (as always) wonderful. As the concert was being held in the church, it was not quite the programme to which we were used, but rich in variety all the same. A latecomer was greeted with a slow hand clap, having locked his car keys in the boot of his car! John Mark took over the conducting for one piece with his usual excellent beat and timing, and we were entertained to a solo from Debs (Carrick Fergus – forgive my spelling?), which was followed by ‘The Best of Abba’ - ‘Dancing Queen’ and so on.

Then the Euphonium, with weddings in mind, played a Shepherd’s song associated with his wedding and the Auvergne I think. There was then a Soprano solo, pieces from ‘Les Miserables’ (‘Bring Him Home’), followed by such as ‘Everything I do – I do it for you’, and other popular pieces including from the 1992 charts! Eleanor gave us a Flugelhorn solo ‘Lady in Red’, and then came the interval. There was time to replenish glasses, and do an ‘envelope raffle’ in aid of St Anne’s Church and the Over Haddon Village Hall - this was won by Steve Spence, and the winnings kindly donated back – thank you for this generous gesture.

In the second part of the concert, we were entertained to an American trilogy, and the younger members of the band were so clearly enjoying performing this. We also heard Ken on solo horn and music by the Hollies, more music with wedding memories, James Blunt, young John on Tambourine, Cymbals and Percussion with such an expression of passion and enjoyment, Radetzky March (without the help of Mark, who was attempting to keep the audience’s clapping in time) – has our little church ever seen and heard such happy clapping?! There was then a solo on the E flat Bass (I think) – and music from ‘The Jungle Book’ including a jazz version of ‘The Bear Necessities’ which was superb, and this was followed by Amarillo and other old favourites including of course ‘The Floral Dance’. Encores included such as ‘Liberty Bell’.

Mark ended the evening by saying that he looked forward to the Band christening the new Village Hall. When they do so, I would urge more people to come to hear this excellent and popular local Band.

So – with my Scrivener duties in mind, I go to another event which I should have written about long ago –

### **‘The Storyteller Who Forgot!’.**

I did not really ‘forget’ to put pen to paper, despite the title of this ‘theatrical adventure’, and despite my more senior moments, I just did not do it – oh dear and few excuses. This adventure was put on by the ‘Babbling Vagabonds’ on 13 February 2010, in the Village Hall. It was described as ‘suitable for all ages’, and indeed it was. The title tells all, and with only 3 performers (Mark Roberts from Monyash, Sean DiSora from Bakewell and Louise Manifold from Matlock) and Phil Coggins producing and directing, the play was devised by them all. It was full of imagery and involved us using our imagination about rivers, cities and the King’s Palace.

The story teller (indeed The King’s Storyteller) woke one day and could not remember anything and could not think of a single word to start a story fit for a King. It was devised from a traditional Celtic folktale, and mixed player performers and puppets including silhouettes. There was general cleaning to begin with, not just of the stage, but of us, and including our hair (but avoiding Dick Foxon’s head!) and then shouting and coughing; there were searches for monsters, there was a garden with flowers, birds and bees, but still no inspiration for another story; there were butterflies and a spider; the Story Tree was no longer bearing fruit. We were taken through this enchanted world with so few props, our imagination being guided by those on stage who were so ably morphising (well I know what I mean) through the various characters within the story. Of course, it all ended OK, and everyone lived happily ever after, and lots more stories.

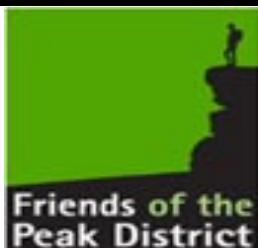
Maybe the storyteller could have been a Scrivener and could have written down his tales for all to enjoy – who knows? Come what may, it was an enjoyable and memorable evening, even if the Storyteller did forget and the Scrivener did dally in her duty of reporting and recording this!

Thank you dear reader, and hopefully the next event for my Scrivening powers will be in the new Village Hall, but with lasting good memories of the old Hall which served us all so well and which we will not forget.

**Her Suziness  
November 2010**

A newsletter for the residents of Over Haddon. For information or enquiries please contact Dick Foxon 01629 812133 or [dick.foxon@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dick.foxon@tiscali.co.uk) or visit the website at [www.ohvh.org.uk](http://www.ohvh.org.uk)

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