

The Voice

THE VILLAGE PLAYGROUND PROGRESS

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The next phase of the Village Playground and Community area should hopefully come to fruition later this year.

To date, the village hall committee has £20,000 available towards the completion of the extended car park area, installation of the basketball practice and goal unit, partial soft fall covering of the area behind the back of the hall and possible installation of a basket swing — plus a petanque pit which will be funded by a legacy from Mr. Ernest Welham.

Additional equipment will be added as and when funds allow.

The total cost of the 'desired' plan, voted for by villagers, is in the region of £60,000. A big push this year will hopefully see further funds being added to the additional £40,000 required to complete the project.

Fundraising events planned so far are:

Sat 10 May...Race Night. Join us for a fun night at the races. 8 races on the card, dress for the occasion, bring your own picnic. The bar will be open. Entry only £3 per person.

Would you, or your business, like to sponsor a race and name your own horses??

Contact Dick 01629 812133 and make an offer.

Sat 28 June...Summer Concert. Denise Hamer has kindly offered to organize a Concert with her pupils, some of whom are our own talented local children, with all proceeds going to the Village Hall Playground fund. **If YOU would also like to take part, please call Denise 01629 810386**

Sat 20 Sept...Charity Auction. Pat Thurlby, auctioneer for the evening, will be tempting you to buy all sorts of goodies. The goodwill and generosity of businesses and individuals to help with auction lots, and your support with bids on the night, will be greatly appreciated.

Patrick's Mega Quiz!... Date to be confirmed.

FULL DETAILS OF TIMES, TICKET PRICES ETC FOR ALL EVENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED NEARER THE DATES.

We really hope you will be able to come along to one or all of these events, or maybe donate an item or service towards the Auction. By supporting these events, in whichever way you can, you will be helping your community and make Over Haddon an even better place to live. Thank you.

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PARISH COUNCIL

For general enquiries or to raise matters for discussion at Parish Council, please contact-
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01629 812025
Thank you

FIRST AID AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall will be hosting a First Aid evening by The Red Cross on
Wednesday 7 May 7.30-9.30pm.

The session will include a discussion on why people may be uncertain, unwilling or
afraid to help someone experiencing a medical emergency,
and will cover four or five of the following topics :

Unconscious casualty, choking, bleeds, burns and scalds, broken bones,
heart attack, head injury, stroke, asthma, seizure, diabetic emergency, ingested
harmful substances, distress.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but we do need a minimum of 10 people.

Please contact the sec 01629 812133 by 3 May to confirm your interest.

The Red Cross makes no charge for this event, but relies on donations to
maintain its services—so any contributions, large or small, will be very much
appreciated by them.

REGULAR MEETINGS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Table Tennis and Bowls have both finished for the summer.

Keep Fit, Yoga, FitSteps, Zumba, WI, Photo workshop and Coffee mornings carry on throughout the year.

The final film in the 2013/14 season will be on Sun 18 May.

'Le Havre' - a 2011 French film about an African boy arriving illegally in the port of Le Havre and being taken pity on by an aging shoe shiner. English subtitles.

The AGM for the Village Hall Management Committee will be held on Monday 19 May at 8pm. Everyone welcome.

WELL DRESSINGS 2014

The Well Dressings weekend will be on Saturday and Sunday, 12/13 July.

The boards will go into the river during the weekend of 21/22 June and come out ready for petalling on Saturday 5 July.

FLAGG NURSERY NEWS

Our annual summer fundraiser, the 'Strawberry Fayre', will this year be held on Saturday 14th June from 2-4pm at the Nursery School, Main Road, Flagg. Attractions will include stalls, face painting, raffle, tombola, and of course our fantastic homemade scones with fresh strawberries and cream!

This event is suitable for all ages. Fingers crossed for sunshine.

"Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners" NEEDS YOU!

betty are making a third series of the hit show **Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners** for Channel 4 and they are looking for people to take part. This primetime series sees everyday people with a compulsion to clean offer up their services to people with disorganised houses in need of a spruce up in the hope they can learn from each other. If you are interested in finding out more, please get in touch by calling **02079070892** or email **clean@betty.co.uk**

Calls to this number will be charged at your local rate, mobiles may vary. Betty will use any information provided by you only for the purposes of selecting participants for the programme and will only share information with the broadcaster and any independent contractors involved in the programme. Unfortunately, we won't be able to answer all applicants individually.

I REMEMBER

From an e-mail from Jen I now remember that I have forgotten to write I REMEMBER for the new issue of The Voice. It had been suggested that I Remember Joe who as you all know was 90 a few weeks ago. Well I do remember Joe who to me, 13 years younger, he was always grown up and I can only write what I remember which as we all get older some memories fade. So, not in chronological order, here we go.

One of my first memories was that his mum had given my dad Joe's old bike to give to me for Christmas. On Christmas eve my dad decided to smarten the old bike up and he gave it a coat of paint. Finding this wonderful present at the bottom of my bed I decided to struggle down stairs with it only to be stopped by my dad half way down stairs covered with wet paint. I remember Joe ran the Scouts, we met in the School, where Suzie lives now. Everything took place in the school, the Village Hall did not arrive till 1957. Every young male joined the Scouts, no girls allowed in the Scouts then. We took part in numerous activities, knots with wonderful names like "Round turn and two half hitches", "Sheepshank", "Bowline". We did tracking and games such as Submarines - Row for the shore. Joe got "Big name" personalities to come and talk to us, I particularly remember Ray Middleton the Chesterfield goalkeeper and his mate who I think was a Milburn, a big footballing family at the time. I was in Peewit patrol and we all worked hard for various badges.

We would go on County rallies, I particularly remember the one at Buxton as I got lost and was frightened to death as how would I ever get home, Over Haddon was a world away. You could drop today's Kids off in London and they would have no trouble getting home.

I remember when Joe came and helped Alan Asher and I when we got one of Sid Bibby's cows stuck in the grain pit, and when Joe and Warren having never shot anything on their Sunday stroll with the gun were ridiculed by Bill Brummit landlord of the Lathkill so when they found a dead rabbit they took it to the pub and sold it to Bill.

Why did I ever start this, I could probably write a book. There are numerous other things I could mention but a lot I have written about before, like the Wedding, the Roping, Cricket, all in all dealing with we kids Joe must have had the patience of Jobe.

Might write more later.



Patrick Thurlby

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE VOICE?

The next edition of The Voice will be dated August 2014, deadline July 18th. Would YOU like to write something for it? Perhaps about your impressions of the well dressings or other village event, maybe a walk down memory lane, or tell us about something you've done or achieved this year? Do you have a recipe to share, a useful household tip, or maybe have something for sale?

Call 812133, email thefoxons@btinternet.com

'The Voice' can also be viewed on the village hall website ohvh.org.uk

A MESSAGE TO ALL GARDENERS

"May and June. Soft syllables, gentle names for the two best months in the garden year: cool, misty mornings gently burned away with a warming spring sun, followed by breezy afternoons and chilly nights. The discussion of philosophy is over; it's time for work to begin"

Peter Loewer.

LATHKIL HOTEL HALFGALLATHON

The countdown is now on for the legendary 10th annual Lathkil Halfgallathon, this year on Saturday 14th June! For those of you who have not yet had the pleasure of witnessing the spectacular spectacle of the Halfgallathon let me enlighten you.....it is an alternative take on an endurance race, testing both body and mind!

The brain child of one of our favourite locals - it was his opportunity to give something back to Weston Park and Ashgate Hospice for all the support and care they gave him. With everyone raising money these days for so many different, worthwhile causes he realised he needed to do something a little 'different' and something that is very memorable!

And so the Halfgallathon was born!

He incorporated some of things he loved most - the Lathkill dale, good beer and great friends - making it something we can all relate to. This is why the event has been so generously supported for the last 9 years and helped us to raise in the region of £15k for fantastic causes.

The Halfgallathon comprises of four laps of the Lathkil Hotel and four pints – this can be done in teams of four or for those hardened endurance athletes among us there is the individual race! Fancy dress on the day is encouraged, with a highly coveted prize for the best dressed.

With this being our 10th year we wanted to make it bigger and better so we have added a new element to coincide with the football party in Brazil—our beautiful beer garden is becoming a beach for the day, complete with a pool, Cocktails and a DJ! So dust off your sombrero, dig out your face paint and wigs and come and helps us raise a few bob for two charities that support our communities so much whilst raising a glass to Mr AJ Hall.

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

The date for the European Parliamentary Elections for the East Midlands Region is
Thursday 22 May 2014.

The Village Hall will be open between 7am and 10pm for you to register your vote .

St Anne's Church

The church is looking particularly lovely at present, filled with Easter flowers after the austerity of Lent, and with an evocative Easter Garden scene placed on top of the font. Many thanks, then, to all those who contributed flowers and their arrangements, cleaned the church and changed the altar vestments. It all goes to create a welcoming, live church building, which is much appreciated, as shown by comments in the visitors' book.

The churchyard is also looking lovely at present; neatly mown (thanks Bob!) and with flowers of remembrance on many of the graves. Its incomparable setting, with sweeping views across Lathkil Dale, make it both a tranquil and inspiring place to be - no gloomy, forbidding graveyard feel about St Anne's! It is also worth mentioning that we have acquired a nice new bench, from which to enjoy the view, in memory of Sidney and Mary Beebe, formerly of Over Haddon, and the Millennium Yew, in the north-east corner of the churchyard, has at last reached head-height and is doing well.

After Easter the next significant date on the Church calendar is Ascension Day on the 29th of May. This is a Thursday so we will be celebrating the festival on the following Sunday, the first of June at the 10am service. The festival of Pentecost, otherwise known as Whit Sunday, occurs the following week on the 8th of June, but we no longer have services on the second and third weeks of the month at St Anne's so we will miss out on Pentecost!

Only 20 years ago it would have been inconceivable not to have had a service on Whit Sunday. But it is not just St Anne's. Whitsuntide seems to have fallen below the radar in general over recent years. Many of us will remember it being an important festival, with processions of witness, the famous "Whit Walks" taking place in many parts of the country. There was a timeless quality to them. Processions of various kinds were an important part of the Christian calendar from the early middle ages onwards. They were statements of community solidarity as well as faith. Perhaps it is these qualities that have declined, in the face of a more individualistic, less localised, more globalised, society?.....

However, we will, on Saturday the 12th of July, have a service to bless the Wells Dressing, a recently revived custom in Over Haddon to give thanks for our supply of pure clean water, so community solidarity is not dead yet!

Roger Truscott

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, AND THE OIL TREE

Over Haddon residents benefit from both an Oil Ordering Syndicate and a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. Many of us enjoy savings on our oil bills by ordering in bulk with neighbours and obtaining discounts on deliveries.

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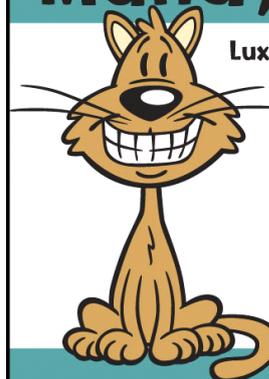
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