

## Village Show Report 2014

A big thank you to everyone who entered the show this year, and to all those who helped to make it a success. A special thank you to our judges, who gave us their time and expertise. So many villages have lost their flower and produce shows in recent years through lack of support, and it's good to know that there are enough sterling folk in Over Haddon to keep ours going.

Many congratulations to all the prize winners, who are listed below, but everyone who entered should be proud of themselves!

### Children's

Pre-school Leo Pocock Infants Freya Truscott

Juniors Toby Hendry Seniors Maddy Hendry

Junior Cup Isobel McNulty

Prizes for most first places:

Section A – Flowers & Vegetables Patrick Thurlby

Sections B, C & E – Preserves & cooking, Handicraft & Art, Flower Arrangement  
Jill Beckett and Patrick Thurlby } Joint winners

Section K – Photography Laura McNulty

Limerick Roger Truscott

W.I.Cup (most points in B,C & E) Patrick Thurlby

Runners up Jill Beckett, Jen Foxon

Joseph Oldfield Cup (highest total of points overall) Patrick Thurlby

So..... the man to beat is obviously Pat! Come on, all you cooks and allotment holders – let's give him some real opposition in 2015!

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## BONFIRE NIGHT & FIREWORKS Saturday 8th November 2014

### Bonfire lit at 7pm , Fireworks 7.30pm ( field to the east of the Lathkil Hotel )

Willing hands needed to help move bonfire materials and/or to help build the bonfire.

Meet at 10am at the Chresta's garage, Main St. or join in at the site later in the day.

If you live in the village and have any bonfire material you would like collecting please call  
812133 before 12 noon on bonfire day.

(Sorry, we cannot take cardboard, metal, mattresses or other toxic materials)

**ALSO** help would be appreciated on Sunday 9th to clear the site. Meet at 11am on the site.

**\*\*SAFETY REGULATION: PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR OWN FIREWORKS\*\***

Collections this year will go towards the proposed village play area

## New Sounds in the Village Hall

### – an evening of acoustic music with Mlendo & Paul Bell

*Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October*

There may have been no actual heating in the Village Hall on Friday evening but no one would have guessed. The songs by two vocalists new to Over Haddon, together with acoustic music by some familiar faces from the band Open Road soon made for a warm and relaxing atmosphere.

Singer songwriter Paul Bell got the evening off to a great start with his ice breaker of a song “Biscuit”, asking the audience to give a “Whoop!” or a more manly “Yeah...” when their favourite biscuit was mentioned. Chocolate digestives seemed to be the winners with Rich Tea coming a close second, whilst Jaffa Cakes weren’t allowed! “Wish I was Four” struck a chord as many of the audience smiled wistfully at the longing for lost childhood, whilst a song written for Paul’s parents’ 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary captured the mundane, ridiculous and remarkable aspects of a couples’ compatibility.

The comical yet poignant words and virtuoso music of this self deprecating and thoughtful singer songwriter enthralled the audience and took them on a journey from laughter to sadness and back again, with a grand finale exhortation... to buy a CD - all done in the best possible taste!

Warmed up by Paul, the audience enjoyed a tasty supper of chilli and baguette, which elevated temperatures a few degrees further in anticipation of the second half of the evening’s performance by Mlendo. Phil, Rob and Ian from the band Open Road have teamed up with a new vocalist, Amy whose middle name happens to be Mlendo. It sounds melodic and perhaps a little Latin but it derives from Africa and means “traveller”, which seems a very apt title for a touring band.

Acoustic in sound with a contemporary folky feel, there were many new songs which Phil had written, including the catchy “Girl in the Caravan” which is also the title of Mlendo’s first five track EP. Inspired by someone who was “living the dream” on a beach in Cornwall, this song appeals to our desire to get away from it all and live a simpler life in a beautiful place. With her confident, upbeat delivery Amy made the songs her own and left the audience wanting more (an encore was demanded and graciously granted). Old favourites such as “Daffodil Lane” were interspersed with a number of new water themed songs, as the young singer gently teased songwriter Phil in a way which provided context and introduction to each set in the line-up.

It was a great evening of live music played by true musicians who showed not only talent for their craft but also an enthusiasm for performing to a live audience. Mlendo, and Amy in particular, developed a rapport between musician and audience with a poignant mix of shared hopes, aspirations and wry observation, translated into music and lyrics, which worked well in the intimate setting of our Village Hall.

The band will be playing at the Guildhall Theatre in Derby on 7<sup>th</sup> November, but let’s hope that Over Haddon Village Hall (with or without heating!) is a venue they return to again soon.

Jill & Jaime Beckett

## HARVEST SUPPER

The village hall was packed for a family Harvest Supper, a traditional community event that has not been on the Over Haddon calendar for a number of years. The Lathkil Hotel supplied some splendid pies, and villagers brought along a variety of puddings and cheeses. Prizes were on offer at the tombola, and a quiz was organised by Tom Osborne.

Thanks to everyone involved in making the evening a success.

## events at the village hall for the remainder of 2014

**Film night:** 23 Nov. WAR HORSE (12cert) A fitting film to commemorate WW1. All welcome, doors 7pm for 7.30 start. £3 temporary membership.

### **Pat's Big Quiz** on Saturday 6th December.

Entry £10 per person (includes Turkey cob and mince pie)

Prizes donated by Hattersley Wines.

.Max 4 in a team. Don't worry if you haven't got a partner, we'll soon find you one!

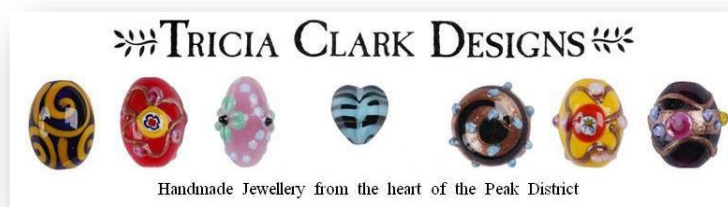
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get your names in to Pat 813043, Dick 812133

**Film night:** 14 Dec. TBA see posters during the week. Mince pies served.

## STOP PRESS

The welcome return of **BREEZE AND WILSON** on Saturday 21 February 2015 !!  
Ticket details will be in the February edition of The Voice



I shall not be having my usual pre-Christmas 'sale' this year but you will be able to find my jewellery on the **16th November** at the **Lathkil Christmas Fair**, alternatively you are welcome to come & view my jewellery at **Grindlow** on request.

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## **A Tribute to 'Les' Ex-Corporal John Leslie 'Moe' Harper 48609-40**

Many in Over Haddon will know to whom this tribute is addressed – for those who did not know Les please read on. For those who knew and admired him, I hope that this tribute does justice.

Les was 'called up' just after war was declared in 1939, and had no idea what he would be facing for the next six-and-a-half years. Les was in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regiment of 139<sup>th</sup> Brigade in the 46<sup>th</sup> North Midland Infantry Division and his battalion was shipped out to France in April 1940. The soldiers of this battalion, along with so many others, were poorly equipped and the transport was inadequate – they were sent in to fight with First World War Lee-Enfield bolt-action rifles. In contrast the Germans were well armed. In May 1940 the division was sent up to Belgium to the front line. He survived the retreat from Dunkirk in 1940 and had vivid memories of that and so much else.

I have read his memories entitled 'Moe's War' - his memories of pals, of hardship, trudging through snow and wet through, insufficient food, foraging for food, of bravery. Les was rightly proud of his service record but never boastful. He remembered those who were not as fortunate as he.

I knew about Les' time in the Army although I did not know too much detail – all of the above I have read. I know why he was called 'Moe'—on his return to England via Dunkirk a remark was made about his suntan and he was told that he looked like a Mohican, the name stuck!

Les served in France, Belgium, Tunisia, Italy and Greece. He was also in Austria. I know that he recently visited the battlefields in central Italy where he and his comrades, some 68 years previously, had fought as part of the US 5<sup>th</sup> Army. I know how much he appreciated his 'pals' as all in the armed services do. He commented that in one cemetery in central Italy there are 188 graves of men from the regiment and that he knew many of them – "they were all good pals". He felt it important to remember and pay tribute to those who fell. He also fought as part of the British 8<sup>th</sup> Army in an area known as 'the Gothic Line' on the east side of Italy and in this campaign received shrapnel wounds to the body and leg - these wounds were only 'minor' and required six stitches.

What I personally knew of Les was in later years as a frequent visitor to his adopted family - Jen and Dick and their families. I knew him as having a lively intelligence and a quick humour (normally accompanied by a twinkle and wry smile). I knew that he was well travelled - he shared with me tales of some of these journeys. We were both fortunate enough to attend (independently) the 2010 'Passion Play' in Oberammergau – a wonderful experience and which we discussed together. I know how much joy he took from life. I wish that I had known more of him, but I am sure that Jen can fill in details.

I know that I will miss his visits here – he was one of life's gentlemen. But at the age of 94 I know too that he was prepared for his last great journey - he left this life on that last great journey in his normal stoic way after a very short illness.

At his 'farewell', the Regimental flag draped his coffin and the Standard Bearer for the Italy Star Association raised and lowered the Standard at the commencement and end of the service. Les was not and will not be forgotten.

**Suzie Mensforth**

## LATHKIL HOTEL NEWS



**Children in Need Fun Day & Fell Run** – Sunday 9th November  
12k Fell Run, 3k Fun Run, Raffle, Barbecue, Tea, Coffees & Cakes, White Elephant Stall, Childrens Games, Lucky Dip, Obstacle Course etc, Vintage Massey Ferguson, Fun Dog Show

**Children in Need Auction** – Friday 14th November  
Auction of promises, vouchers & sporting memorabilia

**Christmas Craft & Food Fair** – Sunday 16th November  
Once again we will be showcasing some of the best local businesses the Peak District has to offer, along with the all important visit by Father Christmas!

Stalls confirmed to date; Hattersley Wines, Naughty & Nice Chocolatiers, Brock & Morten Oil, Rob Askew Photography, Tricia Clarke Design, Chalet Home, Peakscapes, Smyllies of Bakewell, Fiona Taylor Designs, Tweed Queen, Peak Ales and Monkee Genes.

**Christmas Menu** – from 1st December

**Blue Monkey Beer Tasting Evening** – Friday 5th December  
Join us and Blue Monkey Brewer Simon King for an evening of tasting Blue Monkey Brews with a Bangers & Mash Supper. Ticket Only Event

**Christmas Eve Quiz** – Wednesday 24th December  
Christmas themed Quiz from 9pm

**New Years Eve Supper & Disco** – Wednesday 31st December  
A one course supper with Disco – Ticket only  
Please note the bar will close to non ticket holders at 9pm

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, AND THE OIL TREE**

Over Haddon residents benefit from both an Oil 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.

Subscribing to Neighbourhood Watch enables us to utilise a telephone tree in order to quickly pass on security information.

If you would like more info, please contact Dick, 812133

## NEWS FROM BAKEWELL SILVER BAND

Bakewell Silver Band made a welcome return to the Village Hall and raised the roof with their usual high standards of music. The audience were delighted to hear some new arrangements, along with more familiar tunes.

The evening concluded with a rousing rendition of "Land of Hope and Glory", with lots of arm waving and swaying from the crowd.

In the past Derbyshire Dales District Council has sponsored these concerts, enabling local bands to play in varied locations at no charge to villagers.

However this year there was no funding, so the Village Hall Committee agreed to cover the cost of this event.

Bakewell Silver Band will be using the village hall for occasional band practice over the next few months...if you hear sounds filtering through the air feel free to quietly wander in and take a peek.

### What goes on at your Village Hall?

**MON: PARISH COUNCIL** normally meet 2nd Mon every 2nd month, 8pm. See notice board in Main St. Clerk: Helen Foreman 01629 814887. parishcouncil@overhaddon.org.uk

**VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** meet monthly, 8pm.

Sec: Dick Foxon 01629 812133. info@ohvh.org.uk

**BOWLS GROUP** weekly Oct-April, 7.30pm. BUT please check with Jen 812133

**BOOK GROUP** last Mon every 2nd month, 7.30pm Marian 813001, Tricia 812781.

**TUES: KEEP FIT** weekly, 6.45pm. Donna 01629 732917

**WEDS: YOGA** weekly, 10.45am. Michele 815168

**WI** meet 2nd Weds of the month, 7pm. Joanna 814543

**THURS: PHOTO WORKSHOP** weekly, 1pm. Jim 812025

**ZUMBA Wii** weekly 6pm, BUT please check with Jen 812133

**FRI: SENIORS' COFFEE MORNING** weekly, 11am. Just turn up, everyone welcome.

**TABLE TENNIS** weekly Oct-Apr, 7pm. Please check with Steve 814744

**SUN: FILM NIGHT** monthly Sept-April, 7.30pm. Jen 812133

If you would like to book the hall please contact the Sec, 01629 812133 info@ohvh.org.uk

Preferential hiring rates are given to local residents

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we welcome your comments and feedback**

## St Anne's Church

The last quarter of the year falls between Harvest-tide and Yuletide in the Church calendar. We held our Harvest Festival on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September and thanks are due to those who gave flowers and produce which made the church look (and smell) so lovely. Most of the flowers remained in church for the next fortnight and more, courtesy of cooler weather, much to the enjoyment of visitors who came in. The produce – four large bags containing fruit, vegetables, tins and packets – were taken to the collection point in Bakewell Methodist church to go to the Buxton food bank. Given the times we live in, when there has been a ten-fold increase in the use of food banks since 2010, it seemed appropriate to do something to help a local food bank. The following week, at 7.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October, a Harvest Supper was held at the village hall. This was a great success, bringing together the church, the pub (who provided the food) and the village hall committee (providing the venue) and a wide cross-section of the village community.

Advent, the period running up to Christmas, begins on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November, and the first Advent service at St Anne's will be at 10am on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November.

The Carol Service (a service of seven lessons and carols, all of them well-known) will be at 6pm on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. I will be calling for volunteers to read lessons, but if anyone would like to offer their services please ring me on 812327..... There will also be a Christmas Day service at 10am on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of December.

Between Harvest and Christmas a Remembrance Day service will be held, starting at ten minutes to eleven on Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. It is always a poignant, if short, outdoor service, but this year will be especially significant as it is 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War.

Our new assistant priest, Peter Davis, will be taking all of the above services. He, and his wife Sue, live in the village, and many of you will have met him walking the dogs or in the pub, but he is also hoping to meet more of you in church.

The church is, of course, not only used for Sunday services and the special Festivals, or for visitors to call in, but also to mark the most important “rites of passage” in peoples' lives. During the past two months we have had, at St Anne's, two Weddings, a Christening and a Funeral. The weddings of Darren Congreave and Sarah Taylor and of Paul Webster and Tina Lawrence both took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August, and the Christening – or should I say, Baptism – of Jack, the youngest member of the Bingham family of Meadow Place farm, was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. All three were joyful occasions.

Much sadder, on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October, was the Funeral of Celia Lally, when the church was filled, literally, to overflowing, which was itself an eloquent testament to how much she was loved. She was born in the village, as Celia Thurlby, the younger half-sister of Pat and Barry, grew up here and married Ian Lally, with whom she had a son Jason, and lived next door to the Lathkil Hotel, where she worked. I first remember her in 1968, soon after I first came to live in Over Haddon, and took the 8.15 bus from the village to work in Matlock (yes, really!) Also on the bus were two girls in their late teens, also going to work. One was a pretty blonde, with pink highlights, (Celia) and the other a pretty brunette (Susan Wright). Celia lived all her life in the village, which has become quite an unusual thing, and she will be remembered, fondly, by many people.

**Roger Truscott**

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