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WELL DRESSINGS 2015

The main board, designed by Tricia Gillies, and the junior board designed by Agnes and helped by village youngsters, looked superb in their settings and drew many admirable comments from visitors near and far. Thankyou to all who helped with preparations, to those who spent time petalling, to those who helped 'manhandle' the boards into place and to those who donated cakes and books for the blessing weekend.

Collections will be shared between the Village Defibrillator, Sheffield Children's Hospital and Village Aid.



Well dressing cards, postcards and dvds

Over the next couple of weeks Christine and Martin Chresta will be happy to print/supply copies of this year's (or of previous years) well dressing on card with envelope £1.50, and dvd £5. Postcards with a close up of petalling work are also available, 50p. If you would like to order, please contact The Chresta's asap as the 'printing press' will soon be put away for the winter.

The next edition of the newsletter will be in November. Please send points of view and any items of interest to thefoxons@btinternet.com

South View, Main St, Over Haddon. 01629 812133

Deadline October 17.

St Anne's Church

Have you noticed what a superb month this has been for flowers? - both in the gardens and growing in the wild. July usually is a good month in this part of the world, and is one of the reasons for celebrating our wells dressing early in the month. It is a happy coincidence, though, that towards the end of the month we also celebrate our patron saint's day. St Anne's Day is the 26th of July, which this year also falls on a Sunday – we normally hold it on the nearest Sunday to the 26th – and the church will be decorated with summer flowers for the occasion.

There will be two services on that day; the usual 10 o'clock Communion service, at which Peter Davis will officiate, and a “Songs of Praise” at 6pm with Tony Kaunhoven, and also with an organist and the Bakewell choir. So please join us to support the patronal festival and enjoy a good sing.

The small selection of second-hand books, for purchase or exchange – both adult and children's sections – has been doing good business lately, but is in need of some refreshment, so anyone wishing to add some books to it would be welcomed.

The largest attendance at St Anne's during the past month was, sadly, at the Thanksgiving Service for the life of John Pearce, who died earlier in June. John was born in, and lived and worked in the village and was a prominent and well-liked member of the community. He was a dairy farmer for most of his working life, like his father Warren before him, but he also had a passion that almost amounted to a second career, for rugby, at which he excelled. We heard about it at the service, along with his life as a farmer and family man, and the church was beautifully decorated in flowers done in the colours of the Old Mannerians, which was most appropriate, as was the final hymn, (sung with the proper words) - “Swing Low Sweet Chariot.”

Looking forward, to the summer and early autumn, church services will be at their normal time of 10am on the first and fourth Sundays of the month. The one on the 27th of September will be our Harvest Festival, when the church will be decorated, not only with the flowers of early Autumn but with the fruits of the harvest.

Roger Truscott

CHRISTMAS FLORISTRY EVENT Saturday 28 November.

ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERVICES

Make your own festive wreath and Christmas table decoration at Over Haddon Village Hall .

Saturday 28 November 10am-2pm.

£22 (concessions available) plus additional resource fee.

For further details, or to book your place, contact

Bakewell Community Adult Education Centre

01629 813747

email Bakewell.ace@derbyshire.gov.uk

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/adulteducation



VILLAGE PLAYGROUND

At the time of writing this article the playground is awaiting the completion of the fencing plus a small gate. Once this is finished, the safety certificate can be applied for. When the certificate has been received the barriers will be removed and then
THE PLAY AREA WILL BE OPEN !

An 'official' opening will be held at the Village Show in September.

In the last few weeks as we had a cheeky peek through the grey, strong metal fence
Our excitement is building for the opening of the brand new Over Haddon playground
Our Mum and Dad often complain that they cannot tire us out with our endless energy
But now with swings, football, basketball, cricket, climbing frames and more
We will be collapsing on the floor

So as the Summer holidays begin
We are starting our dreaming that the playground will open
And you may hear laughing, shouting, joy and screaming

Friends will be made, games will be played
Fun will be had And parents will be glad

So from both of us
A really big THANK YOU
It was really nice and kind of you to make the playground happen
And we can't wait to PLAY!!

By Finn and Toby Hendry



FILM CLUB

The last session of film nights ended with possibly the most popular film of the season, 'The Theory of Everything' which gained a well deserved Oscar for Eddie Redmayne. Hopefully the choices for the 2015/16 season will prove popular with our 'movie goers'.

Once again there will be no increase in subscriptions: the cost for 8 films is £18 per person (cash or chqs made to 'OHVH' can be dropped at South View, Main St). Those of you who would like to just pop in occasionally can opt to use guest membership £3 per film.

Film nights are very relaxed and friendly, crisps and nibbles are supplied and the bar is open...an ideal way to finish the weekend before getting that Monday feeling.

Everyone is welcome, invite your visitors and friends

SEPT 20: 'TESTAMENT OF YOUTH' 2014. 12 cert. 'A British woman recalls coming of age during WW1, a story of love and the futility of war.' Vera Brittain's autobiography.

OCT 18: 'PRIDE' 2014. 15 cert. UK gay activists work to help miners during their strike in the summer of 1984. Based on actual events.

NOV 15: 'THE HUNDRED FOOT JOURNEY' 2014. pg cert. Helen Mirren as Michelin starred restraunteur Madame Mallory in competition with the Kadam family from India.

DEC 13: CHRISTMAS FILM tba (mince pies!)

JAN 17: 'SELMA' 2014. 12 cert. Martin Luther King's campaign to secure equal voting rights, via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, in 1965.

FEB 21: 'BIRDMAN' 2014. 15 cert. Comedy/drama with Michael Keaton as a washed up actor who was once an iconic superhero.

MAR 20: 'SAVING MR BANKS' 2013.12 cert. Mary Poppins author P. L. Travers (Emma Thompson) meets Walt Disney (Tom Hanks)

APR 17: 'THE INVISIBLE WOMAN' 2013. 12cert. Charles Dickens (Ralph Fiennes) meets a younger woman and becomes her secret lover until his death.

Occasionally films are re-scheduled or we have members' requests.

Please check posters in the village during the week leading up to film nights for confirmation.

LATHKIL HOTEL EVENTS

Friday 24th July – Al Fresco Wine Tasting & Dinner

Join us for an Al Fresco evening of Wine Tasting with John Hattersley from Hattersley Wines of Bakewell accompanied by a three course dinner. Tickets £34.95 – *Reservations Required*

Friday 14th August – Tapas & Sangria in the Garden

Join us in our beautiful Beer Garden for our delicious Tapas & Sangria. Our Garden Bar will also be open. Tickets £12.50 – *Reservations Required*

1st Lathkil Beer Festival – Friday 11th & Saturday 12th September

More details coming soon....

Children in Need Fun Day & Fell Run – Sunday 8th November

12k Fell Run, 3k Fun Run, Raffle, Barbecue, Tea, Coffees & Cakes, White Elephant Stall, Children's Games – Lucky Dip, Obstacle Course etc, Fun Dog Show

Children in Need Auction – Friday 13th November

Auction of promises, vouchers & sporting memorabilia

Christmas Craft & Food Fair – Sunday 15th 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!

Christmas Eve Quiz & Mince Pies – Thursday 24th December

Join us for a fun Christmas themed Quiz & Mince pies from 9pm

New Years Eve Supper & Disco – Thursday 31st December

Join us in celebrating the New Year with our one course supper with Disco. Ticket only event – over 18's only. Please note the bar will close to non ticket holders at 9pm

OVER HADDON VILLAGE SHOW...SEPTEMBER 12th 2015

Here's a shout out to all growers, bakers, picklers, painters, florists and limerick writers!

Get ready for the Village Show in September: keep nurturing those fruits and veggies, put the finishing touches to that art work, perfect that cake recipe and bottle the fruit gin. Children, the number and quality of your entries last year was brilliant! Let's hope you continue to show such interest this year, and please encourage your parents to enter as well !

The schedule is being prepared and should be delivered later in August.

It will also be available on our website ohvh.org.uk and by phoning 814177.

**As in previous years, donations of baking to serve with teas will be gratefully received,
as will bottles for the tombola stall.**

Please contact any committee member.

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

BOOK GROUP last Mon every 2nd month, 7.30pm Marian 813001

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

WEDS: **HATHA YOGA** weekly, 10.30am. Michele 815168

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

Photo workshop, Table tennis, Zumba with the Wii and Bowls will re-start in the autumn.
Look out for notices.

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

Hire fees effective from Jan 2015:

Parish residents £6 ph, non residents £11 ph. Commercial bookings £14 ph.
Regular commercial users block booking in advance attract a discount.

PLEASE VIEW OUR WEBSITE: ohvh.org.uk
we welcome your comments and feedback

Diary dates

Sept 12: Village Show
Sept 20: Film night
Oct 18: Film night
Nov 7: Bonfire and fireworks
Nov 15: Film Night
Nov 21: Library Theatre Co presents 'My Brilliant Divorce'
Nov 28: Floristry class—see page 2
Dec 5: Pat's big quiz
Dec 13: Film night

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Before the May elections took place, Councillors Bob Osborne, Colin Nicol and Tricia Gillies decided not to stand for re-election to Parish Council. Many thanks to them for their services to the village over the years.

After the May elections Over Haddon was left with just two councillors, Roger Truscott and Dick Foxon.

The minimum number of councillors needs to be three, maximum five. A concerted effort was made to encourage interested villagers to put their names forward for a further proposed election in July.

Penny Aitken stepped up and the Parish Council became quorate, negating the need for a further election.

Up to 2 more people may now be co-opted to the PC. If you feel strongly enough about local matters, this could be for you. Please contact the Parish Clerk or a councillor for further information.

The Parish Clerk, Helen Foreman, will retire from her post in September.

The vacancy for a Parish Clerk will be advertised in due course

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—MONDAY AUGUST 10th, 8pm

In memory of Rita

An excellent account of Rita's life was read at her funeral so I will just give only a brief history of her life here, followed by more personal accounts.

Rita (Clarkin) was born in London in August 1929 but when the 'blitz' started the family was evacuated to the Derby area. She was a bright student especially in music. She studied piano whilst still in London and then both piano and vocal studies in Derby where she attended the Derby Conservatoire of Music. Later, when living in Over Haddon, she joined the Bakewell Choral Society which she enjoyed for many years up until the retirement and death of Mr Richard Barnes in 2012 when she thought it appropriate that she too should retire.

It was at a dance in Derby that she met and subsequently married Eric (Furr) and a few years later her only child arrived on the scene – her son Adrian. Adrian eventually married and 3 granddaughters came along - Vicky, Michaela and Daniela - and they all spent many happy days with Rita and Eric in Over Haddon.

Rita inherited School House through her Mother's 'paramour' Mr Kay in the late 1970s. Mr Kay had purchased School House from Derby Diocesan Council of Education in 1953. Eric and Rita set about renovating the house and Eric in building the garden – this was some task and they eventually moved into the house in the late 1980s. Eric took early retirement from East Midlands Electricity in January 1988 and Rita had also retired from her work as a bookkeeper. Regarding Rita's 'bookkeeping', she told Marian and me in the last months of her life that she was fed up with bookkeeping!

Rita made a wonderful home for Eric and Adrian, a task which she enjoyed. Eric tended the garden and enjoyed Rita's wholesome 'home cooking'. From the photographs which I have seen, they enjoyed holidays in this country and in later years took their granddaughters with them – Michaela remembers these well, and especially at Wells-next-the-Sea. Rita adored these girls and made dresses by hand for them. Rita had 3 great grandchildren and another due on 25 July – well done Michaela and despite her advanced pregnancy, Michaela spent very precious time with her Grandma visiting her in Calow and at Burton Closes almost daily and was a huge support to Adrian.

Rita embraced country life and became an active member of the village – joining the WI and the Village Hall Committee. She helped with the Well Dressing including washing sheep's wool for the first one, attended many functions in the Village Hall (both old and new) and baked an annual fruit cake to be auctioned in the Lathkil Hotel for charity – this always raised a vast sum of money and Rita remained bewildered by this - shaking her head in wonder as each year she heard the amount paid just for her cake! She entered items in the Village Show and her cheese shortbreads were always admired.

She also spent time in the Lathkil Hotel both with Eric and latterly without, but sitting with us all in 'bullshit corner' enjoying her 'half' (I believe that she was known to have had the odd 'pint' too) and every now and again, a whisky. She attended my 'gatherings' and partied with us all especially for New Year's Eve – Eric was never so keen on the partying! One year she out dressed us all in the Halfgallathon as a recycled punk – see pictures!!



To quote various people who knew her 'she had such a character and sense of fun & stuck to her principles whatever, a very admirable lady' (thank you Christine), 'she loved to tease' (thank you Mary). Others have echoed these thoughts and remembered her joking that her 'toy boy' helped with her computer and said how she loved to party and to have fun! – thank you to all who helped with these memories.

My own thoughts are that there are friends, friends and then there was Rita – fabulous generous friend to me and to many – I valued her immensely, as especially did Marian and Mark who now have Rita's Trixie. Rita treasured Trixie and indeed all of her dogs. Steve and Carol also played a huge part in her life. Whatever and whoever, all friends are precious. Personally for me Rita was all embracing, one of those special friends – she helped care for me when I needed it, she was a wonderful confidante and generous with her support and her time. Possibly (like me?) she was an eccentric and although I did not always concur with her ideas and ideals, I respected her for sticking with them. One of my favourite memories of Rita is of her sitting on the swing in the garden and singing! Marian was particularly amused by her love of heavy metal music! Quote - "I love a bit of heavy metal!" And yet there are so many memories – all so precious to those who share them. She was such a character and leaves a big gap in our lives.

She ended her days and her battle with cancer with a brief stay in Burton Closes Nursing Home. The staff there told me that as soon as she arrived with them they knew that she was a very special person. They encouraged visitors and she had many which helped her so much. Trixie visited at regular intervals and Coco too. On one visit when Adrian and Michaela were there too we all had cuddles – imagine Adrian's pleasure when at the end of his 'cuddle' Rita pronounced 'it is good to have a son'. On another occasion Rita was telling me how afraid she was to leave us all – I sung (very tunelessly) 'We'll meet again' etc and Rita of course then started to hum along – always the singer!

All of the staff at Burton Closes are brilliant and cared wonderfully for her. I remember taking her once to East Lodge for tea and she told me that she had never been treated in such a wonderful way in all her life – the staff at Burton Closes treated her that way too. She was even cared for there by a gentleman who was once a footman at Windsor Castle and at one time Butler to the Duke of Norfolk. This was very appropriate care for such a wonderful lady and I thank Adrian and Michaela for allowing Marian and me to be with Rita right up to her passing.

Her Suziness aided and abetted by Marian, Jen, Carol & Steve and others – July 2015

PS – Donations in memory of Rita were to Cancer Research, but a very belated 'thank you' to all those who contributed so very, very generously to Ashgate Hospice and Weston Park Cancer Care for my 'certain age' do in February – the total raised from that February evening was a staggering £440, which when 'gift aided' meant that these 2 charities received between them £528 – thank you all so much



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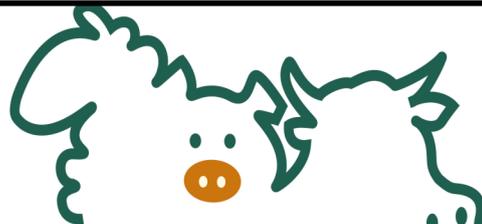


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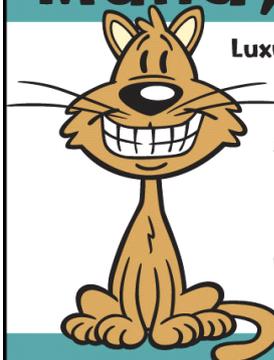
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