

The Voice

VOLUME 14
ISSUE 2
MAY 17

100th Birthday Celebrations

Over Haddon resident Mrs. Lilian Steer celebrated her 100th birthday on 6th April. Cards from well wishers were in abundance, including the official congratulatory card from HM the Queen.

Lilian's birthday culminated with a family meal at home.

The following day celebrations continued when Lilian's daughter, Marian organised a luncheon in the village hall for the regular attendees of the Friday coffee morning. Lilian brought along an interesting selection of scrap book clippings and wonderful family photos, showing an insight into times gone by.

Many Happy returns, Lilian!

Read Lilian's memories of the war on page 7



100 100 100 100

It would be interesting to find out how many previous Over Haddon residents reached the age of 100.....does anyone know?

Inside this issue

- P2/3 Tribute to Joe Oldfield
- P4 St Anne's news
- P4 Diary dates
- P5 Parish Council
- P5 Open Door Cafe
- P6 Village Hall AGM
- P7 Lilian's war memoirs
- P8 Sponsors of The Voice

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND OIL TREE

Neighbourhood Watch phone tree enables us to quickly pass on security information.

The Oil Tree allows us to obtain discounts by bulk buying oil, a saving for all.

If you would like more information, please contact Dick Foxon 01629 812133 thefoxons@btinternet.com

BOOK CLEAROUT??

DO YOU HAVE ANY BOOKS TO DONATE FOR WELL DRESSING WEEK? PLEASE HAND TO ANY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEMBER, OR LEAVE IN HALL PORCH.

THANKS

JOE'S EULOGY

When I was asked to perform the eulogy to Joe I was a bit dubious at first but then felt it would be an honour. The family felt, quite understandably, that they would not be able to do it and having then scraped the bottom of the barrel there was nothing left but to ask me. I warn you now I may crack up.

I have known Joe all my life and one of my first memories of him was during the Sheffield blitz in 2nd WW, we lived across the road from the Oldfields, it was 1940, I would be 3+ and Joe 16 and I remember, on two consecutive nights him coming to our house with others and taking us back to their house putting us in the cellar with his mother and sisters where it would be safer in case any bombs fell on Over Haddon.

Another early memory was that his mother had given my mother and father Joe's old bike for them to give me for Christmas. Finding this beauty at the bottom of my bed Christmas morning I tried to struggle down stairs with it not realising my dad had painted it the night before to smarten it up. Result my red and white pyjamas were now a very patriotic red white and blue.

I remember lots of little things about Joe, I remember him and others with a number of girls, there were always seemed to be girls, letting off fireworks in the street to celebrate VE Day. Joe and a number of Landgirls, working at New Close Farm. I understand Noreen has a number of photographs of them. Whilst talking of Noreen when very young she fell into a pond and nearly drowned, her mother asked Joe to run down to the Lathkil for a tot of brandy, thinking of Noreen he raced off, got the brandy, raced back gave it to Noreen's mum who promptly drank it. A staunch Irish Catholic lady was Noreen's mum

I remember Joe meeting Barbara who was staying across the road at Lizzie Beebe's. Joe and Barbara's wedding taking place at Bakewell church, with the whole family in Bakewell, and for the first time ever the house being empty we kids took the opportunity to raid their orchard, it was a good year for pears.

I remember Joe as Scoutmaster, all the lads were in the Scouts, and it was a wonderful, simple very happy time, we learnt first aid, knots like sheepshank, bowline, round turn and two half hitches, we did games like tracking, motor boat and row for the shore, but we worked hard for our badges and fear not Joe ruled us with an iron fist. He took us to a scout camp in Buxton, some of us got lost and were scared to death, we had no idea how we would ever get home again, lost in Buxton I ask you, how times change. I remember Joe and Warren rough shooting every Sunday morning, they never shot anything and the Landlord of the Lathkill, Bill Brummit would rib them incessantly about another unsuccessful mission. One day they found a dead rabbit, they didn't just take it to Bill to prove how successful they had been, they sold it to him.

Whenever Oonagh appeared Joe would announce to the whole room that she had slept with him and left it at that. He never explained that when she was three she had fallen asleep on his tractor whilst he was ploughing. He always had that sense of fun and not a little humour.

I remember Joe as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee for many, many years, and an excellent job he did. He proposed me as his successor, it was a hard act to follow but we both had the honour of opening the new VH together in 2011.

I remember Joe as church warden and in my mind it appears he was always a bearer at someone's funeral. Sadly today it is our turn to become bearers and mourners for Joe.

Some of our happier times were spent in the Lathkil, in bullshit corner, drinking a few pints, or halves in Joe's case, and putting the world to right. If you listened to some of the conversations that took place there then the corner was very well named. We have missed him these last few months and his departing will leave a big hole in our drunken lives.

In recent times with his wife Barbara suffering from dementia I know he found it very hard to visit her as she didn't recognise him, this was a very, very sad time for him.

The family would like me to pass on the following thank-yous:-

Community Transport and Age UK for all their help and companionship

The Farming Life Centre for friendship and support with a particular mention to his old comrade in arms Tom Brocklehurst

Over Haddon Coffee morning with particular thanks to Jen, Tricia, Marian and Dick

The Lathkill for putting up with him and his raucous drinking pals

Lynn and David Mycock and family for rushing to his aid on many occasions

The Old Vicarage and Daisy chain carers for all their care and kindness, and Justin who looked after him so wonderfully well. I know that whilst in the Old Vicarage he got a good supply of medicine as the local drugs runner was a personal friend.

The community meant a great deal to Joe and it has been nice to see that the spirit he fostered is still alive today and that those I have just mentioned and others rallied round to support Joe in his hour of need. How important these groups are to rural communities to bring and hold people together.

So today we say goodbye to Joe who has spent his whole life in the village and serving the community.

He was a Farmer, Scout Master, Youth Club Leader, Church Warden, Parish Councillor, Special Constable, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and during the war in the Home Guard.

More personally we say goodbye to a husband, dad, uncle, grandad, great grandad, colleague and friend.

I finish with what may sound inappropriate particularly in Church but it is how true friends and Joe and I could speak to each other, - Goodbye you old bugger, God Bless

Patrick Thurlby

St Anne's Church

Spring is a lovely time of the year in Over Haddon, with the fresh greens of grass and leaf, the bright new flowers and the blossom on the trees and the sound of lambs in the fields, and the excited chattering of birds building nests in our gardens. Even if the weather can blow warm and cold, at least the daylight hours are longer and the sun shines brighter.

At St Anne's we have just celebrated Easter, the most important Christian festival of the year. I hope you were able to join us for our service on Easter Sunday, joined us too for convivial refreshments after the service, and saw the displays of flowers once more decorating the church after the austere period of Lent. Thanks to all who helped in the work for this. The churchyard too has been looking good; with grass freshly mown and flowers appearing everywhere. It is worth remembering that, just as the church is a public building, open to all (and always open) so too the churchyard is a communal open space for all to enjoy, with its sunny south-facing aspect and gorgeous views, and benches for sitting on.

Once again I would like to gently remind all Over Haddon residents that the maintenance of the churchyard is paid for by the **Friends of St Anne's** *(who are mostly members of this community) and who ensure that it remains available for our use, and for our final resting place when that time comes. This year (probably during the Summer months) we will need to spend some money too on maintenance of the church building. This will include roof repairs (while the sun shines!) and some improvement to the heating system. It became apparent during the winter months (and it was not a particularly cold period) that the building has become deficient in this respect. The central heating system is, after all, about a hundred years old! It is still working but extra heating is called for. Has anyone any ideas on this?

Roger Truscott

* An article about **Friends of St Anne's** was included in the Feb 2017 edition of The Voice newsletter. Anyone who would like to help keep the church and churchyard for our village and community would be welcome to support **Friends of St Anne's** by contacting the treasurer Keith Renshaw, 01629 813759.

VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES

- MAY 4: LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
- MAY 7: FILM '45 YEARS' Film Nights at the Village Hall are open to all. Full membership runs from September to April, occasional film goers can become temporary members, £3 per film. Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start.
- MAY 24: VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM—8pm. EVERYONE WELCOME
- JUNE 3: WELL DRESSING BOARDS INTO RIVER
- JUNE 8: GENERAL ELECTION
- JUNE 17: WELL DRESSING BOARDS OUT OF RIVER, WORK BEGINS
- JUNE 24: WELL DRESSING BLESSING AND CELEBRATIONS....**DONATIONS OF BOOKS VERY WELCOME PLEASE GIVE TO ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER OR LEAVE IN HALL PORCH. THANKS**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Over Haddon Parish Council met on 13th March and was pleased to receive permission from DDDC for an Honesty box on the toilet block to help us offset the cleaning costs we are committed to and which will be installed before Easter. Parish Council gave its support to the Lathkil Hotel planning application and noted the minimal glare properties of the new LED street light with favour. The allotment renewals saw one half plot vacancy – please contact the clerk if you are a parishioner and are interested.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 3rd April. Topics tabled included – Village Plan, Car parking / roads / street lighting and land at junction of Main St & Wellgate Lane . Minutes of this meeting are in the notice board in Main Street and online.

The next council meeting is on 8th May.

Current Minutes of PC meetings are on view in the Parish notice board in Main Street. Previous minutes may be obtained via the website parishclerk@overhaddonparish.org.uk

Your Parish Councillors are Penny Aitken, Kay Staniforth, Zena Hawley, Roger Truscott and Dick Foxon

Clerk: Matthew Lovell 01629 636151

The Lathkil Hotel

Two dates for your diary this summer:

Saturday June 10th Annual Half Gallathon. Another great Lathkil charity day.

Fri 15th-Sat 16th September Lathkil Gin & Beer Festival

All details from The Lathkil Hotel 01629 812501

Also check updates via lathkil.co.uk or Facebook

ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH OPEN DOOR CAFÉ, BAKEWELL

The Open Door cafe at All Saints Parish Church is pleased to advise that tea and coffee are available if required before and after baptism, wedding and funeral services. If attendees come from a distance, they might welcome a refreshing cup of tea!

We are also pleased to provide full refreshments following funeral services.

Commencing Tuesday, April 11, and thereafter on the second Tuesday of every month, Afternoon Tea for anyone who is in need of company. 3.30-4.30pm, tea, sandwiches and cake at a cost of £2.50. Transport will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Dot on 814496.

Well dressing week – Saturday 24 June to Friday 30 June the cafe will be open daily from 11am-4pm,(Sunday 1.30-4pm) serving tea, coffee, light lunches and delicious home made cakes.

Regular lunchtime talks, with a soup and sandwich lunch. Watch this space for further details!

Come along and join us in the Newark of our beautiful Grade 1 listed building.

Bakewell Church

VILLAGE HALL AGM

Over Haddon Village Hall management committee has a positive commitment to see the building survive into the future, and it would welcome members of the community to consider becoming involved. If you are interested in the future of your village hall, please come forward.

As the hall is a registered charity, all committee members are also trustees.

Information about becoming a trustee/committee member can be obtained by contacting the secretary, Dick Foxon 812133 thefoxons@btinternet.com

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN OVER HADDON VILLAGE HALL WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2017 COMMENCING AT 8.00PM

AGENDA

APOLOGIES

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 18th MAY 2016

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD 18th MAY 2016

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT and PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS TO 31/3/2017

SHORT BREAK TO ALLOW RESIGNATION OF EXISTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES

SEVEN (7) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS/TRUSTEES
(TO INCLUDE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, TREASURER, SECRETARY).

NOMINATIONS CAN BE HANDED TO THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO THE AGM.

FOR DETAILS CONTACT DICK FOXON ON 01629 812133.

ALSO

SEVEN (7) MEMBERS/TRUSTEES TO BE CONFIRMED AS APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES OF
LOCAL GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS.

N.B. OHVHMC CAN CO-OPT FURTHER MEMBERS/TRUSTEES WHO ARE NOMINATED TO
REPRESENT A LOCAL GROUP OR ORGANISATION NOT OTHERWISE REPRESENTED.

LIST OF POLICIES TO BE REVIEWED AT FIRST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AFTER AGM 2017

Policy Review Procedure

List of Policies & Responsibilities

Finance Policy

Equal Opportunities Policy.

Environmental Policy.

Premises Age Verification Policy.

Vulnerable Persons Policy.

Hiring Policy

Health & Safety Policy.

Fire Risk Assessment Policy.

Bonfire & Fireworks Event Risk Assessment

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

LILIAN STEER (MARIAN'S MUM)
WRITTEN IN 2005 FOR THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

I was born in Sheffield, and lived there all my life until I came to Over Haddon 8 years ago. There were eight in our family and we lived very happily together in Eccleshall.

“Our war” started a couple of days before the official declaration. My brother Philip (Pip) was in the Territorials, and he had been ordered to report for duty. He was only 18 and I remember how very sad I was that he was going away, but everyone was expected to do their bit. During his time in the forces he was in Dunkirk, North Africa and Greece. He had a hard time, but took it well. He also had a girl in every port!

I met my future husband, Geoff, in 1938 and by the time war broke out we were courting. He was in the building trade, but after he enrolled into the army in 1940, he was sent abroad. Apart from infrequent bouts of leave, he was away for four and a half years. By the time he was de-mobbed I had saved my holiday entitlement at work, and had a month off with him.

My job was as a secretary at a small business in Sheffield. During the war, we seemed to supply all sorts of things, including chemical toilets for use in air raids!

If we heard the air raid sirens we didn't take much notice. We had a shelter in the cellar of our house, and one of the neighbours was a very welcome visitor.

She had a Pomeranian dog, called Fluff, and we used to pass the dog around to keep us warm!

During the night of the Blitz, December 12/13th 1940, we had visitors from Hope. While we were in the cellar the lady was absolutely petrified. Imagine the noise of the bombs whistling down, wondering if they were going to hit your house.

A couple of bombs came close...it was very frightening!

Most of the damage was done in the east end, the works area. The night had been bitterly cold with a clear sky, and the firefighters were coated in ice from the spray of the hosepipes.

The next day I walked into town to check any damage at the office, which was in Change Alley. The debris was knee deep, and it was heartbreaking to see the Kings Head Hotel wrecked and Walsh's (now House of Fraser) still burning. Quite a lot of people had lost their lives. Our office was on the opposite side of the alley, and hadn't been damaged at all. I collected some ledgers and the typewriter and took them home. It was strange that while I was in the office, the phone rang and it was one of my friends asking if I was ok!

For a time I worked from home, and then from my boss's house, but we eventually went back to town after about 3 months. We were kept very busy during the war, supplying all sorts, and when I was called up for service my boss persuaded the “powers that be” I was more use to him in his business.

One thing I remember was the Black Market. Our office was near a market, and a young lad from there could supply nylons, which were like gold dust. We didn't ask where they were from!

My boss was friendly with a man who had a hotel in Gorleston-on-sea. He often brought “excess” rations of tea, butter etc over, which were very welcome.

I remember my boss was once offered a ham from someone, but it hadn't been cured properly and the meat went “off”. He had to bury it in the garden.

When peace was declared we just carried on as normal. I don't remember any street parties. Geoff wasn't de-mobbed straight away, but when he did come home he had a month's paid leave!

TRICIA CLARK DESIGNS



Handmade Jewellery from the heart of the Peak District

THE LATHKIL HOTEL

Bar Open All Day

Food Served 12-2pm, 6.30pm- 8.30pm

Quiz Night every Wednesday from 9pm

01629 812501

lathkil.co.uk



Churchwood Design

Unit 2, Tideswell Business Park, Meveril Road,
Tideswell, Derbys. SK17 8NY.

Tel/Fax 01298 872422 email: info@churchwood.co.uk
www.churchwood.co.uk

Mad 4 ink

Computer supplies, mobile phones
Photo-shop + printer & toner cartridges

Granby Arcade, Bakewell.

Tel: 01629 815455

www.mad4ink.co.uk

Thank you to all our sponsors

The next edition of The Voice will be dated August 2017.
If you have any news items to print, or if you want to
advertise anything wanted or for sale please contact
Dick Foxon 812133 thefoxons@btinternet.com
Deadline : July 20th.

essential new media

Helping you to make sense of the web

Essential New Media is an independent consultancy offering practical advice and solutions to help you get the most out of your website.

- Search Engine Optimisation
- e-Marketing
- Content Management Systems
- Project Management

Contact Deborah Porter, by phone 07790 302559 or email enquiries@essentialnewmedia.co.uk

www.essentialnewmedia.co.uk



Granby Croft, Granby Road, Bakewell.

01629 813121

www.newclosefarm.com

Mandy's Cattery



Luxury purpose built indoor cattery

Individual heated bedrooms
and own exercise area

Scratch poles, toys & cuddles

FAB trained owner

Nr Bakewell, Derbyshire

Call Mandy Brown for more details:

07901 710767

www.mandyscattery.com
Email - mandy@mandyscattery.com

*Bolehill
Farm*
HOLIDAY COTTAGES

01629 812359

info10@bolehillfarm.co.uk