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NATIONAL VILLAGE HALLS WEEK

At the end of January there was a chance to celebrate our village hall with the staging of the first-ever National Village Halls Week.

The first of what promises to be an annual event has given us a chance to review the amazing events at Over Haddon village hall, which take place there all year round. These include bowls, book club, keep fit, yoga, Pilates, photo workshops and table tennis. There is also a weekly coffee morning which is everyone is welcome to attend for a chat over a drink, and once a month there is film night – bring along your popcorn for a chilled evening.

Looking around Derbyshire, there are many villages which are not as fortunate as we are here in Over Haddon. Some have ageing halls and others have premises which they do not own and this makes it difficult to plan for the future.

Here in Over Haddon, we have some of the most up-to-date and eco-friendly facilities in the county. These are appreciated by many people who attend the existing activities and also people we welcome for one-off celebration events.

The hall is also used as a polling station when the need arises and there can be few places in such a beautiful setting with fantastic views where people can cast their vote.

Recently, we asked people to tell us what other activities they would like to see take place at the hall and you responded by giving us some new ideas which will be under discussion by the hall's social committee in the near future and hopefully the timetable for the coming year will be fun and exciting, with something for everyone.

It is also anticipated that for Village Halls Week next year there will be a series of events here in the village to highlight how lucky we are to have such a great venue. Last year, the creation of a village hall Facebook site meant that activities, events and news taking place there reach a worldwide audience. In fact, a Facebook Live broadcast from the village show in September – which can still be viewed online – attracted thousands of views.

Of course there is every chance to do more than just attend events at the village hall – you could become part of the committee that helps to run the hall. The village hall committee is always on the look-out for people who want to get involved.

There's every reason to be proud of our village hall and we look forward to seeing you there soon.

Follow the village hall on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OverHaddonVillageHall/

Zena Hawley

Village hall committee member

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LATHKIL HOTEL NEWS

- Feb 14: Valentines Quiz
- Mar 9: Open mike night
- Mar 11: Mothering Sunday Lunch .
- PLUS-The 6 Nations games on TV.

British Summer Time

Clocks forward at 1am on Sunday March 25th.

VILLAGE OIL TREE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: HAVE YOU JOINED???

The neighbourhood watch 'ring round' enables us to quickly pass on security information.

The oil tree allows us to obtain discounts by bulk buying oil—a saving for us all.

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

PARISH COUNCIL

Unfortunately the newsletter was edited before the Parish Council meeting on January 22nd., so there is nothing to report here. The minutes can be seen in the Parish notice board on Main Street and also on the PC website overhaddonparish.org.uk

OPEN COFFEE MORNING

A reminder that the Friday coffee morning is open to all. We meet on most Fridays at 11am and finish between 12.30-1pm. Tea, coffee, biscuits and sometimes cake are provided. Come along and have a chat, or just sit and savour the view . Pop in long enough to have a drink, or stay until the end.....you will be made very welcome.

WELL DRESSING COLLECTIONS 2017

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the well dressing sub committee was pleased to be able donate £200 each to four charities: Village Aid, Target Ovarian Cancer, Farming Life and The Dukes Barn. Cards and letters of thanks have been received. Village Aid have included a short report on how their donations are used.

A message from Village Aid to the people of Over Haddon

The Over Haddon community have been supporting Village Aid for many years and this year we were delighted to be presented with a cheque for £200 by Dick Foxon on behalf of the **Well Dressing group**, a sub committee of the Village Hall. It's these long-term partnerships with Peak District communities which ensure that we can bring about real, lasting change for the people we work with in West Africa.

The community of Over Haddon raise these funds at their annual well-dressing festival, a tradition unique to this region which celebrates the life-changing impact of clean water to the people of the Peak District. Village Aid strongly believes in supporting communities to deliver their own projects. In many of the communities we work, safe drinking water is not always an abundant resource and is often a source of great conflict. Thanks to Over Haddon's support, Village Aid has been enabling communities to improve access to clean water for many, many years.

Over the past 5 years, Village Aid has supported 13 communities in Cameroon to access clean, safe water for life and as the project comes to an end this summer, we will be building the 14th water catchment site in the community of Akum. The people of Over Haddon have been instrumental in ensuring that many tens of thousands of people in this region are able to access clean safe water, reducing conflict between farming and grazing communities over this vital resource, ensuring women and girls are able to focus their time on earning and learning and improving the health and prosperity of the whole community.

Here at Village Aid, we truly value this special partnership with Over Haddon, and we look forward to working with you in the coming years.

*For more information about Village Aid, please take a look at our website www.villageaid.org, email us at info@villageaid.org or call **01629 814 434**.*

You can sign up to our bi-monthly newsletter on our website.

God's Little Acre

This is the term often used to describe village churchyards and, as it happens, St Anne's churchyard in Over Haddon does cover about an acre of land.

It is not old compared with many rural churchyards in this country because the church and churchyard were only consecrated as recently as 1880. Before that residents of Over Haddon walked the two miles or so to All Saints parish church in Bakewell to attend church services and to have their children baptised, to get married and have funerals. They were also buried in All Saints churchyard. The southwest corner, through which the path from the lychgate on Church Lane runs, contains the graves of Over Haddon residents buried prior to 1880. Since then they have all been buried in our village churchyard - well over 400 of them! As cremation has become more commonly used some have had their ashes interred in the Garden of Remembrance on the slope to the left of the path leading from the gate.

We are lucky, as a village, to have a relatively young churchyard which is still "open" in the sense that burials can still take place. Many churchyards throughout the country have been closed to new burials, as all the space has been taken up. This started happening after the medieval practice of burying people (usually members of the same family) for many generations in the same plot, after a decent interval of time, was abandoned and gravestones were erected to mark reserved plots. All Saints churchyard in Bakewell was closed early in the last century but St Anne's churchyard in Over Haddon still has space for 100 or so more grave plots.

Most of those who have been buried, or have memorials in the churchyard, have been residents of Over Haddon. Others had close connections with the village. A few of them were quite famous, most notably Sir Maurice Oldfield, who was head of MI6, the British Secret Intelligence Service, during the 1970's and '80's and who is the subject of an excellent recent book "Spymaster" by Martin Pearce, another native of Over Haddon. But, as anyone who has done family history research knows, everyone's life is worth investigating and many of the people buried here could be the subject of a good story.

It is important to see the village church and churchyard as the public places that they are, there for the use and benefit of the local community and linking us all with a wider common heritage, together with a set of values and beliefs, not all of which each of us individually may share, but which helps to bind us all together as a community. As such the churchyard should not be seen as a "gloomy" place (which they sometimes are seen to be) and not just as a "final resting place" (which it may be!) but also as an important cultural resource for us, in the sense of local and family history, and as a quiet and attractive piece of public open space which we can visit. Certainly, many walkers, coming up the hill from Lathkill Dale, take advantage of the benches where they can sit and look out over the sunny, south-facing churchyard and beyond to the dale, the woods and the fields. We are all welcome to do that.

It is also important to remember that, if this is something that belongs to us all, then we are also all responsible for looking after it. Whilst St Anne's church pays for its upkeep, ultimately from the collections and donations of its small congregation, the rest of the community can contribute by making regular donations to the "Friends of St Anne's" which was set up for that purpose just over ten years ago but which is slowly shrinking in numbers as people move away or die.

Perhaps you could consider donating by contacting the treasurer, Keith Renshaw, on 813759?

Roger Truscott

6 NATIONS RUGBY TOURNAMENT 2018

The **Lathkil Hotel** will be showing all the fixtures for the forthcoming 6 Nations Tournament.

The **Village Hall** will screen the England games if there is interest. Please let Dick know. Feb 4– v Italy 3pm.
Feb 10– v Wales 4.45pm. Feb 24–v Scotland 4.45pm. Mar 10– v France 4.45pm. Mar 17– v Ireland 2.45pm.

What goes on at the Village Hall?

MONDAYS:

PARISH COUNCIL normally meet 2nd Mon every 2nd month, 8pm.

See notice board in Main St. Clerk: Matthew Lovell 01629 636151 parishclerk@overhaddonparish.org.uk

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

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE meet monthly, 8pm.

Sec: Dick Foxon 01629 812133 ohvh.org.uk Facebook www.facebook.com/OverHaddonVillageHall/

PILATES weekly, 6-7pm Teece 07904353040 thannanpilates@gmail.com

BOWLS GROUP weekly from Oct-April, 7.30pm.

BOOK GROUP last Monday, every 2nd month, 7.30pm. Marian 01629 813001 Tricia 812781

TUESDAYS:

KEEP FIT weekly, 11.30am. Beccy 07539649165 simplybfit@outlook.com

TABLE TENNIS weekly Oct-April, 7pm. Bernie 07540667293

WEDNESDAYS:

HATHA YOGA weekly, 10.30am. Michele 01629 815168

THURSDAYS:

HATHA YOGA weekly, 2 sessions between 9am-1pm. Denise 01629 580757 deniseingman@aol.co.uk

PHOTO WORKSHOP weekly 1.30pm, except summer months. Jim 01629 812025

FRIDAYS:

OPEN COFFEE MORNING weekly 11am. All adults welcome, just pop along.

SUNDAYS:

FILM NIGHT monthly Sept-April, 7.30pm. Jen 01629 812133

(Feb 18: **The Woman in Gold**. Mar 18: **The Sense of an Ending** Apr 15: **I, Daniel Blake**)

The hall is also regularly used for private and commercial bookings.

To enquire about booking the hall please contact the booking sec 01629 812133

View the website: ohvh.org.uk follow us on www.facebook.com/OverHaddonVillageHall/

THE VILLAGE HALL QUESTIONNAIRE

During the first week of February the village hall survey returns will be studied and information passed to the social sub committee . This will be very useful when organising events for this year.

We will try to accommodate your wishes and hopefully provide a range of events to suit all. The two regular events always in the calendar are the Well Dressings in June and the annual Village Show in September.

Hopefully this year you will join us on May19th to celebrate the **Royal Wedding**, to be shown on the big screen.

Watch this space.

I REMEMBER

I remember just after the war, so 1945 I suppose, one of the worst days of my life. For some years prior to the end of the war we kids had a sandpit and what a sandpit it was! An enormous heap of sand in the corner where the telephone box is now. Now never having been to the seaside (there was a war on) this was our alternative. The original purpose of the sand was to put out incendiary bombs should any fall on Over Haddon but we kids took it over and it became our "beach". Then some years later, disaster. We were playing there one day when a lorry and a number of men pulled up and ordered us off our beach. They loaded all the sand onto the lorry and we were left distraught. The next day things took a turn for the better when another lorry and more men arrived, this time to erect a telephone box. The beach now forgotten, we had more interesting things to do in trying to find out how this telephone box thing worked. Happy days... it's amazing how such little things can amuse small minds. Now we have come full circle, with the working parts of the telephone box replaced with a defibrillator.

Patrick Thurlby

Editor's note: Pat's remembrances are a popular feature in the newsletter....why not check out his previous stories by looking at past copies of The Voice on the village hall website —ohvh.org.uk

If you would like to share a memory please contact the editor, 01629 812133 email jen.foxon@btinternet.com

St Anne's Church

January includes the season of Epiphany in the Church Calendar. This celebrates the arrival of the three kings, or wise men, from the East, visiting baby Jesus with gifts and in the past it was the time of the year when people traditionally gave gifts to each other, although for a very long time this has happened a few weeks earlier at Christmas. In St Anne's church we place a group of painted plaster figures, representing the nativity scene, on top of the font to remind us.

The next significant event in the Calendar is the beginning of Lent which starts on Ash Wednesday, which falls this year on the 14th of February, preceded by Shrove Tuesday, when we all eat pancakes! I have always found this very enjoyable ever since I was a small child, and every year I wonder why we don't have pancakes more often at other times....but perhaps it's just as well, thinking of healthy diets, and at least the season of Lent which follows is associated with abstinence – especially the giving up of things which we enjoy but are not particularly good for us. The season is represented in churches by an absence of colour and decoration, so there are no flowers on display and the buildings have a feel of sombre austerity.

Fortunately Lent only lasts for six weeks when the season of Easter begins, this year on Sunday the 1st of April, preceded of course by Good Friday. By then it will be Spring and there will be flowers, both growing outside in the gardens and in the countryside, and again decorating the church.

One significant thing, as far as local churches are concerned, that will happen later in the year – in August, to be specific - is that the magazine "Good News" will cease to be published. This is produced jointly by the organisation called the "Association of Bakewell Christians," an ecumenical group consisting of the Anglican churches of All Saints and St Anne's, the local Methodist, Roman Catholic and Pentecostal churches and the Society of Friends, or Quakers. About a third of the households in Over Haddon receive this magazine every month so many of you will already know about this.

I am not personally aware of the reasons why this is happening, although I find it very regrettable as it is not only an excellent example of local cooperation and tolerance between Christian denominations but is also a very good means of "outreach" from the churches to the local communities, and is a source of information about events, not just within churches but more widely, and a source of useful contacts for organisations which advertise in the magazine.

It is fortunate that, in Over Haddon, we have the "Voice" produced four times a year for the local community. Long may it continue!

Roger Truscott

Advance notice of Village Hall Committee AGM....can you help?

The Over Haddon Village Hall Management Committee AGM will be held in May, the date to be confirmed. This is a chance to find out what has happened in the hall over the past 12 months, and to put forward ideas for the future.

The committee has been looking hard this year at the roles and responsibilities of all members (who are also Trustees of the Village Hall) following changes in guidance and legislation. The current committee consists of 7 management trustees plus representative trustees of village groups who wish to be under the village hall umbrella.

Our aim is to keep the Village Hall vibrant and central to our community. Succession planning is ongoing, but due to retirements we will be in need of a **TREASURER**. Are you able to help?

Please talk to Dick Foxon (who will be retiring at the AGM) for more information...

01629 812133 or email thefoxons@btinternet.com

The Power of Ah!

You may remember the Wizard of Oz telling Dorothy and co. that all they needed to get fixed was already inside of them. The Wizard only brought that concept into their awareness, he didn't fix any of them! Your ability to feel better, stand taller, balance longer and walk straighter is in the power of the human spirit inside of you. Awareness is where you start.

When people find out I am a yoga teacher, they often share with me reasons why they don't do yoga, or at least...not now. I'll do yoga when I feel better, when my life slows down, I'll come back to yoga, I can't touch my toes, I have a chronic....

What people often forget is that yoga is a Healing practice, a remedy. If you are sick, you would go to the doctors or chemist, take medicine to get better, right? That is what yoga does - it helps you to breathe through pain, calms you in stressful times, and especially if you have a chronic condition - it helps you bear the weight of that heavy load. Remember just a few yoga stretches and some deep breathing every day improves your health - just like a daily dose of vitamins!

What is it about Yoga that helps the body heal?

- Yoga gets your body moving, not just physically (joints and muscles), but all your processes like digestion and circulation.
- Every breath you take brings in life force, and every exhale eliminates toxins. The deeper the breath the bigger the benefit.
- When we are injured we have temporary support as we heal, and when the supports are gone, yoga is our ongoing personal physio, helping us gain mobility, strength and flexibility again.
- If you have been ill, yoga can restore the mind the body and the spirit. Pretty soon you will be back to yourself again.

I share yoga on a Wednesday morning at Over Haddon Village Hall, and run a monthly Saturday morning workshop. Why not come along and see for yourself, we are a friendly bunch. Experienced and no experience welcome. We all start from where we are at – with a 'beginners mind'.

For more information contact **Michele**: 07784337171, 01629 815168, email michelelamu@aol.com

A PLEA FROM THE AIR AMBULANCE CHARUTY

There is a saying 'charity begins at home' but how many of us use the charity shops in Bakewell? Many people are probably like me- I take three items into a charity shop and come back home with two more! It's a great way of clearing your cupboards and drawers at home and then spending some time in the shops browsing through books, vinyl, clothing (some designer labels!) handbags and bric a brac.

There are now quite a number of charity shops in Bakewell, and you may have your own favourites.

The **Air Ambulance** charity shop in Portland Square, Bakewell is asking for donations of items to help them to carry on supporting the vital work of the Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance service. Each mission DLRAA go out on costs approximately £1,700 and they receive no government funding. They rely entirely on public support.

Please consider donating your unwanted items to the local shop in Portland Sq.

Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm

Sunday 10am-4pm

01629 813803



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THE GARDEN TEA ROOM

Karen and Mark hope to re-open the Garden Tea Room around Eastertime, weather permitting.

Ramblers climbing Dale Road into the village have a treat in store when they discover this outdoor café, and many make regular return visits, on foot or by car, to enjoy the great selection of drinks and generous portions of a variety of cakes (my favourite is Chocolate Brownie!)

Look out for notices, or check their Facebook page The Garden Tea Room Over Haddon

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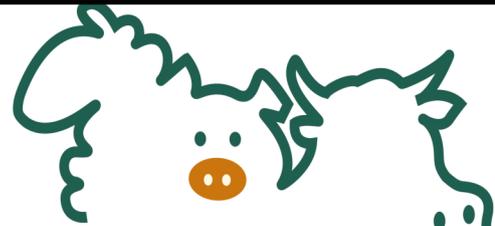
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