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ST ANNE'S CHURCH NEWS

In the Church Calendar we are still in the season of Easter.

Easter Sunday itself, on the 1st of April, was a very happy occasion, with a reasonably full church, beautiful flowers (thank you ladies), an artistic Easter garden on the font (thank you Oonagh) and a sermon both entertaining (much appreciated by my grandchildren) and uplifting (thank you Tony). The unaccompanied singing of two hymns could, perhaps, be best described as "enthusiastic." Afterwards we enjoyed cakes, tea and coffee and a friendly chat (thanks especially to Zena for her baking, and to all who helped).

The next festive service at St Anne's will be the **Patronal Festival** on the 29th of July, which will be a fifth Sunday of the month so we look forward to friends from all five churches in the Benefice, as well as villagers of Over Haddon, joining us. We will be providing refreshments again after the service on what will be, hopefully, a warm sunny day (if that is not tempting fate, given what 2018 has been like so far.....)

In the meanwhile the "**Peak Pilgrims**" will be resuming their treks across the Peak District, from Ashbourne to Edale, calling in at various churches, including St Anne's. Some groups have been doing this all Winter, as our Visitor's Book confirms, but the new season proper starts on Sunday the 6th of May when some of them are hoping to join us for the 10 o'clock morning service. Then on Saturday the 30th of June a special walk entitled the "**Walk for Life**" which aims to raise money for health charities, will be stopping at the church during the afternoon.

Before that, though, **Friends of St Anne's** will be organising a tea/garden party at St Anne's on the afternoon of **Sunday the 13th of May** (see page 3) to raise funds and awareness for our responsibility in the village for the maintenance of our church and churchyard. Again, we look forward to beautiful Spring weather.....

Roger Truscott

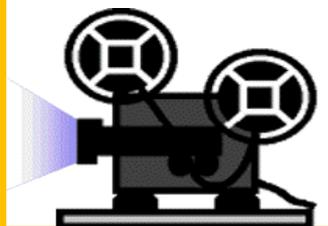
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VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Village Hall AGM will be held on Weds 23 May at 8pm. All villagers are invited to attend.

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REGULAR EVENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL

A full list of regular events is on page 5. Bowls group, photo workshop, table tennis and film nights will be taking a break until September/October.

Bowls has been regularly supported, and it is encouraging to see younger members of the village joining in with table tennis. Photo workshop has a regular nucleus of enthusiasts, and Film nights have been well attended - with the final film of the season, "I, Daniel Blake" leaving folks feeling rather frustrated, angry and emotional!

Do have a look at what goes on in the hall.....there might be something you'd like to try.

OVER HADDON HISTORY GROUP

Around 40 people turned out for a very interesting inaugural Over Haddon History Group meeting and heard long-standing resident Pat Thurlby tell various stories of the village and inhabitants in years gone by.

An Audience with Patrick Thurlby was the perfect start to the creation of the history group, which has been set up in response to a request from people in the village. It also saw 16 people sign up for group membership and that opportunity is still available for anyone who wishes to join for just £10 for the year- reducing the entry fee for events in the process to £2 instead of £4.

It all began last year, when a village-wide meeting was held to talk about key things which are important to people and what they would like to see happening on a regular basis.

A large number of people expressed an interest in seeing a history group set up and for the past few months, it has gradually started to take shape.

Most of you should have received a history group postcard through your letterbox in the past few weeks, which gives all the details of forthcoming events through to next February. The idea is for the group to meet on the fourth Thursday of each month where possible.

As well as having special event meetings, such as the March one with Pat, the group is also holding "working" evenings where village people can come along and indulge their interest in various aspects of research if they wish.

The next meeting is on **Thursday April 26th**, in the village hall from 7.30pm, when those attending will find out more about the areas of research that the history group is hoping to investigate more fully.

Ultimately, the aim is to pull together all the documentation, research and information on Over Haddon that we can collate and hopefully create a physical and digital village archive for future generations to access and enjoy.

For starters, it has been decided to split the research into four categories:

HOUSES - Research own houses and give information about others.

LAND - collecting any maps or info on the village, farms and farming to see how it has changed over the years.

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS- (Church, Chapel, the old Over Haddon village hall etc) - research and obtain information.

PEOPLE - interviewing people to talk about memories.

Work has already started on carrying out interviews and a few of these have been videoed and will be available to show at future history group events and we all have houses which we can use as starting points no matter how old or new.

Looking ahead to future meetings this year, we have a talk in June on the large number of boundary stones which lie in various fields in the area, a walk around the village spotting some of the more quirky places you might have missed (don't forget to bring a picnic for this one) in July and a guest speaker talk in September. We do hope you enjoyed Pat's event and that will encourage more of you to come along and truly give the village ownership of the history group.

For more information contact 01629 813425, or access overhaddonhistory@gmail.com, or see Over Haddon History Group on Facebook.

Zena Hawley

THE ROYAL WEDDING—SATURDAY MAY 19 2018

Coverage of the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle will be shown on the big screen at the Village Hall. The service is due to start at midday, the hall will be open from around 11am. Come and join us, bring your own royal picnic, or bring food to share. Definitely a day for popping some corks!



Congratulations

ST ANNE'S OPEN AFTERNOON

Fancy an afternoon tea and a chance to raise much-needed funds for Over Haddon village church in the process? If so, then St Anne's is throwing open its doors and graveyard on Sunday May 13th from 2-4.30 to anyone wishing to pay a visit.

The open afternoon event is being organised by the charitable trust, Friends of St Anne's, whose aim is to "assist in the preservation, maintenance and improvement of the buildings and churchyard for the benefit of visitors to the church"

The church was dedicated and consecrated on St Anne's Day, July 26th 1880, and since then has served the village by holding general worship, baptisms, weddings and funerals.

The graveyard is full of interest and has historic connections, which visitors on May 13th will be able to find out more.

For an afternoon of food, information and interest, why not drop in. Everyone welcome.

For more information, contact fosa@overhaddon.org.uk or look out for posters advertising the event nearer the time.

I REMEMBER

You will all know of what are called The Pillars up Lathkil Dale. The pillars formerly formed an aqueduct to take water over the river to drive a huge water wheel, part of Mandale mine, to endeavour to pump water out of the mines. The water going over the aqueduct started its flow down a man made channel at the dam immediately prior to Carters Mill so it flowed a fair way. Perhaps what you don't know is that there was a date stone on the pillars. I can't remember the date but as the aqueduct opened in 1841 let us assume that was it. Over the years the pillars have crumbled and I remember the date stone falling down to the ground where it lay for what seems like years. It eventually disappeared and local gossip had it that Herbert Wallwin had picked it up and given it to Jenny Waters. Jenny lived where Steve and Lindsay Pope now live so Steve/Lindsay if whilst you are pottering about your garden you come across a stone about 18" x 12" x 12" with 1841 on it you will now know where it has come from. However if Herbert did pick it up he may have kept it himself. Now he lived at Haddon House, so Fiona if whilst pottering about your garden you come across a stone about 18" x 12" x 12" with 1841 on it you will know where it has come from.

Patrick Thurlby

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Chair's Report to the Annual Parish Meeting, Monday April 9th 2018

Your councillors this year have been myself as Chair, Zena Hawley (Vice Chair), Penny Aitken, Dick Foxon and Roger Truscott. Matthew Lovell has been Clerk to the Council once again this year and we thank him for all his hard work.

Members of the Parish met at a special meeting in June 2017 to talk about any interest in a 'community plan'. The meeting was attended by the PDNP Communities Officer, Adele Metcalfe. The main concerns raised by parishioners were parking and other highways issues and the funding of the public toilet block into the future. Both of these items are listed under items for discussion later in the agenda. However the toilet block has been subject to a DDDC review and they have agreed to keep open the toilets on a year round basis and have accepted responsibility for maintenance and on-going utility costs. The cost of cleaning for the forthcoming year however rests with the parish. An honesty box has been installed with a grant from DDC, secured with the help of Judith Twigg and we thank her for her assistance in this. As car park users are already being asked to pay for parking, the honesty box has yielded relatively small returns.

In respect of parking, a highways officer visited the village to see what improvements could be made. White lines at junctions have been reinstated, the hope being that people will not park close to said junctions. A promised white H line on the blind bend at the junction of Main Street and Bakewell Road has still not been implemented and the Clerk is chasing this up with the Highways department.

The meeting has also led to the establishment of a History Group which is now meeting on a regular basis.

The Clerk has been working hard to register Parish land with the Land Registry but has met with some problems as it appears that the fast track registration scheme for parishes has come to an end although information received today may see other titles granted this week. The allotments have now been registered and the War Memorial is also secured under separate legislation.

The precept for the year has been set at £4700 for 2018/19. The increase allows the Parish to fund the cleaning of the toilets for the year and still break even.

Kay Staniforth

Next Parish Council meeting 14th May 8pm

RESULTS OF THE VILLAGE HALL SURVEY

Earlier this year, the village hall committee devised a survey/questionnaire for you to indicate what type of events you'd like to support. 121 surveys were taken to every household in the village and immediate farms, and 36 were returned. Results for the categories suggested on the form were: Games/quiz 18, Music 16, History 16, Talks 15, Dance 11, Drama 10, Crafts 9.

Other ideas suggested by villagers: Treasure Hunt, pot luck supper/lunch, gardening club, community shop, wildlife/birds, bridge/whist/canasta, children's crafts, children's disco party, visits out by minibus, Workers Educational Association classes, cooking demos, karaoke, and one request for pole dancing (PT?)

Thanks to those who replied, plenty for the social sub committee to be going on with.....watch this space.

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

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/

WELL DRESSING DATES 2018

The well dressing boards will go into the river during the weekend June 9/10 where they will soak for a week. Boards are then brought up to the garages in Main Street on the weekend June 16/17 and the clay will be applied, followed by the designs.

The task of petalling begins on Monday June 18th and goes through until Friday. The boards are then put into place and Friday evening is relaxation, with fish and chips and something to drink.

Saturday June 23 the Wells are Blessed at 11am, followed by refreshments in the village hall, The hall will then be open over the weekend for teas, coffees, cakes, book sales and possibly plants for sale. Boards remain in place until June 30th.

All are welcome to join in with well dressing....it's a technique once learned you will never forget.

Come and find us in the garages.

THE GARDEN TEA ROOM

Flurries of snow scuppered them at Easter, but at the time of writing this, Karen and Mark are intending to open the Garden Tea Room on Thursday April 19th, and will be open thereafter on Thursdays to Sundays (and Bank holidays) during good weather until October. Visitors to the Garden Tea Room have nothing but praise for the cakes, coffee, wonderful setting and friendly service, and many return time after time.

Some just go to share their cakes and biscuits with the doggies .

See some great photos and reviews on Facebook @garden.tea.room.oh

SNOW ON THE ROADS

I would like to thank everyone who responded to my request for help during the bad weather and to my suggestion that a list of people might be drawn up of those who would be prepared to help in such conditions in future. Always with the proviso that they would not be committed to agree each time they were asked.

I have kept a list of their names and will pass it on to the parish council as road conditions seem to be part of their local responsibilities (devolved, if I understand correctly, from the County Council).

Here's hoping that it won't be needed now until next winter!

Thank you so much,

Olga Truscott

LATHKIL HOTEL EVENTS

Pie & a Pint £10 every Wednesday 6.30-8.30pm

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ROGER'S REMINISCENCES—FIFTY YEARS AGO. (PART 1)

We came to live in Over Haddon at the beginning of 1968. This is a reflection on life in the village at that time, giving a snapshot of what it was like living here half a century ago.

Physically, the village has probably not changed as much as most places have over that period. This is not surprising, given that we are in a National Park. Even so, the number of new dwelling houses has increased substantially; about two dozen new-builds and a dozen or so conversions, mostly from former agricultural buildings. The pub, the Lathkill Hotel, was there as now. St Anne's church and the Wesleyan Reform chapel were both in regular use, and the Village Hall, still fairly new, was on exactly the same site as the present even newer but somewhat larger, one. There was no playground, of course, although the need for one was frequently talked about. There was also a very small village shop/post office next to the War Memorial on Main Street. The allotments, off Monyash Road, were there, although less fully occupied than they are now. The village school was empty as it had closed its doors a year or so before. There was no car park or public toilets, but then, there were a lot fewer cars on the road and fewer visitors.

One of the main differences was that there were two working farms in the village, Manor Farm and Oaks Farm, with the attendant farm vehicles, and cows criss-crossing the roads twice a day for milking, and meandering along the village streets. This was accentuated by the fact that fields, with livestock in them, were much closer to the centre of the village. There were no non-agricultural buildings, for instance, to the east of Bakewell Road, only the village hall north of School Lane and nothing west of Dale Road above St Anne's Cottage. As a result the sight, smell and sound of cows was one of the ever-present features of life in the village – and you had to be quite careful where you walked! There was also Oldfield's (now Mycock's) farm on the edge of the village. Because it was still largely a working village Over Haddon was less “prettified” in appearance than it is now.

Even though Over Haddon has not changed all that much physically it has certainly changed economically and demographically. In 1968 farm work was easily the most common occupation. As well as the inhabitants of the three farms quite a lot of other houses were occupied by people who worked on farms in and around the village. Most of these, as well as the farming families, had deep local roots, in many cases going back for several generations. The Pearces, Mosleys and Oldfields (the three village farms) and farming families in the surrounding area, like the Finneys, Buntings, Marsdens and Bingham, along with village families such as the Taylors, Newtons, Nuttalls and Wrights, were all local. This was also true of the gamekeepers who looked after Lathkill Dale for the Earls of Lothian. Herbert Bartram, who was about to retire, and his assistant Herbert Walwyn, were real characters. They both looked as if they had stepped out of the 19th century, with their deerstalker hats, Harris Tweed coats, plus-fours and boots. The ancestors of most of these could be traced back in the censuses (as the local history group did a few years later) into the 19th century. They still made up a majority of the population of the village and were often inter-related. For incomers like ourselves (known in those days as “strangers”) it was quite confusing. You had to be quite careful what you said about anyone, because they might well be related to the person you were speaking to! In fact, it was not very easy at that time for incomers to develop friendships because with so many locals belonging to extended families they had all the informal social contact they needed, hence the importance of the pub, the village hall, the church and the chapel.

There were, of course, other people living in the village who did not work on the land. There were a few local business proprietors, like David Holmes, building contractor, and Gordon Pendleton, painter and decorator. Some people worked nearby, in Bakewell or Matlock, and even then a small number commuted quite long distances to work. There were retired people, most of whom were long-standing residents of Over Haddon, and there were a few second homes, mostly belonging to people who lived and worked in cities some distance away who tended to come at weekends. There were not, as far as I can recall, any “holiday homes” as such in the village at that time.

Roger Truscott

(Thanks Roger, Looking forward to part 2 in the next edition.)

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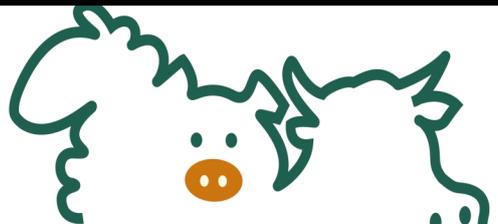
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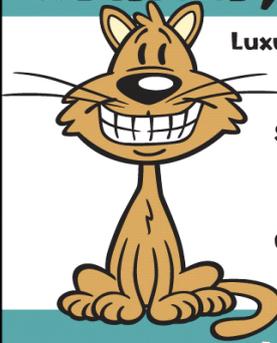
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