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WASSAILING

The now annual event of Wassailing took place on Tuesday 18th December at the Village Hall which was kindly offered free of charge by the VH Committee. Once again we had about 15 members of Cressbrook & Tideswell Brass Bands, led by Helen Thurlby (My daughter) to entertain us. The most wonderful turkey cobs and mince pies were provided by the Lathkil and thanks to the Wassailing Committee it was all for the price of a collection which went to the band who for about a month around Christmas are playing somewhere and all unpaid.

Including the band there were about 80 people numerous of whom came to me and said how they had enjoyed it. I don't know what it was but it seemed to be a quite magical evening.

We nearly had a Diva crisis as one of our star performers cried off at the last minute to be replaced by her mother. However - come her time to perform she returned and sang, she also played a duet with lovely sister Lara. From the information given you can probably work out the Diva was Beth. I must say they both sang and played brilliantly.

The little stars of the show were Elaine's girls April, Hazel & Julia who sang/recited 'When Santa got Stuck up the Chimney' and 'The Christmas Alphabet'. And got a thunderous round of applause

Before closing I must thank the Church for loaning us the Carol sheets and if I have missed anyone I apologise but thankyou

All in all another successful evening, long may it continue.

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CALLING ALL YOUNG 'UNS

A message to all village schoolchildren

Can you write a poem or short story? Do you have a joke to tell?

Let me have it for the next newsletter .

Contact details and deadline on back page.

FREE CHAIR

and also a 6' xmas tree.

please contact Tricia

01629 812781

DO YOU FANCY A COFFEE ?

The village hall opens on most Fridays from 11am and closes around 12.30ish for tea, coffee and biscuits. Please feel free to pop in at any time for a quick cuppa, or stay longer for a natter.

Drinks are provided by the village hall,
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This is open for everyone and there is no charge...see you



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St Anne's Church

The Christmas season is behind us, but I am sure that all who joined us in the celebrations, at the Carol Service, - when over 60 people took part - and the morning service on Christmas Day, will have happy memories of them. The church certainly looked lovely, with the green and red decorations of the windows and the porch, the candles and the Christmas Tree. Now all is back to normal, and in a few weeks time, when the season of Lent begins, on the 5th of March (Ash Wednesday) there will, as is traditional, be no flowers at all. This is to reflect the austerity of Jesus' six weeks spent in the wilderness, meditating on the meaning of his life before beginning the extraordinary three years of his Ministry, culminating in his Crucifixion, then Resurrection.

So six weeks after the start of Lent, on Sunday the 21st of April we will celebrate Easter, the most important Festival of the Christian year. We look forward to as many people as possible being able to join us on that day.

Roger Truscott

FILMS FOR REMAINING SEASON

Everyone is welcome to enjoy film nights in the hall. Temporary membership is just £3 per film. Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start. A bar is available, plus hot drinks. Crisps supplied.

- Jan 20: **'Goodbye Christopher Robin'** pg 110mins. Domhnall Gleeson, Margot Robbie.
A behind the scenes look at the life of author AA Milne
- Feb 17: **'The Bookshop'** pg 113mins. Emily Mortimer & Bill Nighy, set in England 1959.
In a small East Anglian town a woman decides to open a book shop, despite ruthless local opposition.
- Mar 17: **'My Left Foot'** 15 105mins. **Celebrating 30 years since it's release.**
Daniel Day Lewis, Brenda Fricker. Born with cerebral palsy, Christy Brown learns to paint and write with his only controllable limb...his left foot.
- Apr 21: Members choice

I REMEMBER

So who knows what TVO is, well it's short for Tractor Vaporising Oil and it is what the old Ferguson tractors would run on. To start this tractor you had to turn the fuel to Petrol and once started turn it over to cheaper TVO.

Now Sid Bibby had a Ferguson tractor which he kept in a shed which is now Longridge garage. Alan Asher, Mick Newton and I as young lads worked a bit for Sid. We came one morning to get the tractor out of the shed and it wouldn't start. The only thing for it was to run it down the hill to bump start it. With no little effort we pushed the tractor to the top of the hill and tried and tried to bump start it all to no avail.

Having now reached the church gate we offered up a prayer and tried again still no sign of starting. Not wishing to get stuck at the Lodge at the bottom of the dale we decided to fetch my brother Barry to have a look at the tractor.

He arrived took one look at it and said well if you switched the expletive fuel on you might get somewhere. We switched the fuel on and it started straight away, lesson learnt we never made the same mistake again

Patrick Thurlby

NEWS FROM THE PARISH CLERK

Over Haddon Parish Council met on Monday 14th to discuss setting the precept and proposals for our Walled Copse. The precept is to be raised by enough to cover for increased costs and our commitment to providing a cleaner to keep the toilets open year-round. With the increase by DDDC in car park fees to cover costs and the welcome news that business rates for toilet blocks are being abolished Council has asked that the cleaners cost be taken back but this has not come to their committee before the deadline for setting the precept despite our best efforts. Council agreed not to raise the allotment rents this year and renewals are now being sent out. The Walled Copse is shortly to see professional crown lifting and hedge maintenance part paid for by grants. Council would like to thank our County Councillor Judith Twigg for £200 towards this. This will give council and parishioners the chance to see the full extent of available area and whilst the initial work will be to wall repairs and a new gate with a bench proposed Council will welcome ideas for the use of this Community Space. It is thought that the Annual Parish Meeting on 1st April the ideal forum to discuss this although Council next meets on 11th March. Further grants will be sought for this once plans are set.

2nd May sees parishes at the polls to elect their Parish Council for the next 4 years. The notification will be going up around 19th March and nomination forms should then be applied for from DDDC. The statement of nominations will appear on 4th April. Please consider standing to serve your community.

Clerk: Matthew Lovell 01629 636151
parishclerk@overhaddonparish.org.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, AND VILLAGE OIL TREE

To add your details onto the **Neighbourhood Watch** list, a ring round system which can quickly pass on information about security worries or crime in the village, please contact Dick 01629 812133.

Similarly, to join in with the **Oil Tree**, which cuts our costs when ordering in bulk, contact Dick

OVER HADDON HISTORY GROUP

The first 12 months of the Over Haddon History Group is drawing rapidly to a close and planning has begun for the coming year, which officially starts in March.

It will be hard to top the first year which saw the group grow its membership gradually and who, in turn, enjoyed a variety of research meetings, talks, a walk and even the start of our own 'dig'.

The decision to explore the stories surrounding the likely existence of a hall at Over Haddon proved they had plenty of foundation in truth.

Indeed there was a hall at the far end of the village, in the fields beyond the Lathkil Hotel, and for many years was a pivotal part of life in the village.

A trip to the Melbourne Hall estate office to look at the archives for Over Haddon, large sections of which were once owned by the Southern Derbyshire estate, led to the discovery of early maps.

These show the lay-out of the village and coupled with registers to show who used to live in what house.

You may recall from previous reports that an initial dig, set up by the group in conjunction with the Time Travellers archaeological group, has prompted a decision to carry out some geo-physics exploration to try to locate where the outline of the property actually was.

Well the history group has decided to fund raise to get the geo-physics done and so resident and doyen of the quiz circuit has volunteered to come up with some questions for a quiz night which is likely to be held on **Saturday March 2.**

Other plans for the coming months include more research evenings, speakers and we hope to have at least one walk and possibly more chances for villagers to take part in the search for the hall.

We are also hoping to hold another nostalgia evening in November, where people were encouraged to bring along items that have significant meaning or a tale attached to them. Coupled with a local history and Christmas quiz and festive food and drink, it proved to be a real winner.

People in Over Haddon said they wanted to have a history group and we are pleased with the way it has turned out so far. We are hoping to welcome more people to our meetings and to become members for the next 12 months.

We will be circulating the dates of the meetings soon through letter boxes and will also advertise them on posters and online.

Join us to learn more about Over Haddon, or enjoy our talks and walks or let us know what you are interested in and maybe we can help you to set up a research group with like-minded people who want to pursue similar interests.

Our next meeting will be on **January 24 7.30pm** when we will highlight some of the previous owners of well known village addresses –such is the age of some Over Haddon properties.

Our final meeting in this year's schedule will be on **February 28**, 7.30pm—why not pop along and see what we are about.

For more information about the history group access Over Haddon History Group on Facebook, email overhaddonhistory@gmail.com or contact 01629 814750

Zena Hawley

What goes on at the Village Hall?

MONDAYS:

PARISH COUNCIL normally meet 2nd Monday 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, 7.30pm.

Admin: Zena Hawley 01629 814750 ohvh.org.uk www.facebook.com/OverHaddonVillageHall/

Bookings: Jen Foxon 01629 812133 bookingsecohvh@btinternet.com

PILATES weekly, 6.15 -7.15pm Teece 07904353040 thannanpilates@gmail.com

BOWLS GROUP weekly from Oct-April, 7.30pm. No experience needed. Bill 07791359689

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. Dick 01629 812133

WEDNESDAYS:

HATHA YOGA weekly, 10.30am. Michele 01629 815168

THURSDAYS:

HATHA YOGA weekly, 9-11am. Denise 07796 143010 deniseingman@aol.co.uk

OVER HADDON HISTORY GROUP monthly 7.30pm 01629 813425

overhaddonhistory@gmail.com or Over Haddon History Group on Facebook

FRIDAYS:

OPEN COFFEE MORNING normally weekly at 11am. All adults welcome, 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
bookingsecohvh@btinternet.com View the website: ohvh.org.uk

follow us on www.facebook.com/OverHaddonVillageHall/

DIARY DATES

Jan 24: Over Haddon History group

Jan 25: Burns Night, Lathkil Hotel. In aid of Ashgate Hospice.

Mar 2: Over Haddon History Group Quiz Night, with Patrick Thurlby .

Mar 31: Mothering Sunday lunches at Lathkil Hotel.

Apr 1: Annual Parish Meeting .

Apr 6: Cocktails at the Races... A fun social evening in the village hall, with horse racing and drinks.

May 2: District and Parish elections.

May 5: Teas and cakes at St Anne's church

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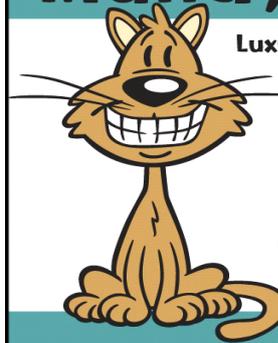
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