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St Anne's Church

Winter has ended and Springtime is here (despite the cold easterly winds!) and in the Church Calendar the season of Lent will soon be over with the dawning of **Easter Day** on **Sunday the 21st of April**. The church will again be decked with flowers (please note, all the good ladies who "do a window"!) and we will celebrate what is, for Christians, the most important day in the Church year.

Before that, because it is a second Sunday of the month, we had a "**Palm Sunday**" service, when little woven palms in the shape of crosses, were given out to members of the congregation in commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem riding upon a colt. A few weeks later, when hopefully the weather will be warm dry and sunny.....we will hold another **Cream Tea** at church (outside, overlooking the churchyard and the dale if the weather permits) on **Sunday the 5th of May** in aid of the **Friends of St Anne's** starting at 2pm. You may remember that we held one last year which was a very happy and successful occasion. This time it is a bit earlier, coinciding with the early May Bank Holiday when there should be plenty of walkers and other tourists in the area. Once again there will be an exhibition about the history of the church and churchyard in the life of the village and the work of the Friends of St Anne's. Come and join us for a convivial social occasion (and some delicious food!)

Last week (on the 10th of April) we held the first **Church Meeting** at St Anne's for several years in order to discuss a number of issues of interest to the congregation. Ten members of the congregation attended, with the vicar, Tony Kaunhoven chairing it and his part-time secretary, Emma Raynes, taking notes. The vicar was very positive about the role of St Anne's within the life of the village and wider parish and stressed that we should always be open to new ideas and innovations to strengthen our place in the community which we are here to serve. So any suggestions, especially innovative ones, will be most welcome! In the meanwhile we intend to start discussions about what we should do to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you, on behalf of St Anne's church, the PCC and FoSA, to **Bob Foreman**, who has looked after the churchyard so admirably for several years past, but who finds himself unable to continue this year. We hope to engage someone to replace him soon but he will be sorely missed.

Roger Truscott

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IMPORTANT NOTICE- FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Please see page 4 for news about the Friday coffee mornings.

OVER HADDON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee will be held on **Wednesday May 15th** at 8pm
This is the time of year when all members / trustees are elected or re-elected for the next twelve months. The committee is responsible for the management and upkeep of the village hall for the benefit of the community. You can serve on the committee as a management committee member, or as a representative of a local group. **Some of these positions are duplicated at present and it would be nice to see some new faces to ensure the success of the hall into the future.**

Please come along, we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

OVER HADDON WELL DRESSING AT CHATSWORTH !!

The RHS Chatsworth Flower Show will be held from 5th to 9th June.

This year, Over Haddon well dressers decided to apply to enter a design for the Well Dressing displays. The application, made by Christine Chresta, and the design by Tricia Gillies was accepted, so a team of well dressers will be working hard in Main Street to create a well dressing based on 'The Senses'. The board will then be transported to Chatsworth for display during the show. Well done, ladies and gents!

VILLAGE EVENTS

- May 2: District & Parish elections
- May 5: Teas and cakes in St Anne's church
- May 13: Parish Council
- May 15: Village Hall AGM
- May 23: European elections. History group
- Jun 3: Book club
- Jun 22-23: Well Dressings weekend
- Jun 27: History group
- July 25: History group
- Jul 29: Book club
- Aug 10: Treasure Hunt
- Sept 7: Village Show

VILLAGE HALL HIRE

The village hall is regularly used by local groups—book club, bowls group, history group, film club, Friday coffee morning, table tennis group, Parish council and also by commercial fitness groups.

The village hall is available to hire for private parties and commercial events. Bookings are accepted with the agreement of the village hall committee.

In March this year, a decision was made at committee to increase the hire charges across the board by £2 per hour—our first increase in four years.

New charges are: Residents £8 per hour, or part of an hour.

Non-residents £13 per hour, or part of an hour.

Commercial bookings £16 per hour, or part of an hour.

A minimum of 6 commercial bookings, booked and paid for in advance, will receive a discount.

To enquire about using the hall contact Jen Foxon 01629 812133

bookingsecohvh@btinternet.com

MAKE DO AND MEND

Did you know there's a Repair Café in Eyam? It's held on the second Saturday of each month in the Eyam Church Centre from 10am-2pm. The first event took place in February, when a team of 8 qualified repairers accepted 59 items and managed to repair and mend 33 of them – including 20 electrical pieces and 8 garments. "Anyone taking items for repair just needs to turn up on the day, and then relax with a cup of coffee while their items are being assessed and hopefully fixed". There's no charge, but donations are welcome in support of the Repair Café's work.

"We must find ways of dealing with waste...like getting stuff fixed rather than throwing it out", says Colin Shaw, organiser of the Repair Café.

Anyone with skills to share can contact Colin on 01433 631685. eyamrepaircafe.org.uk

PILATES WORKSHOPS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Sadly, the Monday night Pilates class in the village hall has come to an end, due to lack of support, but teacher Teece Hannan still has a couple of workshops booked.

Sat July 13: Pilates Stretch and Flex. A stretch and flexibility class for the whole body.
10am-12noon £25

Sat Sept 14: Pilates Weighted. Strengthen your body. Includes a set of hand weights for you to take home. 10am-11.30am £25

Please get in touch with Teece if you would like to attend.

07904 353040 hello@peakdistrictpilates.com

VILLAGE HALL RACE NIGHT WITH COCKTAILS - APRIL 6

Thanks have to go to the social sub committee for organising the recent race night with cocktails. The event was a great success, with punters entering into the spirit of the evening by donning their finery (and that was just the men!)

The cocktails flowed as the horses raced.... and funds were raised towards the ongoing upkeep of the village hall. Many thanks to everyone who attended, and special thanks to those who sponsored each race. Your support is very much appreciated.

WHAT TO DO WITH THE PLANTATION?

What should we do with the “plantation” or “walled copse” on Main Street?

Have you noticed that the small triangle of land near to the head of Main Street has recently been cleared of dead vegetation and generally thinned out?

The area is known as the “plantation” to longer-term residents and more recently has been referred to as the “walled copse” at Over Haddon Parish Council meetings.

Rumour and stories have suggested over time that it was the site of memorial linked to the Crimea War - although no evidence for that has raised its head so far.

Quite why it is entirely walled off, and left to grow wild over many years, remains a mystery but may have its foundations in the fact that originally, it was the intended site for the village’s war memorial.

Back in 1919, it was identified as the site for the new war memorial, following on from the First World War. Notes in a report from the time show that the committee assigned to identifying a site for the memorial thought this would be a prominent place to put it - facing down Main Street.

But within a couple of months, the plan had been abandoned in favour of the current site along Main Street itself - but with no explanation given.

The parish council arranged for the area to be cleared of some of the excessive vegetation - so now it is time to think of ideas for its future use.

The council had thought of a seated area for quiet reflection, accessed through a gate.

But the council would like to hear from you if you have any ideas for a use for the area.

What would you like to see happen there?

If you have any suggestions drop them in an email to parishclerk@overhaddonparish.org.uk

Zena Hawley

FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS—SUMMER TRIAL

The regular Friday coffee mornings, supported by the village hall committee, provide a place to sit and catch up over a cuppa and biscuits. During the summer months as we get busy with gardens and holidays we will be trialling **monthly** coffee mornings on the **last Friday of each month**.

APRIL 26, MAY 31, JUNE 28, JULY 26, AUGUST 30, SEPTEMBER 27 .

Everyone is welcome to pop in, from 11am to around 12.30pm

Put the dates in your diary, we’d love to see you there

OVER HADDON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, April 1st.

Minutes of the recent Annual Parish Meeting, including the Chair’s report, can be seen in the parish notice board in Main Street.

Councillors Kay Staniforth and Dick Foxon both indicated they would not be standing for re-election in May. Remaining councillors for Over Haddon are Zena Hawley, Penny Aitken and Roger Truscott.

The parish clerk is Matthew Lovell - 01629 636151

parishclerk@overhaddonparish.org.uk

I REMEMBER

I remember where the car park is now used to be Sid Bibby's field, with a high wall - it was ideal for us lads kicking in at football. No goal posts, just coats, with the wall behind the goal we never had far to go to get the ball back. I remember Uncle Billy Latham bringing his grandson David Brown to the village along with two of David's Manchester friends. We went to the field for a kick in amongst Sid's cows and were absolutely amazed that David's two friends, although, about twelve, had never seen a cow. We spent more time on that occasion explaining what a cow did and where milk came from than playing any football. It's amazing today to think that anyone of that age had never seen a cow but as people didn't travel far in those days we had probably never seen a tram. There was a little cow shed in that field, tying for four cows, I remember milking them by hand on numerous occasions.

Talking of the same field I remember Frank Jelly parking his car at the post office, where Uncle Jeff's is, and the car ran away. It rolled all the way down the street, across the grass triangle and through the wall into the football field. I can't be sure but I think more damage was done to the wall than the car. They don't build 'em like that anymore.

Pat Thurlby

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

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

BOWLS GROUP most weeks, 7.30pm. Please contact Bill 07791359689 to check if it's on.

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.

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 11am Last Friday in the month (see p4). All welcome, pop along.

SUNDAYS:

FILM NIGHT monthly Sept-April, 7.30pm. Helen 01629 812297

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

HISTORY GROUP NEWS

Within the next three months, it is hoped that the Over Haddon History group (with a little help from experts) will be able to shed more light on the whereabouts of the medieval hall which once dominated the eastern end of the village.

Thanks to a fantastic fund-raising quiz night, with questions and answers from Pat Thurlby, food supplied by the Lathkil Hotel and a great audience, the history group raised £437 towards the cost of a geophysics survey on the site.

Having already exposed pottery in the field in a mini-dig last October, it is hoped that geophysical instruments, which can detect buried features such as foundations, will give a clearer idea of the size of the hall and determine whether further excavation work should be carried out.

That is just one of the exciting events that the history group is looking forward to this year.

More immediately, the new 2019-20 programme kicked off in March with a fascinating and informative talk by Peter Barker, accompanied by his wife Marian, who are members of the Bakewell and District Historical Society.

Peter talked about the graveyard at Bakewell Church, which contains a large number of Over Haddon burials from before there was a graveyard in the village.

He identified familiar family names among them and also talked of various funerary practices that had been adopted over the years.

He explained that in turn these gave rise to phrases which have entered the English language such as "scot-free" - a reference to the days when a priest was paid directly to carry out a burial and if this failed to be paid the family had got off "scot-free".

Peter did his homework well and has provided the history group with a wealth of information about burials in the area which we will be following up over time.

On April 25, the group will meet in the village hall to talk more about family history - a subject first pursued in February's meeting - ahead of the May 23 meeting which will see the group taking a walk around the village with well-known guide Nicky Crewe.

There are more walks and talks planned throughout the rest of the year, including a walk in Lathkill Dale to explore its lead mining history on Tuesday, April 30 at 5.30pm - meet guide Tony Wood at the Lodge.

The group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. Everyone welcome. Membership is £10 a year or just pay £4 as you come to meetings. Further details can be found at Over Haddon History Group on Facebook or by calling 01629 814750.

FRIENDS OF ST ANNE'S

An encouraging response to our recent letter to all parish residents means that the Friends of St Anne's account is now in a healthy position. This will enable the churchyard to be mown and kept tidy, and hopefully provide funds for any small projects that might arise. Thank you to all who support this.

For more information please contact either Roger Truscott 01629 812327, Dick Foxon 01629 812133 , or Zena Hawley 814750.

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