

The Voice

THIS IS AN EXTRA ISSUE, PRODUCED IN THE HOPE OF GIVING A LITTLE INFO IN THESE STRANGE TIMES.

PLEASE TAKE GOVERNMENT ADVICE AND KEEP YOURSELVES SAFE AND WELL.

MARCH 2020

St Anne's Church

St Anne's church has been closed.

These are difficult words to write, except that it applies to all churches. The decision was made this week that all church buildings should close until the Coronavirus epidemic is brought under control. We don't know how long this will be but it will certainly be months rather than weeks and during this time there will be no church services – including at Easter, the most holy time in the Church Calendar – or weddings or baptisms. Funerals will be held of course, attended by strictly limited numbers, and burials will be accompanied by graveside services.

This reminds us that St Anne's churchyard remains open, and can be visited, provided the strict social distancing rules are maintained but it is a beautiful green space with a special meaning for many in this village and it will continue to be looked after.

We are living in the strangest, most melancholy and unsettling time that most of us remember in our lifetimes, and for those of us who need to self-isolate rigorously it is deeply saddening to be physically separated from loved ones not living with us in the same household. There are, however, a number of positive things which we can take from the circumstances we find ourselves in.

Firstly, living in Over Haddon, in the Peak District, we have beautiful surroundings, fresh air and abundant green space – and it is Springtime! There could be worse places for incarceration!

Secondly, our community has quickly and generously come together, offering support by the more able-bodied for the more vulnerable, both in a practical and an emotional sense.

Thirdly, local commercial organisations providing the essentials of life, particularly food and pharmaceuticals, have been quick to make new arrangements for people to have these collected or delivered, showing that they have a strong community as well as commercial ethos.

Fourthly, our National Health Service has stepped up to unprecedented demands being made upon it in a quite extraordinary way, combining care, expertise, dedication, bravery and sheer exhausting hard work, now being supported by a huge army of selfless volunteers.

We will come through this emergency. We will be changed by it. But perhaps one of the most enduring changes will be our rediscovery of a strong sense of community, neighbourliness and solidarity.

St Anne's church building may be closed for now but the Church, and its spiritual values, remains. When the building reopens, which it will, as with other aspects of the life of this village, it will reopen with celebration and thanksgiving.

Roger Truscott

THANK YOU, BERNIE

Just when we were wondering whether we could face another game of cards, or worse still another news bulletin, up pops Bernie with a brilliant quiz for us via email. We wait with bated breath for the answers to be revealed on Saturday ...until then the cogs are whirring (no googling!)

Thanks again Bernie.

A MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

What started out as a promising year of activities and bookings at the village hall has had to be put on the backburner - for the time being at least.

We had started the year with a well-attended open afternoon in January, an exciting games night and fascinating bumblebee talk in February and the all-important climate change forum in early March.

But seeing how increasingly virulent the coronavirus pandemic was getting, Over Haddon Village Hall Management Committee acted swiftly to make sure it would not be adding to any potential problems of being able to social-distance by staying open.

Earlier in March, this was quite a hard decision to take but fortunately the people who regularly book classes in the hall were on board with what was proposed and had been preparing to cancel activities themselves.

But now it was clearly the right thing to do and the management committee is looking forward to being able to welcome people back to run their classes and to hold events once the all-clear is given.

Much-loved groups have also been put on hold such as the monthly coffee morning, history group and book club but they will return.

Inevitably, the closure of the village hall leads to a loss of income for a building that needs funding to keep it ticking over.

But thanks to prudent financial management, it is anticipated that we will be able to weather the storm at least for the time being.

It is a sad time to see so many things cancelled and our way of life turned upside down but the village hall committee has been buoyed by the positive messages of support that have come from people who are looking forward to the time when we will be able to re-open and once again offer our usual selection of events and activities.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the village hall and look forward to seeing you all there again in the not-too-distant future.

In the meantime, keep healthy and don't forget to keep an eye out for your neighbours.

Zena Hawley

HOME DELIVERIES

Various businesses have made it known that they will make home deliveries (up to date March 25th):

LATHKIL HOTEL—**see their article on page 5**

GINGER BUTCHERS, New Close Farm. The shop is now closed, but you can order on 01629 814280 between 7am-5pm. www.gingerbutchers.co.uk

BAKEWELL PUDDING SHOP, 01629 814692 Ring before 4pm for next day delivery.

PEAK FEAST, Youlgreave, 01629 630000

MOORHALL STORES 01629 813255- the shop is now closed but telephone orders placed before 1pm will be delivered on the following day, during the afternoon. Newspapers will still be delivered but may be later than normal

HATTERSLEYS WINES, Bakewell 01629 815

HOLDSWORTH Food Service are now offering a collection service from their Depots which may interest some of you. They have depots in Tideswell & Chesterfield more details can be found on their website www.holdsworthfoods.co.uk/depot-collection-service/

These are just a few businesses who are trying to make life a little easier for us in these strange times.

PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meetings are postponed until further notice as like any other group we are subject to no more than 2 people gathering in a public place so are automatically inquorate. Councillors are all on email and can therefore make majority decisions if needed. The Annual Parish Meeting on 30th March is also postponed indefinitely. We await Government instruction.

Please email parishclerk@overhaddonparish.org.uk as normal if there are any matters to wish to raise with your council .

Matthew Lovell, Parish clerk

UPDATE ON THE PLANTATION PROJECT

Many of you will have noticed some activity in the plantation in Main Street a few weeks ago and wonder if work has started on turning it into the communal space that has been planned there.

Unfortunately, it was just initial work designed to see how the seating area in the corner of the site would work with the proposed stone wall and to give some of the Derby College students a chance to see dry stone walling in action ahead of final work and exams.

But the good news is that the planning application for the change of use for the plantation has now been submitted and is awaiting a decision.

It is currently in the public consultation phase until the end of April and can be found on the planning portal of the Peak District National Park Authority should you wish to look.

Of course, the coronavirus pandemic has thrown timescales totally out but the authority has said it is still dealing with applications, albeit at a much slower pace because of staffing levels.

But in many ways it does not matter because even if the application was given the go-ahead, it will still need Derby College - its staff and students - to be able to come along and carry out the work and when that would be is an unknown factor at the moment.

The delay also gives time for our submitted funding application to the National Lottery to be considered in due course.

So we are in a really good position in that all the relevant paperwork has been submitted and as when we get the go-ahead for life to resume, fingers crossed we will already have planning permission to proceed.

Many thanks from the parish council for all your continued support on this project - it really was great to see so many people behind it when we met last November and we are sure your faith in this community initiative will be well rewarded in the final outcome.

Over Haddon Parish Council

VILLAGE HELP LIST

Please remember to use to list of willing helpers if you need any essential shopping, need a dog walking, or just need someone to talk to.

If you have put your name forward as a helper, and circumstances change in any way and you'd like to remove your name, please let Dick know and he'll update the list.

Look after each other, stay safe, and please remember your neighbours who might not have email access. Thank you to everyone who has responded so far.

Cheers, Dick.

I REMEMBER

No I don't remember coronavirus, but I do remember what happened in the 2nd World War—and who knows what may happen again—as a result of people stockpiling i.e. emptying supermarket shelves .

Food rationing was introduced In 1940 and continued until 1954, the last thing to come off rationing being meat. It is almost unimaginable how little of certain items people were allowed. By April 1945 the list was as follows - each person was allowed the following per week:

Ham 4oz—Sugar 8oz—Loose tea 2oz—Meat 1s2d worth equal to £2.31 today—Cheese 2oz—Butter 2oz—Margarine 4oz— Lard 2oz— Sweets 12oz per month

Now, not only I but a lot of you may remember the next but very short period of rationing, this was for petrol during the Suez Crisis. Rationing was introduced late 1956 but was off again May 1957. Finally, during the oil crisis in 1973 we were issued with petrol coupons but never had to use them as by then the UK with North Sea oil had become a net exporter of oil.

Now I know this doesn't apply to the intelligent people of Over Haddon but if we carry on stockpiling, rationing may have to be introduced again—let us hope not.

From a personal point of view, on BBC Breakfast this morning 24 March, Michael Gove stated that it was alright to go on the allotment so I am in my element.

Good luck to you all during this period of uncertainty—Keep Safe

Patrick Thurlby

Over Haddon History Group

Unhappily, just as we were about to launch the new programme for Over Haddon History Group we find ourselves unable to meet - in common with almost everything else - for the foreseeable future.

It is amazing to think that the group, which actually had its first informal open afternoon in October 2017 and then went on to launch officially the following March, is now entering its third year and is as well-supported as ever and growing.

When you look back, we have really done some interesting things including informative talks, interesting walks and most exciting of all we have set about trying to establish the original site of the village's former old hall.

The past two years have been all about establishing who we are as a group, what we really enjoy doing and seeing how much we can contribute to recording this rich area of history for future generations.

Going forward this year, we had planned to have more talks, walks and also to get digging to find out more about our hall if we can. And more excitingly, get as much material on line as possible on our own website - which we can continue to work on despite the shutdown.

So let's say for now that all of this is merely on hold. As soon as we are able, we will of course resurrect our meetings and keep everyone informed about what is happening.

In the meantime a couple of thoughts and ideas. Maybe use your isolation time to see what you can find out about this area via the internet or start to tackle your family history.

Also perhaps keep a record of your actions, thoughts and feelings during this time. We are in the midst of what will be one of the most fascinating historical times looking back and a record of our daily lives, feelings and community actions will be a valuable record for the future.

In the meantime, stay safe and look after those around you if you can.

Zena Hawley

A MESSAGE FROM THE LATHKIL

The Lathkil as I'm sure you are aware shut on Friday evening in line with Government Guidance. We are however able to open as a takeaway/delivery service. The situation is changing daily with the lockdown that was announced on Monday. With that in mind we decided to limited our originally advertised service to only offer deliveries and only to Over Haddon & Haddon Grove. Jason is isolating with us so this means no staff need to come in to work from anywhere else. All orders will be taken over the phone and paid for by card over the phone. We will then deliver to your doorstep and either ring or give you a knock so you know it's there. This way we can all observe social distancing.

Our Delivery service will be available on **Friday & Saturday nights between 5pm & 8pm (if you can order by 5pm it would be helpful but no problem if not)**

We will also be offering a **Meat & a Vegetarian Roast on Sunday Lunchtimes**. This week it will be Roast Pork from New Close Farm & a Mediterranean Vegetable Wellington.

There is also the option of ordering a Pudding to go with it, this week Treacle Tart or Blackberry & Apple Crumble. **We require Roasts to be ordered by Friday at 2pm to ensure we have enough stock.**

We have beer, wine and a selection of spirits and soft drinks available for delivery too.

You can find our Delivery Menu on Facebook & on our website www.lathkil.co.uk.

We will also be continuously updating these if our service Times & menu changes.

If you'd like any further information or you'd like to place an order call Alice or Jason on 01629812501.

Remember stay home stay safe

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