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Will there be a village show this year?

I'm afraid the answer to Pat's quiz question is - we just don't know. No-one can say with any certainty when we shall be able to resume normal service, and at the moment, without a crystal ball, it's difficult to make any definite plans.

Nevertheless, we shall continue to make the usual necessary preparations, such as booking judges, and reserving the village hall for the second Saturday in September. Let's hope that by then these troubling times will have faded, and we shall again be able to enjoy the community activities that bring so much pleasure to everyone.

In the meantime NOW is the perfect opportunity to think about your entries! The restrictions which mean we have to stay at home provide a wonderful chance to have a go at all those activities for which we normally think, "I haven't got time." Whether it is knitting, painting, woodwork, computer art, or writing poetry - now is your chance to do it, instead of just thinking about it. And the government have said it is fine to spend time on your allotment - so no excuses - get digging and planting! All those who are able are encouraged to get outdoors for some exercise every day, so why not take your camera or smartphone with you? You never know what wonders you will see. And if you really are stuck at home, you could be practising and perfecting your cooking and baking skills - a lemon drizzle cake or a tuna quiche are welcome at any time - and don't forget the jams, marmalades, lemon curds and chutneys.

Let's prepare and plan for our usual annual celebration of all that is good about living in this lovely village in beautiful countryside - amongst such supportive, friendly and lovely people and keep our fingers tightly crossed!

Trish Renshaw

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A BIG THANK YOU

Many thanks to the gardening wizards— **Bob Foreman, Phil Mosley and Matthew Foreman** -- for voluntarily strimming the verges in the village. They were tidied up very sympathetically, with clumps of daffodils and wild flowers left to flourish. Wonderful!

POETRY AND PROSE COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who sent an entry in, it was a difficult thing to judge and we don't envy the judges at the Village Show—we would want to give everyone a prize!

However, the winners are **Trish Renshaw** and **Robin Finney**.

Unfortunately, there weren't any entries from the under 14's, but we did get a family poem from the Andersons, which deserves a mention. **PLUS** a great reminder from Patrick to make a date on Thursdays.

Over Haddon in Lockdown.....Trish Renshaw

The cars are gone, and the swan sits in peace,
You can hear the birds sing, and feel the release
No litter, no damage—the dale is still
And the air is clean: breathe your fill.

The folks who belong are warm and caring
They'll fetch your bread and bring cake for sharing
An encouraging smile, a chat over the wall
Feel so blessed to be here, away from it all.

Moods from Lockdown.....Robin Finney

On April 3rd a single swallow arrived at Mandale Farm. It was obviously a returnee as it immediately checked out the nest in the campers washroom that had raised 3 broods last year. Repairs were made using mud, moss and sheep's wool. Over the next two weeks nothing happened and it sat on the electric wire, not calling or flying and looking quite forlorn. On 17th it's mate arrived and they flew together as only they can. Our spirits were lifted, their summer now sorted.

From the Andersons...a worthy mention

We used to talk about nothing but Brexit,
now we long only for Corona's exit,
Boris nearly got us through,
Then ended up in ICU!
Now because of this disease,
We can't buy flour or fancy cheese,
At home there are too many talkers,
At least outside we've got rid of the walkers!

And a wonderful message from Patrick.....

Come on now, don't be slow
It's poetry time so here we go.
Brexit seems to be history now
Corona virus has taken a bow.
Stay at home, use social distance
Build up immunity and resistance.
Support the NHS we are told
Everybody young and old.
So every Thursday night at eight
Get down to your garden gate
Every lass and every chap
And clap and clap and clap and clap

Over Haddon Parish council Chair's Report April 2020

Councillors this year have been myself as Chair, Penny Aitken (Vice-Chair), Zena Hawley, Sally Mosley and Steve Pope. Mathew Lovell has continued as Clerk to the Council this year, and we thank him for all his hard work.

It has been a busy and eventful year for the parish council, until everything came to a grinding halt following the widespread cessation of activities from mid March 2020 as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

The dispute which the parish council has had with Derbyshire Dales District Council over the public toilets on the car park in Over Haddon has continued throughout the year without resolution. The parish council continue to pay for cleaning the toilets in order to keep them open, despite this being a facility for tourists and visitors who, through their associated income generation, benefit the wider District and the National Park, rather than our own small community. Nevertheless we see it as the right thing to do, although at some stage it will have to be put before the local electorate due to the high proportion of the parish precept taken by the cost of maintaining the toilets.

A more positive initiative this year has been the proposal, in conjunction with Derby College, to develop the "wooded copse" at the junction of Main Street and Wellgate Lane, as a community garden. The college has agreed to carry out the work, seen as providing a multi-disciplinary learning experience, whilst the parish council will pay for the cost of materials used for the work. A broad scheme was agreed with the team from the college, which was presented at a public meeting held in the village hall in November, attended by about 30 people, and which received enthusiastic support. A follow-up questionnaire confirmed the general support, whilst providing a wide range of further suggestions about the site, to be taken on board by the college team. It was also decided that the site should be given its historic name of "the Plantation." Whilst some initial dry-stone walling work has been carried out, implementation of the main scheme awaits planning permission and, of course, the relaxation of the pandemic restrictions.

An additional small amenity has been achieved in the form of a new bench, in memory of a former walker, placed adjacent to the historic village pump and well, and the site of the main well dressing display.

The parish council contributed to the Peak District National Park's "Parish Statements" document by adding a set of Community Aspirations relating to the village and parish of Over Haddon, which will form part of the policy framework adopted by the National Park.

We were involved with a scheme to encourage members of the local community to express interest in housing need in conjunction with the Derbyshire Dales District Council housing enabler and the Peak Rural Housing Association. The council also co-operated with a volunteer scheme for litter collection organised by our local District councillor Mark Wakeman. In addition, as part of the statutory planning process the council commented upon seven planning applications over the course of the year.

Finally, the parish council, in conjunction with the Over Haddon Village Hall Committee, held a public meeting in the village hall in early March to discuss the implications of the climate and ecology crises, which was well attended and threw up a number of interesting possible local initiatives on these issues. Fortuitously, the meeting was held one day after a meeting for small parish councils from throughout the county of Derbyshire to discuss the same issues.

Hopefully the positive projects which we, as a parish council, are supporting, can resume when the present national emergency has been brought under control.

Roger Truscott

WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND THE CURTAINS?

Passing folk might be wondering what's going on in a few houses where the curtains are shut during the day....but if your main windows face onto street level and you're doing an online workout with your gym or using your own keep fit dvd, or even tuning in to Joe Wicks, it saves you poor souls from seeing our red faces puffing and panting. Be thankful for small mercies.

Jen

St Anne's Church

St Anne's church remains closed, like all other places where people used to meet together in what already seems like another time; pre-coronavirus. There was no Easter service, no flowers in church, no music or song, no taking communion. The congregation *has* been able to take part in "virtual" services, reminding us of the importance of the Easter season, and the vicar has sent regular "thoughts for the day" by email, keeping us in touch together, as a Christian community, which has been very moving in itself. But of course it is not the same as physically meeting together with all the richness of interaction which takes place.

But let us look on the bright side! This is all happening during one of the loveliest Spring times most of us can remember. Nature carries on regardless, in all its glory, and because of the peculiar circumstances we find ourselves in we are able to appreciate it – see, hear and smell it – without the distractions of noise, traffic and crowds. And where better to appreciate it than in this village, and its surrounding fields and the Dale? More than this though, it seems to be easier, despite the lockdown, to meet up with and talk to our neighbours – at a suitable distance of course – in the streets, on the footpaths, or over the garden walls. And what neighbours! The spirit of kindness and helpfulness, especially from the more able bodied towards the more vulnerable members of our community, has been inspiring. I have always thought that this is a nice village and community but it is suddenly very clear that Over Haddon is full of lovely people.

But back to St Anne's: the church may be closed for now but the churchyard remains open, and is looking ever greener and lovelier as the season progresses, and it is being regularly mown by our new groundsman Glyn Tilson.



What is more, the main path from the gate on Dale Road to the South Porch has been re-laid with new gravel and, best of all, a square of natural stone paving has replaced the increasingly dangerous and unsightly rough section below the steps to the church entrance. This is the work of Jeff Sheldon who deserves thanks for the excellent job he has done, especially at this very difficult time for him, having suffered a double bereavement.

So as well as thanking him I am sure that we will all have him in our thoughts and prayers. Although he doesn't live in Over Haddon he is very much part of our community.

So when the church reopens there will be a splendid new entrance way as a celebration.

Roger Truscott

LATHKIL HOTEL UPDATE

The Lathkil is still operating its Takeaway & Delivery Service on Friday & Saturday nights between 5pm & 8pm. On Sundays we offer a Meat & a Vegetarian Roast and choice of Pudding at lunchtime. This must be pre ordered by Friday night. We are trying our best to man the phones throughout the day but if we don't answer please leave a message on the answer phone and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

We still have beer, wine and a selection of spirits and soft drinks available for delivery too. We have a fresh cask ale on each weekend so please ask for details when you call. If you fancy a beer or ready meal during the week please call and I will do my best to accommodate you.

We update the menu weekly with a Pie and a Casserole of the Week. You can find our 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.

I REMEMBER

Struggling to remember anything but with the sad death of Tim Brooke Taylor it might be appropriate to mention that his brother Martin lived in Over Haddon, he lived at Whiterock Cottage (Uncle Jeffs). Martin was a solicitor and worked at the family firm in Bakewell before moving to Buxton. Martin was a chip off the old block in that he was a natural performer and regularly starred in Youlgreave pantomime. Another friend of mine, Grace Thurston, nee Wild, was his leading lady.

Like all intelligent people Tim was an ardent supporter of Derby County and I remember he arranged for Johnathan, Martins young son, to be the club mascot for the day. This of course was in the days when Derby were one of the best teams in the country.

We lived next door to Martin, his wife Jean, Imogen, Johnathan and young daughter Rosalind. When Tim got married the night do was held at Martins and my wife and I were invited to the festivities and what festivities they were, the whole of the Monty Python crew were there and numerous other celebrities. Martin died a number of years ago and a number of us went to his funeral at Buxton where he was born and brought up. The family had arranged that when we left the church Martin's favourite ice cream van from his childhood was there to serve us all ice cream.

Martin served on the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee and was always involved in village activities

With the death of his brother Tim it seems like the end of another era.

Pat Thurlby

Your Hall Needs You!

Over Haddon Village Hall is run and maintained by a dedicated committee, whose members give their time to making sure everything runs smoothly and a programme of events takes place.

Currently, there are some places on the committee and we want to ask you to consider giving something back for all the times you have enjoyed an event in the hall.

They don't happen without people working together to make sure villagers have a good time and the hall is well looked after.

The committee meets about every four to six weeks in the evening and members are expected to be available from time to time to help out at events.

But if you don't want to be a committee member, we are also looking for people to volunteer their help at events or with maintenance.

So, if you want to find out more about getting involved with the village hall, talk to a committee member, or call Zena Hawley on 01629 814750 or e-mail zenahawley@googlemail.com.

Thanks for your time!

Zena Hawley

OVER HADDON HISTORY GROUP REPORT

The lovely weather we have had in the last couple of weeks brought back memories of how lucky Over Haddon History Group has been over the past couple of years when planning its outdoor pursuits.

Before we were forced into a lockdown situation, there were at least a couple of walks planned for this years programme—and hopefully there might still be time to fit at least one in before the days get shorter again.

In particular, while reminiscing, thoughts went back to the walk that took place on July 26, 2018, when we went on the Historical Snippets Walk around the village. It was a lovely warm evening, we avoided thunderstorms everywhere, and ended the walk with a lovely picnic on the grass at the Village Hall.

A particularly strong memory of that evening—apart from the weather and the interesting local knowledge that emerged—was re-enacting the photograph of villagers by the village pump taken about 100 years or more ago.

Almost 30 of us posed in the late evening setting sun and truly made our own history portrait for generations to come.

Two lead mining walks in Lathkill Dale also proved popular with many people—one took place in July 2018 and the other almost a year ago on April 30. The interest in lead mining aroused by Tony Wood has resulted in some members deciding to look into their own family's connection with the industry and Penny Aitken is hoping to give a presentation on the subject when we eventually get our new season underway.

Another interesting evening for the history group last year in August was spent in St Anne's church, and subsequently in the graveyard, with church warden Roger Truscott.

When we can go walking again, we are hoping to have another village walk and hopefully this time look inside the living history of some of the houses and cottages and also a possible walk around the village's original boundary and one across the fields and down to Haddon Hall.

But at the moment they will have to stay as ideas but anyone with a history interest can still use this time to find out more about this area or start a family history search courtesy of the internet, or start to tackle your family history.

And don't forget to keep a record of your actions, thought and feelings during this time—always useful to future historians.

In the meantime, stay home and stay safe.

Zena Hawley, Over Haddon History Group

.....AND ANOTHER THANK YOU GOES TO.....

...Sally Brennan from Mill Farm who has kindly donated excess food from her home delivery, to the village. Several villagers have offered a cash contribution for items, and we've decided to use the money for donations to charity. Two charities have benefitted: Friends of St Anne's, and the Co-op Food Bank.

Thank you to Sally and to all villagers for your donations.

HOME DELIVERIES

Various businesses have made it known that they will make home deliveries (updated April 20h):

LATHKIL HOTEL—see their update on p4

GINGER BUTCHERS, New Close Farm. 01629 814280 The shop is closed, but you can still order by phone, and online info@gingerbutchers.co.uk www.gingerbutchers.co.uk

MOORHALL STORES 01629 813255- the shop is 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

BAKEWELL TART SHOP, 01629 814692 Ring before 1pm for next day delivery. Bread, cakes, pies etc also willing to collect 'add on' groceries from other shops in Bakewell.

PEAK FEAST, Youlgrave, 01629 630000 Bread, cakes, pies, jams etc

YOULGRAVE POST OFFICE AND STORES papers, food, confectionary and a range of household items. Call Amy on 07799880740—delivery next day.

HATTERSLEYS WINES, Bakewell 01629 815255

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

ALSO

please remember the 'village help list' if you're in need of shopping, prescription/medicine collection, dog walking, or just someone to talk to. Stay safe.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, AND THE 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 Foxon 01629 812133.

Similarly, to join in with the **Oil Tree**, which can cut our costs by ordering oil in bulk, please call 01629 812133.

NB due to changes in the law, under the GDPR ruling, anyone wishing to join either of the above must make a specific request to whoever maintains these lists (currently Dick Foxon).

....AND FINALLY

Up to press we still have 5 white peahens wandering the village and sunning themselves on roofs, walls and lawns. What beautiful birds they are. A farmer in the area is willing to take the birds and add them to his own collection, where they'll have room to roam and be properly fed. However, first they need to be penned safely. This takes time and patience as the birds can easily be spooked and then they'd scatter. Watch this space.

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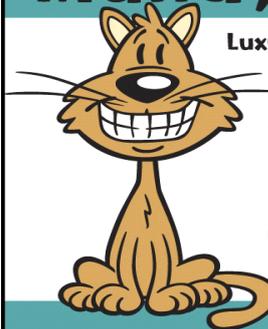
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