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St Anne's Church

We used to take pride in the fact that our village church was always open, 24/7, but, like other public buildings, it has been closed since the middle of March. Now it is starting to cautiously re-open its doors; firstly for special events – there was a funeral service last week for Colin Dolby -and next for private prayer at certain times, and some time, for church services....

But this weekend we are holding an open-air service at 10.30 on Sunday morning, on the flat piece of land in front of the church, overlooking the churchyard and Lathkil Dale. This will be a thanksgiving for the way our community has come through (so far) the pandemic lockdown and a celebration of the church's 140th anniversary, because it was first opened on the 26th of July (St Anne's Day) in the year 1880!

Several members of the community will reflect on our experience of the past few months, we will give thanks for the 140 year life of our village church and look forward to the future. We hope that you will be able to join us at this important community event.

The churchyard, of course, has been open throughout, for anyone to visit. Glyn Tilson has continued to maintain it so that it remains attractive and accessible, and since the beginning of lockdown Jeff Sheldon has renovated the path from Dale Road to the church entrance and laid a new square of paving stones below the entrance steps, so this too is something we have to celebrate.

Roger Truscott

Moorhall Stores

One of the heartening features of the past few months of pandemic lockdown has been the way in which local commercial firms, as well as public organisations, have found new and creative ways to carry on operating and have also stepped up their social roles.

We all know that within the village, the Lathkil Hotel and New Close Butchers in particular have continued to provide such a service.

I want to add the name of Moorhall General Stores to them, as a local business which, whilst it had to close as a shop, continued to provide a grocery delivery service, speedily and efficiently, and carried on delivering milk and papers to the village. Some of you may not know that, although they have not delivered newspapers to individual houses in the village for several years, they will deliver any paper you want to a "hub" from which you can collect it. This is, in fact, my house, Corner Croft, at the corner of Bakewell Road and School Lane, where papers are delivered daily (about 7am on weekdays and between 7.30 and 8am at weekends) in the front porch, although since lockdown in a plastic box outside the front door.

I should add that I don't get any commission for saying this but the service is there if you want to use it!

Roger Truscott

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Thanks to all the quiz setters for keeping our little grey cells ticking over each week during this pandemic. They are much appreciated .

JIGSAW PUZZLES

Many of us have been passing lockdown time by re-discovering the 'joys of jigsaws' (or for some, the frustration). There are a number of jigsaws still available to borrow and pass on. Call Foxons 812133 or Renshaws 813759.

During August, if any jigsaws are left, they'll be taken to the charity shops in Bakewell.

Thanks.

Update on Over Haddon Village Hall

The Over Haddon Village Hall Management Committee met online on July 9 to discuss the possible reopening of the village hall and following the Government's announcement that community venues can operate once again together with the publication of extensive guidelines.

After a great deal of discussion and examining the process of reopening the hall, while ensuring that everyone remains safe, we have sadly decided to postpone it for the time being but to keep the situation under review.

There were a number of reasons which led the committee to this decision which included:

- * At present, reopening under the current rules will result in very limited numbers of people being able to access the venue for activities such as film night, quizzes and keep fit and yoga.
- * We are also not certain that even if we were to open for an event that people will want to come along until public confidence is restored in being able to go out socially.
- * We are in a fast-moving situation and the rules are changing daily and it is currently uncertain if coronavirus will return following the partial lifting of lockdown across the country.

We know that when we reopen the hall, things are not likely to be the same as before and that there will be new rules to observe when using the building. We are as disappointed as you not to be able to offer our usual mix of entertainment and sports activities but we feel sure you will understand the situation both now and in the future.

The committee is due to "meet" again online on August 5 when we will again assess the situation taking into account any fresh guidelines and developments and will keep you abreast of our plans. Rest assured, we are working very hard to bring the village hall back into use as soon as it is safe to do so.

On a more positive note, please see P4 for the latest news about the reopening of the playground..

Keep safe and take care.

Over Haddon Village Hall Management Committee.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Over Haddon Parish Council has continued to formally conduct business in these challenging times using Zoom. Our July public video meeting saw discussions on a desire for a 20mph limit due to recent fast motorbike incidents, was informed of County Council traffic Wardens issuing tickets on the Conksbury Bridge approaches and card/cash confusion at the Lathkill Car Park. DDDC finally unlocked the toilet block and turned on the hand dryers on Friday 17th July but will not assist in cleaning so for now Council has increased its cleaning to 3 times a week and put up notices to this effect but as this is your precept does not have the funds to pay for more. We understand that our planning application for the Plantation is due a decision this week following their Ecologist's report. An increase in rats has been noted and Council is writing to our allotment holders to ask for diligence in securing feed and seed containers but notes this is a wider problem this year than usual so would ask all to do their part. The meeting concluded with the signing off of the Annual accounts now available on the web-site www.overhaddonparish.org.uk and next meets by Zoom on 14th September at 8pm (unless Government directive is received to allow us to meet in hall by then). You can join our meetings by contacting the clerk for a link.

Matthew Lovell

parishclerk@overhaddonparish.org.uk

I REMEMBER

As we are slowly coming out of lockdown and we are able to party again I thought I would write about parties. There have been a number of notable parties in the village going back to before the Village Hall was built and most things took place in the school. There was annually always a Women Institute party which hasn't left any outstanding memories for me but I do remember someone always made apple and date sandwiches. You don't see them today but they were very nice There was an impromptu party that took place at the Lathkil when George Hattersley ran it, I believe a fair bit was drunk which resulted in some one firing off a Soda Water syphon which culminated with Bill Taylor coming out of the back with a hose pipe spraying everyone with water. It was so bad that when Freddie Mathers turned up for work early next morning he couldn't get in as all the doors had swollen and he couldn't open them.

When Tim Brook-Taylor got married they had a night party at Whiterock Cottage where Martin, Tim's brother lived. Quite a night as the whole of the Monty Python crowd were there and Marty Feldman's misaligned eyes quite frightened my wife. I suppose one of the most memorable parties was a housewarming at Manor Cottage held by Georgina and Ossie, again quite a lot of drink was consumed and with the rugby crowd there you can imagine what took place, it ended with a mass streak round the village. Quite an eye opener for an idyllic peaceful village like Over Haddon. No I did not take part.

Of no great importance but I am mentioning this so that I can apologise. I had a sixty fifth birthday party and invited everyone in the village. At least that was my intention but in taking round the invitations I somehow missed Helen and David Head, they were new to the village and were a bit miffed that they hadn't been invited so through this months Voice and very publicly I wish to apologise most profusely.

Pat Thurlby

Another 'I Remember'

Just on Pat's "I Remember", it brought back memories!

When the Brooke-Taylors were at White Rock, their son Danny (who Pat doesn't mention) was part of a group of friends of a similar age that included James Bentley, Jason Lally, Robert Pocock, Howard Thurlby and Paul Grundy (funny but our age group seemed to be all boys).

I remember on a sunny day very similar to this, when the Truscotts' house was still being excavated for, Danny and I were playing in the foundations. It must have been a weekend, as there were no builders on site, just these wonderful ditches. It can only have been about 1975, so we'd be 5 or 6. Martin B-T was a bit concerned and came with Tim, who was visiting, to check on us.

I can't remember what was said, but I do remember sitting in what's now the Truscotts' garden while Tim taught me and Danny how to make daisy chains. This was the height of the Goodies, and I thought it was just about the coolest thing ever. It went in my news book at school the next day!

Martin Pearce

Over Haddon Playground

Following an extensive risk assessment and discussion among members of the Over Haddon Village Hall Management Committee, it has been decided to reopen the playground from Tuesday, July 21.

But there are a number of rules and regulations to bear in mind for both children and parents and we hope you understand the need to heed these in order to keep everyone safe during these uncertain times surrounding the coronavirus pandemic.

Please be assured that the committee has everyone's health and safety at the forefront of everything we do regarding the playground and the village hall - which sadly remains closed for the time being.

Bear in mind that the playground is not supervised and although we have initially cleaned it ready for reopening, it will not be regularly cleaned and we cannot control who uses it on a daily basis.

The equipment has also been checked to ensure it is safe to use after the protracted closure.

The following rules must be observed - so parents please take time to make sure your children are aware of them. Notices will be posted throughout the play area to act as reminders and we recommend that one parent supervises your children while they are using the playground..

These guidelines have been drawn up by ACRE, which represents village halls, according to Government advice:

- Social distancing of 2m MUST always be maintained (or 1m with risk mitigation where 1m is not possible).
- Only one child is allowed on each piece of equipment at a time.
- No eating or drinking in the playground
- Parents/Carers - you will need to clean the equipment before your child uses it. Use hand sanitiser or wipes to clean your children's hands before and after use.
- Do not touch your face. Remember to cough or sneeze into a tissue. Take tissues and any other litter home - use an arm if a tissue is not available.
- It is advised that children's clothes should be washed when they get home.
- Families with clinically vulnerable members - do NOT use the equipment without first cleaning it.

If you or your family has any symptoms of Covid-19 then they should not use the playground and if anyone develops symptoms who has used the playground please contact the committee on 07975591905 and we will close it immediately.

**Many thanks for your cooperation,
Over Haddon Village Hall Committee**

News from The Lathkil

We finally reopened our doors on Thursday 9th July after 110days closed!!

We are now open Tuesday to Sunday from 12noon, we are remaining closed on Mondays (apart from Bank Holidays). We are serving food all day during the summer from 12noon-8pm, with sandwiches, snacks & cakes available between 3pm & 5.30pm.

We have made the decision to keep the bar closed for the moment, reopening the Dining Room & Beer Garden and offering table service throughout. We highly recommend booking a table even just for drinks as space is limited at times. Table bookings are for 2 hours.

We are only allowing dogs in the Beer Garden at present and they must be on a lead.

Inside 2 households can sit together.

Outside any number of households can sit together on tables of up to 6 people.

We are still offering takeaways, but we are no longer delivering.

If you would like a takeaway it would be helpful if you could call in the morning to place your order for the evening.

Quiz Night & Pie Night are currently on hold, but we are hoping we can look to start running them in September/October depending on how things develop.

Thank you for all your support during this time and we hope to see you soon.

Alice, Jason & The Team

VILLAGE SHOW

It's difficult to believe it's 3 months since the last issue of 'The Voice', and attempting to answer the 'will there be a village show this year?' question. As you will know from the village hall update on p2, the committee has recently decided that it isn't possible to open the hall yet, and although we shall be having another meeting in August, there is no guarantee that there will be any definitive answers by then. Regulations and requirements seem to change weekly, and the possibility of another surge in cases is repeatedly mentioned. So, although we are keeping the situation constantly under review, I'm afraid there is still nothing definite to report—as soon as there is, we shall of course let you know.

Trish Renshaw

NEWS FROM THE HISTORY GROUP

Despite not being able to meet for the past five months, it seems that some members of the Over Haddon History Group have spent their lockdown time busily researching their family's history.

Member Sue Boud, who lives in Leicester, but has ancestors from Over Haddon joined the group early last year and although not able to get to many meetings keeps up with all the work and research that is taking place.

She contacted the history group recently to let us know about the work she has been doing regarding her Jones ancestors - like Smith never the easiest of names to trace when carrying out family history.

Sue said: "During lockdown I've been exploring my Jones ancestors who were associated with Over Haddon and Youlgrave. I've looked at the census returns for Over Haddon and established that all the people with the name Jones, who appear in the village censuses, are descended from one line.

"The earliest generation is Edward Jones and Jane Staley and their large family. in the 17th century in Youlgrave. Their descendants populated the area for several generations, but I can find no recent traces of them now. Searching is made more difficult as each generation seems to have produced more girls than boys."

Sue kindly sent the group two documents relating to her work: one is of family connections to Over Haddon and the second is a family tree from Edward Jones through to her grandmother, Mary.

Hugh Jones, one of 12 children of Edward and Jane, appears to have been baptised at Conksbury in 1693 and there are five siblings of his who are baptised with Over Haddon as their residence between 1697 and 1708 - Samuel, Edward, Mary, Peter and Thomas.

Sue goes on to list the Jones families still living in Over Haddon in the 19th century including George and Edith Eaton at Bankside in 1901, the eight generation on from Edward Jones.

She added: "It seems that some of the family were probably more closely associated with the Parish of Youlgrave, and in particular Conksbury, but some made their home in Over Haddon.

"I am trying to work out where they may have lived in Conksbury, and my best guess for various reasons is that they occupied the now demolished Toll House.

"I was surprised to find in the baptism records that my great, great great grandfather, John, was recorded as a framework knitter. I had no idea that this occupation was associated with Over Haddon.

My father's paternal line were mainly silk glove makers and framework knitters in Spondon near Derby."

Sue has also written out some more detailed accounts of the Jones family line, including the colourful character of Moses Peat Jones, referred to mainly as Peat Jones, at Rowdale Toll Bar in 1840.

He left home after he was caught poaching on the Devonshire Estate, where his father was a gamekeeper but later became an engine driver on the railway and was involved in an incident where his arm was amputated by a train. He went on to live in Derby, where he died in 1917.

Sue is happy for the history group to add her research to our rapidly growing records and which we hope to turn into an accessible public online archive in due course.

If you know any more about the Jones family in Over Haddon, I am sure Sue would love to hear from you. Drop an email to overhaddonhistory@gmail.com and we will pass it on to her.

Hopefully, it won't be too long before we can start holding meetings again and perhaps Sue will attend and tell us how she managed to research the Jones family in such detail.

Keep well and stay safe,

Over Haddon History group

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.

The next edition of The Voice will be dated NOVEMBER 2020. Deadline OCTOBER 16th

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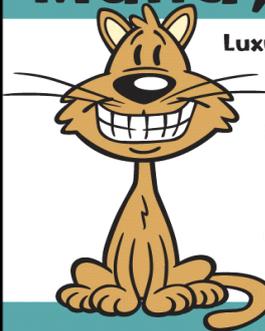
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