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## St Anne's Church

The church has been closed since the start of the pandemic lockdown in early March until recently, when it started being opened each Sunday for individual visits and prayer. Apart from two special services held on the flat ground in front of the church (when the weather was kind each time!) no services have been held inside the building apart from one funeral.

**However, this Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup> of September, we will have our first service inside the building. It will be a "socially distanced" non-Communion service taken by our soon-to-be-ordained curate Brenda Jackson, at 10am.**

**In October we will have a *Harvest Festival* service at 10am (again, without Communion) on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.** As well as being an opportunity to decorate the church with flowers and any fresh fruit and vegetables we have grown, in thankfulness for the bounty and beauty of nature, we would like to collect as many donations of tinned, packaged and bottled food as we can to donate to the *High Peak Food Bank*. The use of food banks has continued to grow during these difficult times and, sadly, demand is expected to grow further over the next few months. So we would urge anyone, whether or not they come to church, to leave donations for the food bank inside the church porch in the run-up to the 18<sup>th</sup> of October.

When the church opened last Sunday (the 13<sup>th</sup> of September) we had a lot of visitors, because it was the occasion of a special Charity Pilgrimage Walk, as part of the White Peak pilgrimages between Ilam and Eyam, which have taken place for several years. This was organised by the Derbyshire County High Sheriff and his wife and attracted several notable personages, as well as regular pilgrims and members of the Scouts. They all arrived (from Monyash) over a half hour period, the scouts arriving first, and stayed for nearly an hour, basking in warm sunshine and admiring the church, churchyard and the lovely views. The photograph on page 2 shows some of them, including, from left to right, Jim Crosbie, managing director of Toyota Derby, Tony Walker, the High Sheriff and his wife Helen (who had made the arrangements), Lord Burlington (son of the Duke of Chatsworth), Oliver Stevenson and his wife (of Lomberdale Hall, Middleton by Youlgrave), Dame Geraldine Andrews (High Court Judge) and Barry Lewis (Leader of the County Council). So St Anne's and Over Haddon got some high profile exposure on what was, fortunately, a beautiful day.

We must sadly record that, during the last few weeks, the church has lost three of its members. Most recently Margaret Edmundson, whose husband Jim died only a year ago, died at her cottage in Cumbria, where she will be buried at her family's grave. Earlier, Debbie Whitworth died at a tragically young age and is greatly missed as a wife, daughter, mother, grandmother and sister, and as a friend. Between these two Ethel Mosley, the oldest village resident also died. Until prevented by incapacity in recent years, she had attended the church from time to time for a great number of years. They are all deeply mourned. May they rest in peace.

**Roger Truscott**

## STOP PRESS !!

**There will be an indoor church service at St Anne's with Brenda Jackson at 10am tomorrow (20th Sept)**

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## **A TIMELY REMINDER**

British Summer time ends  
at 2am on October 25th,  
don't forget to put your  
clocks back.

## PARISH COUNCIL LATEST

Your Parish Council met by zoom on 15th September and received news that our planning application for The Plantation has been passed by the PDNPA. The project will be carried out before the next nesting season in conjunction with the students of Derby College providing Covid conditions can be met.

Council is working with our local PCSO to set up a Community Speed Watch Scheme whereby volunteers will be trained up to use speed cameras to try to cut down the problems we are increasingly seeing. If you are interested in joining the group, can you please let us know supplying name and email address as the initial training is online.

The village defibrillator has seen a new lease of life with council paying for a new battery which should extend this unit to 2024.

Our next Public Zoom Council meeting will be on 9th November at 8pm.

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## WHAT A SHOW!

Well done to everyone who took part in the virtual village show earlier this month, it was great that so many villagers joined in with the spirit of the weekend. Pat's treasure hunt around the village ensured most of the decorations and scarecrows were admired by locals and visitors alike - and I'm sure more than one of us was concerned about the length of time Martin Chresta spent underneath his van, it made a lot of folks smile. Although there were no jams, breads or baking to be tasted this year there were plenty of displays of home grown flowers, plants, fruits, veg and numerous limericks for amusement.

A photographic record of the weekend along with a selection of limericks can be seen on the Village Hall website—[ohvh.org.uk](http://ohvh.org.uk) and also on FaceBook —Over Haddon Village Hall.

Many thanks to the village show sub committee for keeping the annual village show tradition alive, and thanks to all who took part. Let's all hope we will return to 'normal service' in 2021!

Jen Foxon



## **CHARITY PILGRIMAGE WALK CHECKS IN AT ST ANNE'S, OVER HADDON.**

Continued from front page story

Pictured from left to right:

Jim Crosbie, Tony Walker and wife, Lord Burlington, Oliver Stevenson and wife, Dame Geraldine Andrews and Barry Lewis.

## I REMEMBER

It will soon be school holidays again I can't think whether it has a special name but when we were kids it was known a "Potato Picking" holiday because that is what we did. My potato picking holiday was usually spent at Callin Low working for uncle Jack Blackwell. It was always a busy time the farmers having a machine called a potato spinner which dug the spuds up and spun them into a clear area of ground where we with a bucket picked them all up and tipped them into hessian sacks. If the potato's were to be clamped we would tip them into a cart from where they were tipped into a shallow pit covered with straw and then soil to protect them through winter. We would be almost a mile from the farmhouse and when lunch was ready Aunty Mary would hang a sheet from a bedroom window to tell us to come home. There were no mobile phones in those days.

Whilst on about farming I remember muck carting and spreading this time for Sid Bibby. It was a question of filling a cart with muck (usually the dung from cattle), with the use of a fork, carting it out into the fields where with the use of a muck rake it was distributed around the fields in small heaps. Some weeks later when the muck had dried somewhat we would go out with a fork and spread each heap around the area. Hard work but always very pleasant. We never went home for lunch whilst muck spreading, we just sat under the wall and ate our sandwiches. No hand washing facilities and we are still here. I sometimes think there is too much hygiene these days and we don't get immune to things like we used to. I remember there was quite a rise from the muck heap to the road and in the days of horses we would have to attach a second horse to the cart to get it up the rise. With the advent of tractors this made life somewhat easier but possibly not as exciting.

Patrick Thurlby

## 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).

## PLEASE THINK BEFORE YOU THROW AWAY YOUR FACE MASKS

As more and more disposable face masks are added to landfill heaps, many birds and small creatures that scavenge on the sites are becoming entangled in the ear loops, resulting in fatalities for some.

Please remember to cut the ear loops before you throw away your masks.

Jen Foxon.

### **An Update from The Lathkil Hotel...**

So we've been back open about 10 weeks now and whilst its taken time to get used to the new normal, we've enjoyed a nice, busy summer with some fabulous sunny days! It has also been lovely to see so many of you!

Obviously we have had to adapt to changes in ways of working and therefore what we offer and how, this may be something that continues to adapt and change for a while to come. The info below will give you an update of what is currently happening and when.

The recent update in legislation means that at present we can no longer accept bookings of more than 6 people or multiple table bookings. Currently up to 6 people from any number of households can book a table inside in the Dining Room or outside in the beer garden. We are continuing to operate our new table service throughout...we sure do clock up the steps doing this!!

Tables are limited so booking is always advisable whether for food or drink.

Pie & Quiz Night made a welcome return this week which was brilliant. It will now be back in its rightful place every Wednesday evening. Enjoy a Pie & a drink for £10, available till 8pm with the Quiz following at 9pm.

The bar so far has remained closed however we will be reopening it from 6pm on Friday 2nd October. We have had to have a reshuffle and remove tables to comply with social distancing so tables will be limited. Dogs will be allowed in the bar on leads, but not in the Dining Room. Tables booked before 7pm will only be available for 2 hours, from 7pm they will be available till close.

Also coming back will be Sunday Roast Dinners, served 12noon-3pm from Sunday 4th October. Roasts will also be available to takeaway with collection at 12noon.

We are continuing to offer takeaway options of our menu. Just call to place your order and collect at the agreed time.

Opening times are Tuesday to Sunday from 12noon-10pm. Currently we are serving food all day from 12noon-8pm with sandwiches, cakes & snacks available between 3pm & 5.30pm. However, we will be moving to winter opening hours in the next few weeks, but will update you when this happens.

We would like to say a big thank you for your continuing support especially through these odd times. It makes you feel lucky to be in such a remarkable place with a lovely community around you.

Alice, Jason & The Team

### **Over Haddon Community Project**

Unfortunately we will be unable to hold the annual village Harvest Supper this year. Hopefully by Christmas we may be able to hold the Wassailing, but we will make a decision nearer the time.

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Over Haddon Village Hall Management Committee had hoped by now to have been able to welcome you back to the village hall for the usual round of activities and events at this time of year, such as quizzes, coffee mornings, yoga and fitness, bowls, table tennis, book club, film nights and history group — (not forgetting the bonfire, which is now cancelled because of Covid)

Sadly this is not the case and although the playground is open, the hall remains shut for the time being because of the fast-changing rules on being able to operate the venue in a safe and socially distanced way.

The committee had been due to meet at the beginning of this month to discuss the practical stages of reopening—just as the ‘rule of six’ was introduced to throw yet another spanner in the works—the full rules on this are yet to be distributed to community venues.

But a small village hall working party has met and plans are being drawn up to make sure it is Covid-proof and ready for reopening.

We take our responsibility to the community very seriously. So rest assured as soon as we are able, we will reopen the village hall with all the correct measures in place.

Hoping you are all keeping safe and well.

**Over Haddon Village Hall Management Committee.**

## THE STORY OF THE UGLY DUCKLINGS

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Once upon a time there were seven ugly ducklings. They lived by a bridge in a river called the Lathkill. They didn't look like their parents who were elegant white swans. They were all fluffy, gangly and grey. One day they floated down river with their parents, to where two rivers meet at a place called Alport, and when they swam round the river bend none of them had the strength to swim back up the waterfalls. Some people saw them and thought "How sweet!" They were big enough to feed themselves and were not worried when they swam up the next river, called the Bradford, but people only saw five of them, and thought "How sweet!" The parent swans swam and flew around the area, but never saw them as they were grey, fluffy and camouflaged. More people saw the swans on the lake in the beautiful valley, but didn't know they had lost their cygnets. Soon there were only three and they played with the people swimming in the river. They didn't know it was dangerous or where their siblings or parents were. They didn't know that people had been watching them and had been ringing lots of places to get them help and rescue. For days they had been trying to contact the RSPCA, the RSPB, Derbyshire Wildlife, the police, Swan rescue and others. Everyone promised to help, but no-one did, and soon there were only two. The people were so worried that one day, while the river warden tried to find the parent swans, some nice people threw towels over the ugly ducklings and took them out of the river and into a car back to the Lathkill. Soon the swans were reunited with the two ugly ducklings and they all lived happily ever after. So, thank you Jim, family and friends for taking action, and in the future, please, when you are walking the riverside and see things that are not quite correct, ring Jan Hobot, the river warden on 07718 636128, who can take action at the right time.

[The third cygnet was found two days later and returned to its parents in the Lathkill.]

**Judith Orchard**

## FRIENDS OF ST ANNE'S

The grassy area outside St Anne's church provided the venue for the most recent meeting of the Friends of St Anne's (FOSA) - quite appropriate in many ways as the group was unable to meet indoors easily in the current restrictive times.

The planned April meeting, and also the annual fundraising May cream tea afternoon in the church, unfortunately fell victim to the lockdown so it was some time since the group had been able to meet.

FOSA is a charitable trust which helps to pay towards the upkeep of the village church and churchyard in Over Haddon. It was set up 14 years ago when it was proposed to reduce the cost of churchyard maintenance by engaging the Probation Service to carry out the work at no charge using people doing Community Service sentences.

There was strong opposition to this in the village and a former resident, Jimmy Greig, led the formation of a local organisation, called Friends of St Anne's, to raise funds to help towards church and churchyard maintenance.

The Friends pay for the regular maintenance of the churchyard, keeping it attractive and accessible throughout the year. They have also paid for the new handrails at the church entrance, contributed to repairs made to gravestones and more recently, the Friends made a donation towards the relaid footpath.

At the recent meeting, it was decided that FOSA would potentially donate towards items of maintenance work, which are likely to have been identified in the recent church Quinquennial Review.

As the name suggests, this review takes place every 5 years and lists work that is needed on the building and FOSA will look at the list to see if it can be of assistance financially.

Donors to FOSA are always needed and anyone wishing to find out more about the trust and how this can be done should contact the treasurer Dick Foxon on 01629 812133 [thefoxons@btinternet.com](mailto:thefoxons@btinternet.com)

**Zena Hawley, Chair. FOSA**

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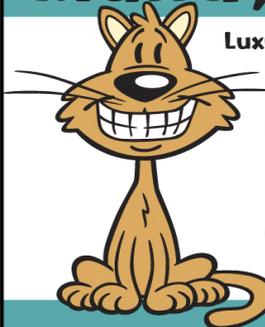
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