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St Anne's Church

As the lockdown continues so the church remains closed for services, although it is important to remind everyone that it is open every Sunday, from 10am, for individual visits. I hope you were able to call in and see the beautiful and moving display put on for Remembrance Sunday, with poppies on the altar and citations to each of the Over Haddon men who died in the two world wars. We did, of course, hold the outdoors Remembrance service at the war memorial on Main Street, attended by about fifty (socially distanced) people—see p5. A recording of the “Last Post” played by Pat Thurlby's granddaughter, was a memorable addition to this year's service.

As you probably know we decided to carry out another collection for the High Peak Food Bank over the period running up to Christmas. All the signs are that the need for this vital service is growing in these difficult times. So a large white plastic box sits inside the church porch (which is always open) for donations of non-perishable groceries. These are removed into the church each week by Zena Hawley who has the church key. Fran Thompson, who volunteers at the food bank each Friday, has offered to take them to Buxton. Fran has said the Food Bank would particularly appreciate the following festive foods: canned meat/chicken, ready made custard, Christmas pudding.

The season of Advent begins towards the end of this month; the four week preparation for Christmas, which shines like a beacon of light in this dark time of the year. We do not know, as yet, what services (if any) will be allowed in church. We might be a little clearer after December 2nd....but it seems most unlikely that the usual Christmas Carol Service, with its lovely familiar carols and readings, will be allowed inside the church this year. We will, however, be decorating the church for Christmas as usual, and opening at certain times for people to come in. Look out for details... **

The churchyard is also open, and even as Autumn turns to Winter it remains a beautiful green open space available for all to visit.

Glyn Tilson, who maintains it, has finished grass cutting for this season, but the trees, and the rough areas of vegetation around the edges, make it a haven for wildlife.

The Bakewell Rotary Club has given me a couple of bird boxes to put up on churchyard trees to encourage more birds, so if anyone would like to help me put them up at suitable sites I would be grateful.

**STOP PRESS:

**“There will be a short Christmas Day service in church at 9.30am.
We can wish each other a Happy Christmas”**

Roger Truscott

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Just a note

Well, what a strange year this has been!

Who would have thought our calendars would be so empty, who would have thought we liked jigsaws and who would have thought we'd get fed up of banana bread!

The one positive of 2020 has been in the way that villagers have pulled together to help each other and look out for each other.

Merry Christmas all and here's to a wonderful New Year.

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Over Haddon Village Hall update
and Christmas activities



Just as serious consideration was being given to re-opening the village hall for a possible one-off event leading up to Christmas - along came the second lockdown.

But the management committee has not been idle, and as well making sure the hall is well looked after during the lockdown, we are now completing the process of Covid-proofing the building to enable us to re-open as soon as we consider it is safe to do so and for when people will want to come to events.

But as it's the season to be jolly, we're arranging a couple of events that we hope you'll enjoy - let's have some festive fun!

The first event is a festive quiz—

We could not let the festive season pass by without holding that perennial evergreen - **Pat's Christmas quiz** - but this year with a difference.

It will be **Pat's Big Virtual Christmas Quiz** taking place on **Saturday, December 12** - but all from the comfort of your armchair. The quiz, for those of you who have taken part in the village hall over the years, will feature all the usual elements you would associate with Pat's question-posing prowess.

All you need to do to take part is set aside some time on December 12th from 7pm when the questions will be emailed out to everyone on the village e-mail list.

You will have three hours until 10pm to return your answers to the e-mail address given out with the questions on the night.

Pat will mark the answers and the results will be circulated via e-mail on the following day.

Look out for posters around the village soon, giving a contact number for anyone who wishes to take part but does not have access to e-mail.

It's all a bit different this year but we are hoping you will get into the spirit of things and please don't be tempted to access Google - there will be some questions that even Google won't have the answers for!!

The second event involves an invite to everyone to help make Over Haddon look as festive as possible this year, and also take part in a village Treasure Hunt —

During the weekend of **December 19th & 20th** decorate your windows, doors, trees, hedges and fences and let's make it a festive Over Haddon! Everyone is encouraged to take part in their own way.

Photos will be taken after 2pm on Saturday 19th, with the idea of putting them on the village website and Facebook pages. Please contact **cvjones.tennis@gmail.com** if you would like your decorations to appear on these sites.

On **Saturday 19th and Sunday December 20th**, take part in our **Festive Treasure Hunt** and admire the decorations as you look for clues around the village.

The treasure hunt clues will be sent out to everyone on the village email list, but if you'd like a paper copy please call Zena on 01629 814750.

Please post your completed sheets into the Village hall post box by 5pm on Sunday Dec 20th.

Good Luck everyone, and Merry Christmas.

I REMEMBER

I remember as a child, about 8, I used to work at Whiterock Cottage, it was also the Post Office. The shop was served by a number of wholesalers. I don't remember who brought the bread every day but I remember it was never sliced. It was quite an occasion when the first sliced bread arrived. Shentall's from Chesterfield brought fruit and veg.

My job originally was just to get the coal and sticks in but as Lizzie Bibby also took in holiday makers etc she and her daughter Beryl were always busy and I was moved on to doing anything I could manage. Walking the dog for instance, serving in the post office, in particular serving paraffin which most of the village needed as most didn't have electricity at the time and paraffin lamps were the main source of lighting, waiting at table on the residents etc etc.

I particularly remember every Sunday picking up their News of the World to read the football results. One of the residents coming down for breakfast said what are you reading that for at your age. I didn't understand what he meant so my curiosity got the better of me and I decided to investigate the rest of the paper. Even to a young person like me it was quite an eye opener, very salacious and possibly my first introduction to the excitement and mystery awaiting me in years to come. It was also my first introduction to Monopoly, one of the guests having the game with him and I was asked to join him and his family in a game. It was very interesting at the time, it took ages and I don't remember ever winning. I haven't played for years now, possibly fifty years.

The Beryl mentioned above later became Beryl Siddons who lived at St Anne's Cottage—many of you will have known her. Beryl married Mike Siddons and I was invited to their wedding. The wedding took place at Bakewell church and the reception was in the Post Office Tea Rooms up the steps at the top of the yard. The dog I used to walk was a Staffordshire Bull Terrier. I remember arriving for work one morning to find the telephone and papers all over the floor. The dog had chewed a leg off the bureau which toppled a bit throwing the telephone and papers to the floor, fortunately the dog left the telephone and papers alone. Happy Days.

Patrick Thurlby



T'is the season for...

Pat's Big Virtual Christmas Quiz

Save the date so you can take part in Pat's cracking Christmas Quiz with a difference

 **When?** Saturday 12th December at 7:00 pm.

 **Where?** In the comfort of your own home.

 **How?** Questions will be emailed to you at 7:00 pm and your answers must be submitted by 10:00 pm.

For more information contact:
events@ohvh.org.uk

DECK THE STREETS OF OVER HADDON



Bring Christmas to our village by decorating your windows, doors, hedges, fences and trees on the weekend of 19th & 20th December.



A gallery of photos of the decorations will be put on the Village Hall website & Facebook to share with friends and family far afield.



If you would like to take part:
Email: cvjones.tennis@gmail.com or: **Tel:** 01629 814750
Photos will be taken after 2pm on Saturday 19th December.



Plus...

Take part in our festive **Treasure Hunt** and admire the decorations as you look for clues around the village. Treasure Hunt questions will be sent via the village email or phone 01629 814750 for a paper copy.



Please post completed Treasure Hunt entries in the Village Hall Post Box by 5pm on Sunday 20th December.



Lathkil Hotel Update 26/11/2020

So today we've found out we will be in Tier 3 for at least the next 2 weeks, with a review around the 16th December. This means we are unable to reopen for the time being. We will be continuing with our takeaways during this period but our Takeaway Times are changing!

We will be serving **Takeaways on a Friday & Saturday Evenings**, along with our **Sunday Lunchtime Roasts**. Don't forget you can call for takeaway beer & wine too!

We will also be running a pop up cafe on fine days Tuesday to Saturday, where you can come along for a coffee, snack or sandwich. We'll post updates on Facebook and our website to say when we are open & our serving times.

This year will be the 40th Christmas and New Year we've had the Lathkil and in all that time we've never missed opening on Christmas Day. This year especially we will all be very grateful to be allowed to spend time with our extended family and understand that as you aren't allowed to come to the pub in your Christmas bubble you won't be visiting us during this time. It wouldn't be the same without you all so with this in mind we've made the decision to close Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day to allow us and our staff to enjoy this precious time with our families too. We will be back open on Sunday 27th (if we are allowed).

We're hoping we will be able to reopen after the next tier review. If we are, we are planning on having a **Festive Pie & Quiz Night on Wednesday 23rd December**. For New Years Eve we certainly won't be able to have our usual party but if we're allowed to reopen we will!!

Would you be interested in us doing a Takeaway 2 or 3 Course Christmas Day Lunch? If you are please get in touch! It's still in the planning stages, but we are trying to gauge whether it's something you would like us to do!

We have a few other ideas up our sleeves so watch this space!!

Alice, Jason & The Team x

NEWS FROM THE PARISH CLERK

Your council continues to meet on Zoom for its bi-monthly meetings to give local input on planning applications and communicating with Highways and District Council on parking issues, keeping the toilets open and supporting our newly formed Community Speed Watch applying for a grant on their behalf for the equipment. Council has noted the continued deterioration of our streets and would ask that as many people as possible use the reporting form on DCC Highways site to complain about potholes as this moves up the repair lists.

The link is <https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/do-it-now/potholes.asp> which can also be found on the Community Information page of www.overhaddonparish.org.uk

Matthew Lovell. parishclerk@overhaddonparish.org.uk

Your councillors are Zena Hawley, Roger Truscott, Penny Aitken, Sally Mosley, Steve Pope.

Latest on the Plantation project as work gets under way

It was 12 months ago on November 20 when the Parish Council first presented potential plans for turning the village's Plantation into a community space for local residents and any passing visitors in the village hall.

After a very positive response from residents, and a few tweaks, a planning application was submitted to the Peak Park Planning Authority earlier this year.

But as with everything in 2020, the coronavirus pandemic intervened and delayed the planning process and it was September before permission to go ahead was finally given.

In the meantime, the good news was that the project had received National Lottery funding support so at least the money was there for when planning permission was given and work could begin.

Derby College horticultural lecturer Mike Baldwin and his team, who are working with the village to enhance the Main Street green space, have also been affected by pandemic regulations meaning that they have had to carefully plan trips to Over Haddon bearing in mind that limited numbers of people could travel and work together.

But work eventually got going in October when the college team arrived to do initial preparation.

They cleared the area where it was overgrown, started laying paving in the seating area, dug out an area for the eventual path and put some dust limestone in place.

Mike and his students had been due back in the village in the week beginning November 23 but the second lockdown put paid to that.

Providing the restrictions are lifted by then, the team will come up week beginning December 7 to take delivery of the boardwalk materials and start to install it.

At this stage, with uncertainty around the way the pandemic will go, Mike is hopeful that the project will be completed by May - so fingers crossed that we will be able to use our new community space in time for the better summer weather in 2021.

Zena Hawley



On parade at the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday 2020.

L- R: Bob, Helen, Bernie, Patrick, Tony and Fran.

The service, attended by approx 50 folks, was made more poignant this year by listening to a recording of 'The Last Post' performed by Pat's grand daughter.

Thanks to Zena for the photo.

BRIDLEWAY VICTORY

Over Haddon to Youlgreave - bridleway victory

The one decision which has been made since the last issue of the PDGLA newsletter is on the beautiful unsealed track which starts at the clapper bridge and ford over the Lathkill in Over Haddon and leads to Youlgreave via Meadow Place Wood and Meadow Place Grange. It has been classified as a bridleway. This is the outcome of a public inquiry held in November 2019. The narrow tarmac lane leading downhill to the Lathkill from Over Haddon is to be classified as an ordinary road but becomes a dead end for motor vehicles. It took nearly a year for the Inspectorate to issue this decision (decisions are normally issued within three months) but it has been worth the wait to get this fabulous route protected.

There had to be a public inquiry because the Green Lane Association (GLASS), which represents the offroaders, and two individual drivers objected to the DCC's 2015 decision and its subsequent Order that the route is a bridleway. That original decision was made on the basis of historic evidence and it applied to the whole route, including the tarmac section in Over Haddon down to the Lathkill. Before the inquiry took place, GLASS withdrew its objection to bridleway status for the unsealed part of the route beyond the Lathkill. It acknowledged, in effect, that there is no historic public right of way on it for vehicles. As far as creating a right for motor vehicles through uninterrupted 20 years' use was concerned, the inquiry Inspector found that use by motor bikes and 4x4s beyond the Lathkill was "occasional and sporadic" and he agreed with the PDGLA and Peak Horsepower witnesses that recreational motor vehicle use had not occurred throughout the period 1985 and 2005 – the key dates in this particular case. He was also convinced by the evidence of local residents, walkers, horse riders and landowners that everything beyond the Lathkill is historically a bridleway.

The finding that the tarmac section of the route in Over Haddon is an ordinary minor public road (on the basis of the tarmac surface and traffic signs having been put up by DCC), and changes to the recorded width of the route requested by the Peak and Northern Footpaths Society, mean that the bridleway Order will have to be modified and readvertised and that for now the decision remains interim. The Inspector's decision is at https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/912412/row_3222938_interim_od.pdf

PDGLA and Peak Horsepower are very grateful to the local residents, farmers, walkers and horse riders who gave evidence to the inquiry. Their evidence was crucial - in proving when offroading on the route started and in showing that everything south of the Lathkill is bridleway.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MP

Sarah Dines, Member of Parliament for Derbyshire Dales .

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Phone: 02072196660 Email: Sarah.dines.mp@parliament.uk www.sarahdines.org.uk

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).

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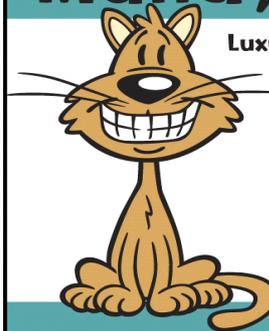
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