

Haddenham Village News



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ANGER AS HADDENHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN HOUSING POLICIES QUASHED

In a shock decision Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) has abandoned the defence of the Haddenham Neighbourhood Plan (NP) at a Judicial Review in the High Court brought by Lightwood Strategic. Shortly before the hearing AVDC made a deal with Lightwood Strategic to quash the Housing and Development policies in chapter 6 of the NP.

In a late tactical move Lightwood Strategic submitted an additional witness statement based on tape recordings made during the November public inquiry into their Aston Road planning application, when volunteers who had carried out the NP site assessments were subjected to gruelling cross examination. The Parish Council's own legal team advised the Judicial Review was winnable. But the PC is only an "interested party"; the principal defendant is AVDC. The PC was informed by AVDC that they were going to agree to a Consent Order to avoid the risk of losing if the case were to go to court. The PC was in no position to continue to contest the case – not least because whereas AVDC costs, if they lost, were capped by law at £35,000, the risk to the PC could be a six figure sum without upper limit. It was with great reluctance that the Parish Council had to therefore agree to sign the Consent Order that quashes chapter 6 of the NP.

AVDC's failure in 2014 to deliver a Local Plan, its failure to have a 5 year housing land supply (with the resultant potential loss of £1.38m worth of New Homes Bonus), and now its choosing to make a deal with a hostile developer, all leaves Haddenham with no protection against aggressive developers taking advantage of the Vale's policy vacuum.

So what happens next? We await the outcome of the public inquiry into the Lightwoods application which is being determined by the Secretary of State, but our principal objection of conflicting with a made NP will no longer apply. The PC is seeking a meeting with the Diocese of Oxford for clarification of their statement that they will not sell their part of the site to Lightwood. Lightwood is not a builder, and once planning permission is granted, the Diocese can sell to any party to realise development. The PC will seek confirmation that the Diocese's stated "aim is always to work with the Parish and District Council to ensure the best use of the land for everyone involved" still holds true.

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The PC will also seek to ensure that what has happened here cannot be done to other communities. In his Report on the NP in May 2015, Independent Examiner, Nigel McGurk BSc (Hons) MCD MBA MRTPI commented:

"I am mindful that neighbourhood planners, by their very nature, tend not to be professional planners. There are examples – especially in neighbourhood planning – of where the "experts," whether planners, lawyers or other practising professionals, have failed to properly grasp legislation. Given this, it would seem unreasonable to expect neighbourhood planners to get everything right all of the time. Most of us are human and we make mistakes. However, such mistakes need not prove fatal to the progress of a neighbourhood plan. Crucially, with regards to all of the above, it is the Independent Examiner's role to consider whether or not the Neighbourhood Plan meets the Basic Conditions" [and he found that the HNP did so].

The PC calls for urgent action by Government to prevent a situation where developers with deep pockets can employ lawyers to comb Neighbourhood Plans for the inevitable minor errors and oversights as the Independent Examiner described, and then pursue unrelenting legal action until the will or financial ability of communities to defend those plans is exhausted. NPs were intended to be an accessible process for volunteers to get involved in planning. Our experience surely cannot have been what Government intended.

The Parish Council has budgeted to revise our NP in 2016/17. The Government does not have a clear process yet for reviewing NPs, but this is something the PC is pursuing along with other parish and town councils. It seems likely we will need to go to referendum again. What is obvious is that professional help will be required to deliver a revised plan. Why would volunteers ever want to put themselves in the position of having their hours of work torn apart, their reputations questioned and in the end defeated by a developer with the incentive of huge financial gains and no interest in the people or the places they destroy?

What happens next also depends on the publication this Spring of AVDC's much delayed draft Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (VALP). Just before Christmas, AVDC consulted on its "Issues & Options" report, a key document setting out AVDC's latest thinking on housing and employment needs across the District plus options for growth. The timetable for producing VALP is tight, and is under Government scrutiny, with final adoption due in mid- 2017. What could it mean for Haddenham?

- Firstly on housing numbers: AVDC has revised its estimate of housing need in the District from 21,000 to at least 31,000 new homes by 2033, with every possibility of yet further increase. Based on the earlier figure, as advised by AVDC, our Neighbourhood Plan (NP) allowed for 430 new homes.
- Secondly, AVDC has proposed a settlement hierarchy, with those at the top taking the lion's share of development. At the top are 5 "strategic settlements" including Haddenham – the others are Aylesbury, Buckingham, Wendover & Winslow. The Parish Council has responded that Haddenham, whilst clearly more sustainable than larger villages, should not be in the same league as the market towns as we lack both a central retail core and a secondary school, and we have the built form, function and characteristics of a village not a town.
- Thirdly, AVDC has proposed nine different broad-brush options for growth, without being site specific at this stage. But as a strategic settlement, Haddenham looks in line to take 800-900 homes whatever the option, and more than advised when writing our NP.
- Finally, AVDC has commissioned a feasibility study into new and extended settlements. Buckinghamshire County Council's response to AVDC's report says that Haddenham should be the basis of an extended settlement, second only after Aylesbury for future growth.

Using professional consultants, the PC intends to draft a new housing and development chapter, with any other updates to other chapters as needed. The PC has also set up a new Committee to focus on sport, leisure and recreation, including building a new sports facility on the airfield. If you are interested in learning more or taking part, do contact Sue Gilbert the Parish Clerk at haddenhampc@btconnect.com, we'll be pleased to hear from you.

The Community Library enjoys the support of the community, young and old

Do you know all the activities in the library? Regular group activities are flourishing, including the Bridge Club on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the Knit and Natter on Tuesday mornings and spinning on Thursdays. Eve McLaughlin has a run another popular Ancestry course. The Village Society held its AGM in the library and was packed out. For young people there is Bounce and Rhyme (under 5s) on Friday mornings and Craft and Lego clubs on Saturday. The defibrillator is just outside the entrance and the food bank drop-off just inside. The library's partnership with Haddenham Screen works well, to mutual advantage.

February saw National Library Day when the library was buzzing, with an offer of coffee and cake. March 3rd was World Book Day, when school groups (and some staff!) showed off their fancy dress in favourite book characters.

The Community Library is run by a committee of local Trustees with funding from Buckinghamshire County Council. However, the Grant from central government is being reduced year on year and the County has no alternative but to make cuts to many services. The County has a statutory duty to provide a 'comprehensive and efficient library service', but the county library service will have a reduced book fund, reduce mobile libraries and will be making Aylesbury library self-service. The library takes part in the Vale Lottery and you can support the library when you visit in person or on the website www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk.

Please ask staff or trustees for more information. The Village News will keep you posted.

More Good News from Heartbeat Haddenham

The sixth defibrillator in the village has now been installed, on the Roman Catholic Church facing Crabtree Road. Thanks to the generosity of many organisations and individuals, all six defibrillators are now available 24/7, at the direction of the 999 operator, to save lives in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest. If you have to call 999, you will be directed to the nearest one to you. If you want to learn how to act in the case of an emergency and maybe one day save a life, please register for future training, on heartbeathaddenham@gmail.com, or by phone to 01844 292273 (Tony Warris). People on the waiting list for the previous sessions should confirm which date you want to attend.

Calling all Young Snappers!

Haddenham and District Rotary are running a Young Photographer Competition 2016, with support from Paul Wilkinson Photography. This a very exciting opportunity for budding young photographers to show case their talent and – who knows- maybe even win a prize! All entrants should live in or attend school or college in the Haddenham and District area and the subject is 'Fun'. There will be prizes for the best photograph and a presentation will be made at the Rotary Presentation evening in May. For more information, pick up an entry form from Haddenham Library or contact Roger Williams from the Rotary on 01844 238222 (rgrgwilliams@aol.com).

New Community Vehicle

Thanks to generous local donations, Haddenham now has its own community vehicle for transporting disabled passengers, including those in a wheelchair. A project team led by Dr Hugh Stradling worked for over a year to raise funds and acquire the vehicle. The service, launched at the start of November, initially covers the areas served by Haddenham Medical Centre. The specially adapted VW Caddy vehicle is driven by a team of trained volunteer drivers. A small charge is made for journeys, but it is hoped that most of the running costs will be covered by sponsorship, grants and further charitable donations.

Anyone who feels they might benefit from using the new Haddenham Community Vehicle (HCV) service is now welcome to contact the co-ordinator on 07495 366779 or by email on haddenhamcv@gmail.com. Typical journeys include visits to local health professionals, as well to social events. The HCV team will consider all requests carefully and will prioritise them to meet the needs of as many people as possible whilst making best use of the vehicle.

This new scheme, which complements and extends the existing local FISH scheme, is now fully operational. Look out for the blue vehicle! Additional volunteer drivers are also welcomed and initial contact should again be made through the co-ordinator on 07945 366779 or haddenhamcv@gmail.com.



Haddenham Museum reopens

The village museum, in the Old Schoolroom behind the Methodist Church in the High St, reopens at the beginning of March after its winter break. It is open on Tuesday mornings and Sunday afternoons and welcomes visits from individuals, families and groups - for example the village primary schools visit each year in connection with their school topics.

As well as its permanent collection of books, maps and photographs the museum has changing displays from time to time. The next one will focus on village locations featured in episodes of Midsomer Murders-well worth a look!

The museum has digital screens showing old films of the airfield and the Haddenham Mummers, as well as some old films of village events. A new plasma screen has been installed to show the collection of tailor-made DVDs. One of the museum's real treasures is the 1820 map, showing all the owners and occupiers of each piece of land at the time.

The museum is staffed by a rota of volunteer stewards and new stewards are always welcome. If you or a friend would like to offer a couple of hours of your time once every six weeks, please contact either Stewart Sloan (01844 290142) or Steve Sharp (01844 290597) for further information. There will be introductory training sessions in the museum on the last Sunday and Tuesday of February - just come along.

The annual slide show with Michael Whitney will be on Friday 1 April at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church (£3 at the door).

The Haddenham Chronicles

JMW Turner, one of the world's greatest landscape painters, died in 1851, the year of the Great Exhibition at the Crystal Palace. His life has been covered in the last two years by the film Mr Turner and a new Turner gallery in Margate where he lived from 1833 until his death, when not living in a flat in Chelsea. Sophia Booth was his 'housekeeper', the wife of a bargeman who died soon after she met Turner. Sophia was ten years younger than Turner and they lived together as man and wife (Mr and Mrs Booth) until Turner's death. When the lease on the Chelsea flat expired in 1867, Sophia came to live at Haddenham Hall and when she died in 1878 she was buried in Margate.

The story of their relationship and the various puzzles involved in it and their finances was described by John Davis in the first issue of The Haddenham Chronicles. Since it is now ten years since the Chronicles first appeared, it is fitting to remind ourselves of one of the earliest articles. In Chronicles 2, Nigel Viney followed up the story by describing the time when he lived in Haddenham Hall.

The Haddenham Chronicles, with articles covering local people and events over hundreds of years, are published each year by the Haddenham Museum Trust and are on sale in the museum, Blooming Fruity and the Community Library. There are thirteen issues available, together with an index of articles and authors; the next one including part two of Diana Gulland's article about the Basque and Jewish refugees at Tythrop in the 1930s will be launched at the May Day celebrations on Church Green on Saturday 7 May. The index of articles in the first 13 issues can be seen at www.bucksvoice.net/haddenham-museum/thechronicles

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Are you lonely?

There's really no need to be lonely in Haddenham. There are several opportunities in the village for socialising on weekdays.

Every Monday, except for bank holidays and the first Monday in the month, the Monday Club meets (2.15-3.45pm) at St Mary's Centre. There's a programme of guest speakers, activities, tea and chat afternoons, and the occasional outing. Volunteers provide transport if needed. Contacts are Ann Warris on 01844 292273 or Chris Headlong on 01844 290694.

Maisie's Coffee Morning is held at the Methodist Church every Tuesday morning from 10am to 12noon. All are welcome to drop in for a cup of coffee in the warm and to browse the bookstall. Proceeds to Action for Children and Haddenham Methodist Church.

On the first and third Wednesdays in the month, the Sixty Plus Club meets (from 2pm) at the Youth and Community Centre, Woodways, for a programme of speakers, quizzes, lunch outings etc. Once again, volunteers can provide transport if needed. Contacts are Mary Wellby on 01844 290036 and Joan Dharamshi on 01844 290206.

On Thursdays, the Thursday Club meets from 9.30am till 3pm. It gives you a day of socialising or if you are a carer the person you care for can be looked after in a safe environment. For £15 you get a home-cooked meal, a day of activities, and transport within the village. In the morning there's an opportunity to play Scrabble, card and board games or dominoes. In the afternoon there may be a speaker (once a month), musical entertainment, cooking or other activities, a quiz or bingo. For further details contact Linda Bamford on 01844 292230 or 07866 058394 or email lindabamford851@btinternet.com.

Later in the week there's the Friday Coffee Stop run by Haddenham and District Age Concern (HADAC). It is held every Friday (10am-12noon) in the day centre lounge at the Village Hall. People of any age are welcome to drop in.

Fridays are also HADAC's lunch club days - Luncheon Club one Friday and Lunch Café the next. For £4 you can have a home-cooked two-course meal and transport can be provided within the village. Carers can come too. For more information on the Lunch Café contact Viv Higgs on 01844 291005; for the Luncheon Club contact Brenda Spencer on 01844 291235.

In addition, HADAC organises an annual holiday in the summer. Contact Carol Monro on 01844 292329 for information on this year's holiday break. HADAC also runs a befriending scheme. If you would like to have someone visiting you in your own home, maybe once a week, contact John Nicholson on 01844 290906. Also contact John if you would like to be a volunteer visitor - full training can be arranged where needed.

And finally, Haddenham U3A (University of the Third Age) provides plenty of opportunity for socialising. In addition to monthly meetings (2nd Monday and 3rd Thursday of each month) with a speaker, there are thirty interest groups catering for a wide range of interests. From gardening and music appreciation, through walking and cycling groups to French, German and Italian conversation, card or board games, local history and more. For more information, contact Chris and Catherine Collins on 01844 291909 or membership@haddenhamu3a.co.uk.

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How is the Parish Council spending your money?

You will be aware of the major cut-backs in town hall spending at the same time as parish and town councils are being urged to assume new responsibilities and new ways of working. Starting in 2015/16 Haddenham Parish Council (HPC) has been taking a more forward-thinking approach to how it sets its budgets. In particular it has initiated a new set of Reserve Funds to ensure that money is available to maintain or replace the Parish's assets when required.

One example of a new reserve that has been set up is to maintain our village ponds. Last year HPC had to use money from the Contingency Reserve Fund to remove the sludge from Rudds Pond and carry out repairs to the banks of Church End Pond. This means in the next financial year we have to replace those reserves; a big expense in a single year. The new Pond Repairs Reserve Fund prevents any repetition by setting aside a small amount each year. So when the pond needs dredging again in 20 years' time the funds will be there to do so.

A similar reserve fund is being set aside to replace our aging street light columns over the next 15 years. Today 82% of the columns are either over their anticipated useful life of 30 years, or the lamps are mounted on poles which will need to be replaced. The columns have to be regularly inspected to ensure they are structurally sound and safe. These inspections drive the replacement programme with Franklin Road being one of the first streets to now have new columns with LED lanterns.

As well as setting up these new reserves the Parish Council has had additional financial responsibilities placed upon it by other bodies. Last year Bucks County Council (BCC) devolved responsibility to parishes for cutting the grass verges and some other highway maintenance tasks such as hedge cutting, cleaning road signs and dealing with fly-posting. BCC devolved this responsibility because the severe cuts in its funding mean that it does not have resources to carry out this non-essential (i.e. no safety requirement for it) maintenance. In 2016/17 BCC will only be carrying out 4 cuts of the verges in parishes that didn't take up the devolution offer. Haddenham's devolution agreement is sufficient to funding 6 cuts a year. The PC has decided to increase this to 10 cuts because of the lengthening growing season in recent years. The cost of the additional 4 cuts has to be met by the PC. With capping by central government and the complete removal of central grant funding, BCC anticipates needing to devolve more duties to the Parish in the coming year along with the financial burden that entails.

We also heard from the Church that the Churchyard will be full and closed to new burials from November 2016. The Church has used its right to ask the PC to take on responsibility for the maintenance of a closed churchyard which the PC has agreed to do. The alternative was to allow AVDC to take care of this, and the village residents would have been charged a special item by them for this. A new budget has been set up for this new responsibility.

The closure of the Churchyard also means that Haddenham needs a new burial ground. It also means that the Parish Council has to become an active Burial Authority. Land needs to be acquired and a site prepared, so budget provision has been made to enable a start to be made.

The last year has seen also an unexpectedly high expenditure on legal fees to instruct barristers to represent the Parish Council at the Public Inquiry into the Lightwood Strategic planning application at Aston Road. This expenditure was required because AVDC's Strategic Management Development Committee voted in favour of the application with the result that AVDC's own legal team spoke at the Inquiry in favour of the planning application in support of the applicants. The PC also had to instruct barristers to advise on defending the application for Judicial Review of the Neighbourhood Plan. These costs ate into the reserves which now need to be replenished, and a future 'fighting fund' set up.

With the demise of the Neighbourhood Plan and the likely significantly increased housing allocation for Haddenham in the emerging Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan a budget has been included to produce an updated plan. It is anticipated that this will require professional help and the budget has been set accordingly. Any new referendum has to be funded by the District Council.

In common with other small businesses, the PC also has to fund pensions for its employees in the coming year.

All these additional pressures and responsibilities that have come to the Parish Council have meant that the precept for 2016/17 has been increased to £302,520. This equates to an increase of £1.20 per week for a household in band D. The increase is from a low base after many years of low or nil rises, and brings us into line with the other larger parishes in the area. The Parish Council constantly endeavours to find alternative sources of funding to supplement the precept for major projects such as the £86,000 grant from AVDC's New Homes Bonus for a new zebra crossing on Woodways.

More details on the setting of the precept can be obtained by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Update on Sheerstock Parking - News from the LAF

In the last edition of the Village News, we announced that the funding for the parking feasibility study had been agreed by Bucks County Council's Local Area Forum (LAF). No sooner had the News hit the doormats than BCC advised that it had frozen all remaining LAF funding in 2015/16 to keep within spending limits. So the feasibility study has been put on hold. The PC has made strong representations to the LAF for the feasibility study to be re-considered in the new financial year. Let's hope our next edition has better news.

Accident at Clays Corner cross roads

Unfortunately, there has been another serious incident at the Clays Cross junction (as reported on Haddenham.net) when a young motor cyclist travelling along Stanbridge Road hit a car travelling along Woodways having apparently missed the signs to give way.

The residents from houses around this junction are naturally concerned and came to express their views at the Parish Council meeting in February. The PC is not responsible for the highways, so we have made representations to Buckinghamshire County Council. BCC have acknowledged the concerns but advises that any alterations at this junction have a low priority and are unlikely to be funded in the foreseeable future.

The PC has suggested to BCC the possibility of a solar-powered warning sign as a considerably cheaper alternative to an expensive mains-powered sign on Stanbridge Road when approaching the junction from the north.

BCC would support this if the funding of around £5000 could be found. The PC would be pleased to hear from village organisations which might be able to contribute to see if we can make this happen as a community initiative.

Open for Business

We are delighted to report that two key community assets have re-opened for business and appear to be doing a lively trade. The Rising Sun has new licencees and is now a comfortable family pub with a strong emphasis on good beer. At the other end of the village the Green Dragon has re-opened as a gastro pub providing an interesting menu as well as a seating area around the bar for people looking for a drink. Both would welcome your custom, as indeed would the Rose and Thistle (affectionately known as the Rat) on Station Road, and the Kings Head on the High Street. Supporting these local businesses helps our village community thrive.

Come to our meetings

Did you know that all Parish Council Meetings are open to the public? Most meetings have at least 15 minutes allocated for public participation and this is an opportunity for any member of the community to raise matters of concern, comments on the agenda items or to recognise some for the work going on in the village. If you want to speak on a particular agenda item, please contact the Parish Clerk, Sue Gilbert, in advance of the meeting. Meeting dates are posted on the Haddenham Parish Council website or on haddenham.net.

Why not come to our Annual Parish Meeting? This will be held on 6th May 2016 at the Village Hall and will be a chance to meet the Parish Councillors informally over light refreshments and then to receive a report on the work we have been doing over the past year on your behalf. There will be a chance for you to ask us questions and to find out how you can be involved in the programme of work. We look forward to meeting you.

Date for your diary: Annual Haddenham Fete

The Village Fete will be held on the 11th June 2016 and will celebrate The Queen's 90th Birthday. Not sure she will be there, but do join the rest of the village at Church End Green. Following two years of dodgy weather, we are keeping all fingers crossed for no rain or wind. If you or your community group would like to run a stall or you can offer donations for the cake stall or tombola, please contact Tim Armitt on 07966 215775.

Memorial Benches

The Parish Council frequently receives requests for permission to install memorial benches around the village. The most requested spot is by the Church End pond, but there is a limit to how many benches can be reasonably fitted around the pond without spoiling this much loved scene. To ensure that the Parish Council is open and fair in responding to requests, we have decided to adopt a policy on memorial benches. In the meantime, don't forget that there are other ways to remember loved ones, for example donations to the Community Orchard, to Snakemoor, or indeed to any of the excellent voluntary groups active in the village. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more information.

Spring forward with the Community Orchard on Good Friday.

Join in the next phase of planting at the Community Orchard. On Friday, 25th March, Good Friday please come and help plant wildflowers and Fruit bushes... and maybe tackle a few weeds.

To encourage young gardeners, we will be organising an Easter Egg Hunt. This is a great way to kick off the Easter weekend and help create a lasting legacy for the village. All you need is a trowel and maybe gardening gloves. We will supply the wildflowers and fruit bushes. If you have snow drops in your garden now is a good time to divide the clumps. If you can spare some bulbs bring them to the orchard so that we can all enjoy them in years to come.

In future years the fruit from the orchard will be free to anyone from our community. The peaceful captivating nature of the orchard will be enhanced by wildflower areas and fruit bushes.

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Know Your Councillors: Tom Newton

What made you decide to stand for the Parish Council?

I decided to stand because I felt that the younger generation should be represented on the council. I wanted to give something back to the community in which I was raised and contribute to the village as a whole.

What committees did you decide to join and why?

I joined the Planning Committee and the Communications Committee. Planning is one of the most important aspects of the council and is certainly that which generates the most interest from residents. I felt that having a young presence would be of benefit to those young people who are struggling to find property in the village. We are limited in what we can do as a council, but Haddenham needs more affordable housing if it wants to maintain its younger adult population going forwards.

Coming from a background in IT, I thought that my skills would be of benefit to the Communications Committee in terms of anything internet based such as our website or social media. I'm looking forward to working on initiatives that will help us engage with a wider audience in the future.

You have lived in the village a long time - what do you think has changed for the better?

We have improved medical facilities, standards at our schools have increased and we have a wide variety of local services to choose from.

Anything that you have preferred not to have changed?

I think that our village is at risk of losing itself due to the seemingly constant threat of over development. I also personally felt the closure of the Red Lion was an especially disappointing event that highlighted a wider problem. Village residents really need to give their continued support to local businesses or I fear we will lose further pubs, shops and other amenities in the coming years.

What should we be doing to encourage younger people to engage more with the council?

Millennials are the digital generation and these days engagement is for the best part achieved via the internet whether that be on desktop or mobile. We need to do more to communicate with the younger residents over those mediums if we want to see an increase in engagement.



Haddenham Village Events

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For information on village events see: www.haddenham.net, the weekly Haddenham column in the Bucks Herald, the monthly 'Go Local' magazine, posters around the village and the notice board at Haddenham Community Library and other locations around the village.

BC Baptist Chapel
BP Banks Park
BS Baptist Schoolroom
CC Catholic Church
CE Church End
HA Haddenham Abbeyfield, 106 Churchway

HCIS Community Infant School
HCJS Community Junior School
HCL Haddenham Community Library
HMC Medical Centre
MC Methodist Church
MPR (at VH) Mabel Parkinson Room

PF Playing Fields
PO Parish Office
R&T Rose and Thistle
S&GC Scout & Guide Centre
SMC St Mary's Centre

SMCh St Mary's Church
SMS St Mary's School
VH Village Hall
WRR (at VH) Walter Rose Room
YCC Youth and Community Centre

HADDENHAM VILLAGE SOCIETY

8.00pm HCJS The Haddenham Village Society holds talks and presentations, organises outings & excursions, runs fund-raising events, supports community & activity groups, makes representations on planning applications and other issues affecting your village.

Life membership is a single payment of £25 for the whole family and gives access to certain member-only events as well as supporting the village. Village Society members will be reminded of each meeting by e-mail.

Further details contact secretary Graham Tyack - 291629 or gtyack@talktalk.net. Membership enquiries contact Brian Cole - 291876 or jbc@coleuk@aol.com

April 21st 7pm The Green Dragon Three-course meal to celebrate St George and the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

May 18th Cracking Mr Faberge's Eggs Illustrated talk by Brian Cole

HADDENHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

8.00pm WRR You don't have to be a member to attend meetings and entry is free with voluntary donations to expenses. If you'd like to join the society, membership is only £4 per family each year and this gives you discounted entry for competition entries - including arts and crafts and domestic classes - in the annual autumn show and the spring mini show, and members' price for outings.

For more details and membership contact secretary Gay Jordan on 01844 291490.

April 11th & 21st Roger Shaw - "1421 - A Chinese Navigation"

May 9th AGM + "Bless 'Em All" - Musical entertainment with Adrian Broadway

May 19th "Bless 'Em All" - Musical entertainment with Adrian Broadway

HADDENHAM & WITCHERT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

8.00pm WRR President: Margaret Law 01844 292471
Secretary: Marian Perry 01844 290448
Visitors pay £3.00

April 20th Resolutions and Fun - discussion re the resolution that will be proposed at the National WI forum

May 18th Sherry Scott - "My work in Burma"

SIXTY PLUS CLUB

(formerly DARBY AND JOAN) New members aged 60 years and over are warmly welcomed. Call Mary Wellby on 290036 or Joan Dharamshi 290206 for details. Transport can be arranged if needed.

2.00pm YCC (unless otherwise stated)

April 6th 10.30am - 12noon Coffee morning at Woodlands, Butte Furlong

April 20th Club meeting

May 4th Advertisement quiz

May 18th Entertainment by the pupils at St Mary's CE School

MONDAY CLUB

(formerly ST MARY'S FELLOWSHIP) Monday Club is a friendly gathering to which all are welcome - men and women of any age.

2.15pm - 3.45pm SMC There's something for everyone. They meet on Mondays except for the first Monday of the month and Bank Holidays. Their programme includes guest speakers with illustrated talks, social meetings, discussions, craft activities, quizzes, games afternoons, 'bring-and-buy' table, and occasional outings to the garden centre, theatre etc. Each meeting includes a cup of tea and a piece of cake (usually home-made) and a chat to finish. If you want to know more, please phone Ann on 292273. Or for lifts, please phone Chris (290694) or Ann (292273). Monday club is a St Mary's Church initiative.

Mar 21st Dawn Cumming - Illustrated talk on Tuscany

Mar 28th Easter Monday - No meeting

April 18th Derek Smith will be talking about the Air Ambulance

May 9th Dr Hugh Stradling talk and slides 'The Rhine and Beyond'

May 16th Tea and Chat

May 23rd Games afternoon

HADDENHAM SCREEN FILM CLUB

Tickets in advance £5 (£4 for members - Annual sub £10) in advance from the box office at Haddenham Community Library or on the website www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk or by calling 01844 291613

March 22nd Flight of the Red Balloon (PG)

April 12th The Lady in the Van (12A)

April 26th Suffragette (12A)

May 10th Brooklyn (12A)

May 24th To Kill a Mocking Bird (PG)

HADDENHAM AND DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

Mondays 7.30pm Rotary is a sociable worldwide voluntary network that, by raising money and running events, is proud to be giving something back to local, national and international communities.

Haddenham Rotary Club welcomes prospective new members to meetings in the restaurant at the Seven Stars, Dinton, most Mondays at 7.30pm.

For details visit: www.haddenham-rotary.org.uk & www.facebook.com/haddenhamrotary or call Alan Dichler on 291987

WEA CARRY ON LEARNING

10.30am HA Quality teaching for those who cannot travel far or sit too long. Interesting talks on a variety of subjects, lasting about ¾ hour.

Enquiries to Carole Fryer on 01296 748538 or Sue Oswell on 01844 290568 £1 donation from non-residents towards costs.

April 13th Andy Gunn - "The Life and Work of Gaudi"

May 11th Anthea Mearns - "The Orangutans of Borneo"

THURSDAY CLUB

(*WEA Carry on Learning session*) **1.30pm VH** Voluntary donation to Thursday Club from non-members. Enquiries to Carole Fryer on 01296 748538 or Sue Oswell on 01844 290568

April 14th Andy Gunn - "William Morris"

May 11th Colin Oakes - "Oranges and Lemons"

TEA DANCES

2.00pm - 4.00pm VH Entry is £3.50 and includes tea. Dancing includes ballroom and sequence dancing.

Call Mary Pritchard on 01844 291324 with any queries.

March 29th, April 12th & 26th, May 10th & 24th.

PONDAROSA LINE DANCE CLUB

Saturdays, 2.00pm - 5.00pm VH Open to all. Entry is £5 at the door. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Details from Sue Young 291971.

Please Note: New Time

April 23rd, May 21st

HADDENHAM CEILIDHS

8.00pm VH 1st Saturday of the month October - June. Contact 07717 047039 or email: john@actionfolk.co.uk or visit website: www.haddenhamceilidhs.co.uk/

SIMPLY WALK

10.20am for 10.30am Fortnightly walks in and around the village, including some country footpaths and stiles, lasting about 1-1½ hours. Coffee at a local café afterwards (optional).

alternate Wednesdays from BP car park

For more information call 01494 475367, email simplywalks@buckscc.gov.uk or to download a leaflet showing walks in the area - including Stone in the weeks between the Haddenham walks - go to <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk>

March 23rd, April 6th & 20th, May 4th & 18th

LOCAL FOOD MARKET

1st Sat of each month Organised by Vale Harvest - a group of local food producers within a 10 mile radius of Haddenham. Their aim is to make it easier for local people to connect with local produce.

9.00am - 1.00pm BP The market has a range of stalls selling hot or cold food to eat there and/or take away. If you would like to be involved, please contact Kirsty on 07920 521484 or Harriet on 07941 916747. Visit their website for a list of producers and further information www.valeharvest.weebly.com/

CAFÉPLUS+

First Sunday of the month Breakfasts and activities for all ages organised by St Mary's Church. The Caféplus+ café offers (fairly traded) coffee, tea, continental breakfast and the Sunday newspapers for visitors who wish to eat, drink, read the paper & socialise. A toddler group operates in an area immediately adjacent to the café throughout the morning and Children's Church meets for 45 minutes in the Walter Rose Room. A presentation called 'Food 4 Thought' is generally held at 10:30am in the main hall where contemporary issues are examined from a Christian perspective. They also operate a Quiet Space in a separate room where people can go to chill out or receive prayer ministry. Special events are arranged for most Caféplus+ mornings - bicycle workshop, art exhibition, swapshop, apple pressing and more.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HADDENHAM

Good Friday 10.15am March of Witness from Townsend Green to St Mary's Church for 11am service

Easter Sunday 6.30am Sunrise service at St Mary's School; followed by breakfast in the Baptist Schoolroom

CHRISTIAN AID FUND RAISING

Lent soup lunches Baptist Schoolroom 12.00pm - 1.30pm
on Saturday March 19th

DROP-IN COFFEE MORNINGS Maisie's Coffee Morning + books bring-and-buy table - Tuesdays 10.00am - 12.00noon **MC**

Friday Coffee Stop - Fridays 10.00am-12.00noon **VH lounge**

HADDENHAM AND DISTRICT CARERS' SUPPORT GROUP 2nd Monday in month 1.30pm - 3.30pm **MC**
If you provide help to someone who through illness, disability or frailty cannot manage

without you then you are a carer. We look forward to seeing you at the group. Please call Laura on 0300 777 2722 or email mail@carersbucks.org for more information.

BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS Tuesday 22nd March, 1.30pm - 3.30pm & 4.15pm - 7.30pm **VH** Tuesday 31st May

HADDENHAM MEDICAL CENTRE Closed for 'Protected Time for Learning' from 12.30pm (emergency cover provided).

(If urgent medical assistance is required during this time, please telephone Bucks Urgent Care on 01296 850011)

Wednesday 20th April, Tuesday 10th May

Saturday clinics (must be booked during the week - call 01844 293300).

Saturday 19th March, April & May to be confirmed

(Tyrefighters' Group to meet on Saturdays when Medical Centre is open - but not necessarily every time)

The charity Action on Hearing Loss (formerly the RNID), which provides support to people with hearing loss and tinnitus, is holding quarterly drop in clinics at the Medical Centre on the first Thursday in March, June, September and December (10.00am - 12.00noon).

HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY Opening hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm, Saturday 9.30am - 1.00pm

Knit and Natter Group: Tuesdays 10.00am - 12.00 noon
Spinning group: Thursdays 10.00am - 12.00 noon
Children attending activities should be accompanied by an adult:
Storytime for pre-schoolers: Every Tuesday in term-time 2.30pm
Children's Crafts: Every Saturday 10.30am - 12.00 noon
Lego Group: Every Saturday 10.00am - 12.00 noon

For details phone 0845 230 3232 during opening hours.

HADDENHAM MUSEUM Tuesdays 10.00am - 12.00noon
High Street Behind
Methodist Church
Sundays 2.00pm - 4.30pm March - Dec
Closed January and February

RUBBISH AND RECYCLING

www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/refuse-and-recycling/
AVDC Recycling and Waste Helpline: 01296 585510

Rubbish bins and food waste bins:
Thursdays fortnightly: March 31st, April 14th & 28th, May 12th & 26th

Recycling bins and food waste bins:
Thursdays fortnightly: March 24th, April 7th & 21st, May 5th & 19th

Brown garden waste bins:
Mondays fortnightly *(There is a charge for this service):*
April 2nd, 11th & 25th, May 9th & 23rd.

PARISH COUNCIL The monthly meeting of the Parish Council is on the first working Monday of each month except August. The public are invited to attend and can have their say after the main meeting. See dates of committee meetings in the news section.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTABLES FAIR Trade from 9am. Entry is 4th Sunday each month 10.00am-4.00pm **VH** £1, including free raffle.

ONE OFF EVENTS For more information and up-to-date listings of events see: www.haddenham.net or the Haddenham column in the Bucks Herald

March
Sun 20th 10.00am - 1.00pm (Set up 9am) Table top sale in the Village Hall in aid of Cancer Research UK Contact Helen Lewis: 07931 719232

April

Fri 1st 7.30pm Photos of old Haddenham with Michael Whitney £3 on the door. Methodist Church

Sat 16th 2pm Rotary Jumble Sale in aid of Haddenham community notice boards. Contact: Brian Foster 290520 **VH**

Sat 16th 3-5pm Come and Sing rehearsal - Purcell 'Come ye Sons of Art' + Elgar anthems **SMCh**
Contact: Sheilagh Armitt - 01844 291720

Sat 16th 7pm Come and Sing concert. Free entry.

Donations to Cancer Research UK

Sat 23rd St Mary's School PTA Spring Fayre

Sat 30th 9am Haddenham Horticultural Society Spring Show

and Plant Sale **VH**

May

Mon 2nd 2.00pm - 5.30pm Turn End garden, Townside, open for National Gardens Scheme

Sun 22nd 2.30pm - 5.30pm Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity fundraising event: Cream Tea at the Tythe Barn, Church End, with musical entertainment Tickets £5

NOTES:

PARISH COUNCIL

Tim Armitt	41 The Gables, HP17 8AD	291720	haddenhamfete@aol.com
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Parish Office	(Tuesday & Thursday mornings 09:00-12.00)	292411	
Post: Parish Council Office, Banks Road, Haddenham, Bucks HP17 8EE			haddenhampc@btconnect.com
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DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL

Judy Brandis (AVDC) Fort End House	292484	Brian Foster (AVDC) 2 Slave Hill	290520
Michael Edmonds (AVDC)	208603	AVDC Switchboard	01296 585858
Margaret Aston (BCC) Budnall Farm, Oxford Road	291576	BCC Highways on Call	0845 230 2882
BCC Switchboard	01296 395000	http://www.buckscc.gov.uk	

TRAVEL

Arriva Buses Web Site: <http://www.arrivabus.co.uk>
 Traveline for bus, trains and coach information: 0871 200 2233
 Chiltern Railways enquiry line: 0845 600 5165
<http://www.chilternrailways.co.uk>
 Dial-a-ride: 01296 330088

WEA ADULT LEARNING

Buckinghamshire Adult Learning: 0845 045 4040
 WEA West Bucks Villages Branch: 01296 748538
 WEA Dayschools: 01865 768289

POLICE & CRIME

Neighbourhood Watch Jacky Stevens	292234	jacky@continental-cellulose.com
Police non-emergency crime reporting	101	
Neighbourhood Policing Team	101	
HaddenhamLongCrendonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk		
You can contact us and/or make non-urgent reports of crime, anti-social behaviour, lost property, etc through our website: www.thamesvalley.police.uk		
PC Dean Kingham		dean.kingham@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Suzan Jones		suzan.jones@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Denise Grayburn		denise.grayburn@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
Thames Valley Crimestoppers (charity)	0800 555 111	

MISCELLANEOUS

Bucks Herald Correspondent (Christina Jeffery)	291406	nose4news@haddenhamvillage.net
Haddenham Fish Scheme		www.haddenhamfishscheme.org
Jeanne Watt 291337		Alison Green 292088
Haddenham Community Library	0845 230 3232	
Haddenham Web Site		http://www.haddenham.net
Haddenham Medical Centre	293300	
Village Hall Bookings (Sue Parkinson)	291276 / 07739 405474	suehvh@hotmail.co.uk

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Date	Time	Meeting	Location
Monday 7th March	7.00pm	Planning Committee	Walter Rose Room
	7.30pm	Parish Council	Walter Rose Room
Monday 14th March	7.30pm	Environment Committee	Parish Council Office
Monday 21st March	7.30pm	Planning Committee	Walter Rose Room
Tuesday 29th March	7.30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee	Parish Council Office
	7.30pm	Banks Parks Trustees	Parish Council Office
Monday 4th April	7.00pm	Planning Committee	Walter Rose Room
	7.30pm	Parish Council	Walter Rose Room
Monday 11th April	7.30pm	Environment Committee	Parish Council Office
Tuesday 12th April	7.30pm	Communications Committee	Parish Council Office
Monday 18th April	7.30pm	Planning Committee	Walter Rose Room
Monday 25th April	7.30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee	Parish Council Office
	7.30pm	Banks Parks Trustees	Parish Council Office
Tuesday 3rd May	7.00pm	Planning Committee	Walter Rose Room
	7.30pm	Annual Parish Council	Walter Rose Room
Friday 6th May	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Haddenham Village Hall

For further dates, please visit Parish Council website or check Parish Council Noticeboard by library.

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