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Haddenham Kerb Appeal

Haddenham regularly features high on the list of best places to live in England, not least because of the fantastic transport connections including our own parkway station. In recent years, the service up and down the line has improved considerably and footfall is now weekly more than it used to be in a year. A large number of people using the station travel from home in their cars and some avoid parking fees by leaving their vehicles in nearby residential streets, particularly those close to the station. Add to this people travelling to work at the industrial estates at this end of the village and we have a perfect storm of too many cars looking for a free parking option.

For the residents of these streets, the commuter parking has become more and more of a problem with some thoughtless drivers blocking

dropped kerbs and parking on corners making visibility for drivers and pedestrians very poor. Occasionally the space between the cars has not been wide enough to allow an ambulance or fire engine to get through. Whilst most of the people parking are not breaking any laws and certainly do not intend harm, leaving their cars in residential roads all day is affecting the quality of life for people living in these areas.

The Parish Council has been working with the residents of Sheerstock and Wykeham Way to find a solution to this issue. This has not been easy as the responsibility for waiting restrictions on public highways rests with Buckinghamshire County Council and we first had to demonstrate that there was a problem which needed attention. Fortunately, we have achieved this and now funding has been awarded, through the Local Area Forum, to undertake a feasibility study on the most effective way to tackle the problem. The feasibility study will include the pros and cons of different systems of waiting restrictions and will look at the evidence for what has worked in other similar areas taking into account displacement. The Parish Council is very keen to ensure

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Lifestyles today often require cars even in a place like Haddenham with good public transport systems, although the more cars there are in a place, the more we have to think about where people can be allowed to leave them. Fortunately our village is small and many people can leave their cars at home and enjoy the social and health benefits of walking and cycling around the village.

Exhibition in Haddenham Community Library

In the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday, there will be a display in the Haddenham Community Library that will provide information about the some of the battles, campaigns and developments during the First World War in 1915. Later on in the month, on Wednesday 25thNovember at 8 pm in the Haddenham Community Junior School in Woodways, there will be a talk by Richard Moore, an ex-Royal Navy submarine commander, about the Gallipoli Campaign.

The Parish Council recently had the War Memorial on the village green cleaned and restored as a mark of respect for those young men from Haddenham who lost their lives in the war a hundred years ago.

Good news for the Old Health Centre

The Parish Council was delighted to learn recently that the lease has finally been signed on the building on Banks Park, fondly remembered by many as the Old Health Centre. Stephen Gregory, a long time resident of the village is taking over the building in the next few weeks and once the building has been brought up to scratch will be opening a new gym and activity centre. Stephen has been running classes in Haddenham which have been very popular. The building has been boarded up for a number of years since the last tenant left quickly and due to complicated legal matters, it has been empty ever since. Much concern has been expressed as the building started to look in need of some tender loving care. Not only is it unsightly, it is a waste of a space which potentially could be a valued community resource. After pressure from the Parish Council, the owners of the building (NHS Property Services) finally acted to find a new tenant. We are very pleased that a new business will be launched from the site and wish Stephen all the best.

Looking after the Environment -Litter Picking Mamas

Another in the series of regular litter picks, organised by Haddenham Parish Council, took place on Saturday 10th October. Many familiar faces turned up to do their bit for the village, helping to clear from verges, footpaths and below hedgerows the



debris that had been thoughtlessly discarded.

As well as the loyal team of regulars, an encouraging number of new contributors also turned up to don their hi–viz tabards and claim a mechanical 'grabber' before setting off to their allotted areas of the village.

Organisers John Wheeler and Chris Young, on behalf of the Parish Council, offered their sincere thanks to everyone who assisted. Pictured are some of the day's helpers – the community of Haddenham benefits significantly from such individuals, who give up their personal time to make a positive difference to our village. We thank you.

If you'd like to help on another occasion, the next two Village Litter Picks are scheduled to take place on Saturday 19th March 2016 and Saturday 18th June 2016 at 9.30 am.

Occasionally, we find household waste left in the public waste bins and recently a suitcase of rubbish was left on one of the grass verges. Aylesbury Vale District Council holds responsibility for waste management and if your bins regularly overflow, you can request a larger one. They are also responsible for enforcement and have the power to prosecute people who dump rubbish. Look on their website for details or phone 01296 58585.



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The Mummers Play

The Haddenham Mummers will be taking their historical drama to the aleshouses and taverns of Haddenham again this December. In his writings about Victorian Haddenham, Walter Rose recalled the Mummers from his childhood, although their rowdy behaviour meant the tradition was brought to a stop by the local police. Fortunately, a group of villagers revived the tradition 39 years ago and use the plays as an opportunity to collect money for good causes; to date collecting almost £25,000. This year, they will be collecting for a number of charities including the Society for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases and Parkinson's UK as well as the fund for the Townsend Community Orchard.

The Mummers play is said to represent the battle of good versus evil, the death of the old year and resurrection of the new, whilst poking fun at authority figures. You certainly won't get a prescription for 'Old Eggleston Pain' at Haddenham Medical Centre. The players are sometimes asked why they have their faces painted black. This is a tradition dating back centuries when ne'er do wells and subversives such as the Mummers sensibly thought it best to remain anonymous, using the soot from the chimney as the cheapest and most readily available form of disguise. Even today the identity of the players is a source of mystery to many villagers, allowing them to get away with exceptional tardiness last year when they were rumoured to have been detained at a party they stumbled across en route ..

Do go along to see their performances at any of the pubs and other venues across the village. Entertainment is guaranteed. Further details can be found in the Event section with this newsletter and will be advertised on Haddenham.net in December.

Haddenham Chronicles - the best bits

The plight of refugees is very much in the news. In the late 1930s, this area, based on Tythrop House in Kingsey, provided a home for two successive groups – Basque refugees from the Spanish Civil War and, later, Jewish refugees from Hitler's Germany. Diana Gulland, local historian and archivist, has researched the subject and the first part of her account is published in the latest issue of The Chronicles.

The National Joint Committee for Spanish Relief (NJCSR) had been formed in England in 1936 to co-ordinate voluntary relief to Spain. Its organising secretary was Betty Arne who later lived in Haddenham. The Home Office agreed to evacuate children from the Basque region. The children were to be aged 5-15 and from families of all political affiliations and religions. They were to be kept together to retain their national identity.

Haddenham Library top of the IT class

The Community Library has gone from strength to strength since its establishment in 2012. The opening hours are more or less the same as in the past and the two staff are supported by a great team of some 60 volunteers, who put their names down for a weekly rota. Emma, the manager, has just been joined by a new assistant, Alison, who has lived in Haddenham for the last ten years.

The partnership with the County Council, who make a grant towards the staff costs, is working well. Other financial support comes from the Parish Council and a number of local businesses and organisations; Rectory Homes, the Beer Festivals Trust, Haddenham Garden Centre, Haddenham Fete, Haddenham Mummers, the Rotary also Haddenham Screen, through the arrangement for the library to act as box office.

From the start, the Community Library has had a vision of providing accessible facilities for the community. A number of clubs and organisations meet regularly and there are good links with local primary schools, including Stone and Dinton/Cuddington.

The County Council policy for its library services has a number of priorities, one of which is to develop use by the whole community of the latest technology. The library offers taster sessions to young and old on making better use of computers and IT, with help from a member of staff or a knowledgeable volunteer. The County Council monitors how this policy is going and the figures for 2014 show that of the 84 of taster sessions, 65 of these were in Haddenham. So if you, or a friend or relative, would like a bit of friendly help, please ask at the library or phone 0845 2303232 to book a session.

The children were brought to Tythrop House, which had been purchased from the Wykeham family (Wykeham Way, Wykeham Gate) by Magdalen College, Oxford and then leased to the NJCSR. The children started arriving in October 1937, accompanied by Spanish teachers and helpers, and in November there were 72 children, of whom 56 were boys aged between 6 and 14 and 16 girls aged 5 to 15. Diana's article describes daily life at Tythrop, including the football matches, a trip for 80 children to a pantomime in Oxford and the bad behaviour of some of the boys.

The children left Tythrop in 1938. Some of them were repatriated and most moved to other bases in England. They had lived at Tythrop for only six months.

Issue 14 of The Chronicles, with part 2 of Diana's account, covering the Jewish refugees, will appear in Spring 2016.



Haddenham Village News

The Townsend Community Orchard - the story so far...

It was lovely to see so many people come together in early October to help plant the first trees for the Townsend Orchard. Over 70 people went along - from the very young to the more experienced! Families enjoyed a variety of roles digging holes, securing the saplings to stakes,



scattering the compost and ensuring the workers were kept fed and watered with a range of delicious cakes kindly provided. 22 trees were planted, just over half the field.

There is now momentum to raise the money for the remaining trees that will planted later this month. Please help this amazing communityrun project by sponsoring a tree or donating. Every penny will help support the orchard that will benefit the whole community.

Do go along on Friday 20th November at 10am, and help with the planting. It's a great experience to get involved and a great fun morning. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, see www.townsendorchard.com.

Heartbeat Haddenham

A fifth defibrillator has been installed in the village, at St. Mary's Centre, Church End. You can find it in the green cabinet on the wall to the right of the door. The other similar green boxes can be found around the village: outside the library, outside the sports pavilion on Woodways, outside the Haddenham Abbeyfield in Churchway, and at the railway station. The defibrillators are for use in an emergency day and night. Simply phone 999 and the operator will direct you to the nearest one and give you the code to open the door.

You may have seen information on the CPR courses which we are being run in November (10th and 21st). CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) is a first aid technique used if someone is not breathing properly or if their heart has stopped. Chest compressions and rescue breaths keep blood and oxygen circulating in the body, saving lives in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest. We want to run further courses in the New Year, so if you are interested, please phone 01844 292273 or email to heartbeathaddenham@gmail.com.

Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan: Consultation 23rd October to 5th December 2015

Aylesbury Vale District Council are in the process of compiling their Local Plan, the document which will include the overall strategy for future development in the district alongside site allocation plans and development management policies. The district council have launched a consultation process and have invited comments from the public on their website. If you don't have access to a computer, why not use those in the library?

You may remember that in the last edition of the Village News, David Truesdale, Chair of the Planning Committee, described how our Neighbourhood Plan works together with the Aylesbury Vale District Council Local Plan to set the agenda for future development in the village for the next twenty years. The Aylesbury Vale District Council Plan is an important document and we would encourage villagers to look at the AVDC consultation process and make sure your views are heard.

Haddenham Chronicles

Did you know there are 12 pamphlets in Haddenham Cronicles series based on research into the history of the village?

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Last month, the Parish Council welcomed a new arrival. Our assistant clerk, Jane Allman joined Sue and Jim to complete the team of three. Jane lives in Thame but knows Haddenham well and has quickly learned all the essentials of the role such as where to buy the best cake in



Haddenham and how to open the filing cabinet with a sharp kick. Jane will be assisting Sue with the clerking duties and ensuring that the Council continues to provide a good service to villagers without breaking the Working Hours Directive. The Parish Council have been very grateful to Sue for all the additional hours she has given whilst covering both roles. Just to remind you, the Parish Council office is open to the public on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 9am and 12 noon.

Do you want to contact us?

Did you know that the Parish Council has a website and a Facebook page? So there are plenty of ways you can contact us or find out what the council is doing, apart attending the meetings. The Communication Committee would welcome your comments, so please do send an email to haddenhampc@btconnect.com, with 'HVN' and the topic you want to raise in the title. Or drop a letter into the Parish Office in Banks Park. We can't promise to publish every letter, but we will read and consider all correspondence we receive.



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Get to Know Your Councillors: Rachel Martin

Rachel Martin is our latest Parish Councillor, filling the causal vacancy in October.

Hello Rachel, tell us something about yourself I have an amazing 6 year



old son, and moved to Haddenham 4 years ago from Chester. I love flowers and do floristry as a (paid!) hobby. I own a virtual PA company called Pink Spaghetti and through that I help give local business time back to focus on what is important to them. I am trained as a project manager so I get to use my skills whilst being able to do school drop off and pick up

What made you decide to join the parish council?

I thought the mothers of young children needed to have a representative on the Council. I love the community of Haddenham and wanted to be able to help make that community stronger.

What has been your experience of the parish council so far?

I have only attended one meeting so tricky to say. I think the council so far seems relaxed as an atmosphere, but people can certainly have their voice heard.

What do you hope to achieve during your time on the parish council?

I hope to offer a voice for people with children of school age and as a pair of fresh eyes, especially as I didn't grow up here. If I have one ambition, it is to make the park areas better, to include skate ramps and better facilities.

What do you think are the biggest challenges facing Haddenham in the next few years?

Growth!! Obviously places grow, but we need to make sure the unique nature of Haddenham is maintained; that's what people want and we need to preserve it for future generations.

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COUNCIL MEETING DATES				
Date	Time	Meeting	Location	
Monday 9th November	7.30pm	Environment Committee	Parish Council Office	
Monday 16th November	7.30pm	Planning Committee	Walter Rose Room	
Monday 23rd November	7.30pm	F&GP Čommittee Banks Park Trustees	Parish Council Office	
Monday 1st December				
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Monday 11th January		Environment Committee	Parish Council Office	
		Communications Committee		
		Planning Committee		
Monday 25th January	7.30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee	Parish Council Office	
		Planning Committee		
		Parish Čouncil		
For further dates, please visit Parish Council website or check Parish Council Noticeboard by library.				

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The Haddenham Winterfest is an established and wonderful part of the run up to Christmas in the village. Enjoyed by many over the years, this year the Winterfest will be even bigger and better than ever!

The Winterfest occupies all of Banks Park under a massive heated marquee, decked in festive colour and lights. In true Haddenham Beer Festival style, there will be more than over 50 beers, craft lagers, 12 different ciders as well as wine, non alcoholic beers and lagers, and soft drinks. Also, by popular demand, the gin bar returns.

One of the great characteristics of Haddenham Beer Festivals is the diversity of food available. This year is no exception with the welcome return of Egg House Butchery selling rib sandwiches & pie & mash, Orchard View Farm selling hog roast, Mozzarella Nation selling wood fired pizzas, the popular Masons BBQ with hot dogs and burgers and Kirsty's Kitchen selling scotch eggs & sausage rolls. All this, plus Monkshood Coffee.

Entertainment is equally diverse with the internationally acclaimed Haddenham Witchert Chorale opening the event and the ever popular Haddenham Mummers. Local bands provide music throughout the day. Haddenham Beer Festivals are family events with children welcome (no entry charge for persons under 18).

Each year, Haddenham Beer Festivals Trust organises the Summerfest and Winterfest. They have generated an amazing £204,000 for local voluntary organisations and community activities since the first Haddenham Beer Festival was first held in 2004. This is all thanks to the sponsors, who generously support the events and to all those who attend the festivals

The many volunteers involved in the set up, clear up and many roles on the day also make an invaluable contribution. If you would like to volunteer to help - please contact haddenhambeerfestival@gmail.com. Tickets are available on the door or in advance from local shops and pubs.

Shakespeare at the Movies

Community cinema is very popular, with three thriving local film clubs in Haddenham, Cuddington and Long Crendon. Now, for the second year, these clubs are getting together to present the Haddenham & District Film Festival from 20th to 29th November. The theme, in the lead-up to the 400th anniversary of his death, is "Shakespeare at the Movies".

There have been many movies made of the Bard's work and this festival includes some of the finest; classic versions of "Julius Caesar" (with a stunning performance by a young Marlon Brando alongside James Mason and John Gielgud), "The Merchant of Venice" with Al Pacino as Shylock to Jeremy Irons' Antonio as well as Ian McKellen's acclaimed performance in a more modern version of "Richard III". The festival will include a live broadcast from the Branagh Theatre of Judi Dench and Kenneth Branagh in "The Winter's Tale". There will also be two award-winning films derived from Romeo and Juliet; "West Side Story" and "Shakespeare in Love".

To open the festival, there is a talk by one of the creators of "Richard III" before the film is shown and to close, Haddenham resident actor Bruce Alexander gives his insights on the Bard. Details, including box office and online booking arrangements, can be found by visiting www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk or by ringing 01844 291613.

Haddenham Museum

Have you visited the Haddenham Museum recently? The museum is housed in the Old Schoolroom behind the Methodist Church in the High Street and is open every Tuesday morning and Sunday afternoon (with the exception of January and February).

The museum contains many artefacts from Haddenham past, as well as scrapbooks, photographs. There are a number of DVDs to watch on newly installed screens and visitors can see short films about the airfield, the Mummers Play and the fair in 1950. The museum also stocks the books of Walter Rose, the chronicler of Victorian Haddenham, and booklets about the 1828 Murder, St Mary's School and Haddenham Football Club.

Haddenham changed radically in the 1830s when the furlongs and strips were enclosed into the fields with the hedges that we see today. The museum has a wonderful large map of the village before the Enclosure in 1820 showing the ownership of every strip.



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