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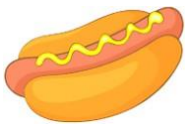
November/December 2024

West Haddon Playing Fields Fireworks Spectacular! Saturday 9th of November



West Haddon Parish Council cordially invite you to West Haddon's annual firework extravaganza.

Come and enjoy a spectacular family event on Saturday the 9th of November at West Haddon Playing Field.



Hot Food (pig roast, hot dogs and burgers), pizza, sweets and bar available



A spectacular pyrotechnic event

Fireworks commence at 7.00pm

**Come early, and enjoy the atmosphere
Hot Food & Bar Open from 6.00pm**

Back in Print - Tell us what you think...

Earlier this year, in an effort to save money on printing and delivery costs for the newsletter (and help the planet), the Council agreed to trial going digital with the newsletter, as have so many other organisations. A few hard copies were printed and placed in the church porch for those who did not have access to the internet, to collect in person. The newsletter was also uploaded onto the Council's website; published on social media, and we even set up a link where people could subscribe (at no cost) and receive a copy of the newsletter each month direct to their email address. We even organised a digital skills session to help people. The take up was poor on the subscription link and, unfortunately, feedback for the newsletter is minimal so we do not know how important the publication is to you.

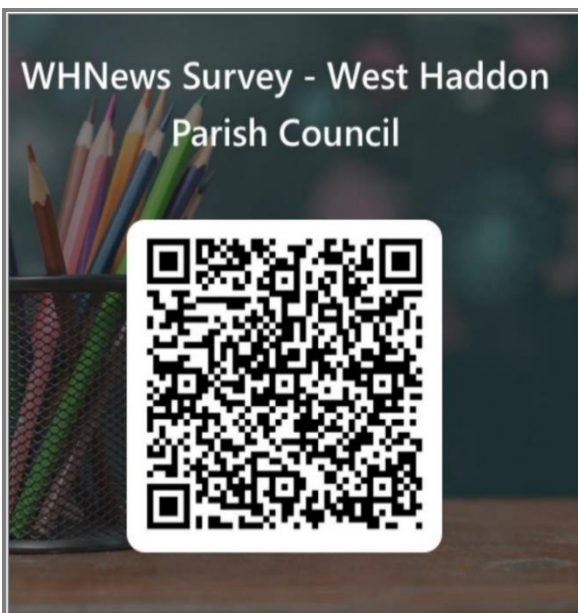
The Council had agreed to review the newsletter in September 2024, which it did, and having taken on board some of the comments, has agreed to trial, test and review the publication again including frequency of delivery and content and return to hard copies but, given the costs and the work which goes into producing the newsletter we would welcome your feedback to establish whether it continues, what content it should include, and hopefully, to establish whether there are any budding authors out there who would like to contribute towards the copy.

Deadline for response to the survey is - 30th November 2024.

<https://forms.office.com/r/2N2hkJwuCp>

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DAISIES CAFÉ – WEST HADDON SPORTS PAVILLION, WEST HADDON PLAYING FIELDS

West Haddon Parish Council
Brings you...
DAISIES CAFÉ



Opening hours: **Tuesdays** from 1pm until 3pm for Jackets - £3.50 and free refills on selected drinks.

Thursdays from 2pm until 4pm
£1.50 for Muffin and free refills on selected drinks.

We also have a selection of other drinks and snacks for sale on both days.

We have games, puzzles, toys and books available or just come for a chat and a warm.

EVERYONE WELCOME

November Jackets!



*New time on Tuesdays in November
1pm until 3pm.*

*We will be offering Jacket Potatoes through
the month of November!*

£3.50 includes a cuppa!

YOUTH CAFE

We will be entering a tree into
West Haddon's Christmas tree festival.



We will be asking all the young people who come to the Youth Cafe to help create our tree, we will start on **Monday 11th November.**

LET'S GET MESSY AND HAVE FUN!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO WEST HADDON PARISH COUNCIL, AND EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED MACMILLAN AT DAISIES.

WE RAISED £233.85



COMING TO DAISIES...

- **5th November** – Dog Cafe (alongside normal cafe).
- **7th November** - RNLI talk and selling merchandise. 1pm until 4pm.
- **14th November** - Walk 12:45 (weather permitting).
 - **28th November** – Jane Cards and Crafts
- **5th December** – Sues Clothes Boutique.
- **12th December** – Walk 12:45 (weather permitting).
- **19th December** – Guilsborough Sixth Form Entertain You.



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**West
Northamptonshire
Council**



Have your say on the West Haddon Housing Needs Survey

Open: Monday 28th October 2024

Close: Sunday 8th December 2024

To fill in the survey please visit:

<https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/housing-needs-survey/west-haddon-hns>

Or scan the QR Code:



For more information, or if you require a paper copy, please contact West Northamptonshire Council on **01327 126 7000**, or pick up a copy, complete and return to the Church porch, High Street, West Haddon.

24-hour mental health text message service launched in Northamptonshire

Integrated Care Northamptonshire

NHS
in partnership with
shout

Need to talk?
We're here to listen.

Text
IMATTER
to **85258**
for free,
confidential
support, 24/7

North Northamptonshire Council

West Northamptonshire Council

Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) along with North and West Northamptonshire Councils have partnered with charity Mental Health Innovations to offer free, confidential and 24/7 mental health support to those across the county through the charity's text messaging support service Shout.

The partnership has been funded through North and West Northamptonshire Public Health services and ICB to provide this innovative digital offer for anyone in Northamptonshire to enable them to access 24-hour mental health support, 365 days a year from their mobile phone.

People in the county can text the word 'IMATTER' to 85258 to be connected to a trained Shout Volunteer. The service is open around the clock and can help with issues such as anxiety, stress, loneliness, depression and suicidal thoughts. The conversation, which takes place entirely by text message, aims to help the texter reach a calmer place with a plan to move forward. It will also signpost them to further support available locally.

"Providing mental health services which meet the needs of our communities is vitally important. That is why we're proud to be a part of this partnership and launch the SHOUT text messaging service in Northamptonshire. By providing digital solutions which people of all ages can access from their mobile phone, we hope to increase the number of people accessing services and receiving the support they need."
Cllr Matt Golby, Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Adult Care, Public Health and Regulatory Services at WNC

Shout is a free, confidential and anonymous service, designed to provide people with in-the-moment support. Texting Shout does not appear on phone bills and all messages are confidential unless there is concern about someone's safety. Shout is available and free in the United Kingdom.

Contacting West Northants Council

You can access our services 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year through our website at www.westnorthants.gov.uk. Alternatively, you can phone us on 0300 126 7000.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024

Armistice Day: Monday 11th November 2024



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

In 2023, the house-to-house collections for the Poppy Appeal managed to raise over £2500 from the generous folks in West Haddon, its visitors and neighbours. Well done to everyone involved, donors, collectors and village businesses. It would be great to beat that total this year.

In a variety of ways, financial, practical and emotional, the Legion supports serving and ex-service personnel from the Army, Navy and AirForce, as well as their families. The Poppy Appeal raises nearly 50% of the RBL funding in regions across the UK (and in some cases across the world).

Due to retirements, we always need more local volunteer collectors to join our group, so if you feel you would like to help support the cause and have a few hours to spare over the three weeks leading up to Remembrance Sunday, 10th November, please contact me for details. Collectors will choose their days and times to collect within those weeks and whether they want to do house-to-house or static collections. Training and equipment are provided. Every penny counts. Also, if you'd like to collect at your business premises in the village, please contact me.

You can find out about the work of the Legion at britishlegion.org.uk and even if you don't want to collect for us, you can still donate and buy merchandise from the poppyshop.org.uk.



Phil Nicholls [510258 / philnich21@gmail.com]



WEST HADDON VILLAGE HALL



West Haddon Village Hall

Village Hall News November 2024

Hello everyone – and welcome back to the newsprint edition!

We have had some great events in the hall – The Hayley Sisters show was packed out, and the two performances of West Haddon Players murder mystery were great fun. The Local History Group had an excellent reception from villagers and those from further afield for their Enclosures exhibition. This recalled the riot protesting at Parliamentary Enclosure of the open fields of the village in 1765 and depriving locals of their livelihood. Amazingly on display was the 1765 enclosure award, an enormous 4-foot square parchment.

There is lots going on as well as the regular groups – Pilates, Zumba, Clubbercise, Tae Kwon Do, Lunch Club and the pop-up coffee shop on Tuesdays and Fridays at end of the school day. Do consider us for your events, the hall really is an excellent venue. For bookings and to check our facilities: www.whvh.org.uk

If you fancy joining us in running the hall – it is friendly and fun, and your qualification just needs to be wanting to be part of the team. We are particularly pleased to have recently co-opted to the committee a person experienced in making grant applications to fund our improvement projects.

Find out more about the committee by contacting Richard: chair@whvh.org.uk

Rugby Food Bank



We have taken the items which were brought to the Church and School Assembly to the Rugby Food Bank where they were pleased to receive them. If you would like to access the Food Bank and receive food and other items for 3 to 4 days, please get in touch with me so that I can arrange for this to happen. The stuff provided will be enough for however many people there are in your house; and there is provision for pets too.

Sue Tringham, 4 Guilsborough Road, 01788 510275, sandyandsue@btinternet.com

Yelvertoft and District Relief in Sickness Fund

The sale of the house provided for the District Nurse before the National Health Service was set up enabled West Haddon and some other neighbouring villages to set up a fund which is designed to give help to those who need it in times of sickness. There is money available to those who have to visit hospital either to attend clinics or to receive other medical attention or for those who visit friends and relatives staying there. We give a subsidy to those who receive visits and treatment for Chiropody or Physiotherapy. There are wheelchairs, commodes, walking frames and other items of medical aids which can be borrowed by those who need them. Please get in touch if you feel that we can help you.

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WE'RE TAKING A BREAK NOVEMBER 4-16TH

WE'LL BE TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PUB, SERVICE AREAS & DUE TO HOW BUSY WE'VE BEEN WE ARE IMPROVING THE LAYOUT OF OUR KITCHEN SO WE CAN SERVE EVEN MORE OF YOU

The Sheaf Inn, West End

A few parts of the pub have been letting us down for a little too long now so we're closing for two weeks to give you the pub you DESERVE ❤️

This will include some changes to our bar area, to our loos & our kitchen.

I know it's going to be hard not coming to The Sheaf for two whole weeks, but we promise it'll be worth it. Until then its business as usual & we are looking forward to serving you.

Luke & Team Sheaf 🍷

<https://www.thesheafinn.co.uk/>



**Do you or a loved one
need support getting
online?**



**Ordering prescriptions
Online shopping
Booking appointments
Video chats with family
and friends**

**Please contact Chris at the Happy@Home
project for more information**

Tel: 07729 682098

www.daventryvolunteers.org.uk

Email: chrish@daventryvolunteers.org.uk



Funded places
available for
2-4 year olds.

Monday to
Friday
8:45am-3:30pm
term time only.



West Haddon Nursery

Where happiness promotes success.



At West Haddon Nursery, our highly qualified staff team provide a nurturing and stimulating environment to help develop each and every child to reach their full potential.

We offer an inclusive, child-initiated environment of free flow play inside and out, where children are encouraged to explore, engage, construct and experiment.

We promote the perfect balance of learning and play with lightly structured daily activities as well as having close links to the school for a seamless transition into Reception.

Contact us for further information.
NElliott@westhaddon.northants.sch.uk
 01788510318

Gardening Jobs for November/December



Flowers:

- Plant tulip bulbs in pots and borders, covering them with at least twice their depth of soil or compost (possibly for the Spring Show – see page 23)
- Lift dahlia tubers after the first frost, clean them off and store in dry compost in a cool, frost-proof place
- Send off for seed catalogues and start planning what to grow next year
- Clear faded sweet peas, morning glory, and other annual climbers from their supports
- Cut down faded perennials that are looking tatty, then mulch the surrounding soil with garden compost
- Gather up and bin the fallen leaves of roses affected by black spot, so they don't carry the disease over to next year
- Replenish gravel mulch around alpiners to keep the foliage clear of damp soil, which can cause rotting
- Protect plants that are borderline hardy with a thick mulch of straw or garden compost

Fruit and Veg:

- Take hardwood cuttings from healthy fruit bushes, including currants, blueberries and gooseberries
- Use cloches to protect winter peas, beans and salads, but leave the ends open as good ventilation is vital
- Prune autumn-fruiting raspberries to the ground after harvesting
- Plant garlic, shallots and onions in free-draining soil or raised beds, then cover with fleece
- Prune fruit bushes once dormant, including blackcurrants and gooseberries
- Plant bare-root fruit trees, bushes and canes, as long as the ground isn't too wet
- Check stored crops for signs of rot or deterioration
- Tidy up strawberry beds, cutting back old foliage and congested runners and removing any weeds



Greenhouse:

- Insulate greenhouse walls and roof with bubble polythene
- Make sure all tender plants are safely under cover and kept frost free
- Check greenhouse plants regularly for overwintering pests
- Scrub down greenhouse staging, glazing and the framework with disinfectant
- Water indoor pots of spring bulbs frequently so they never dry out
- Wash out all empty pots and trays and store neatly under greenhouse staging, ready for use in spring
- Bring potted herbs, such as parsley and chives, indoors to continue cropping into winter
- Monitor greenhouse temperatures with a max-min thermometer and turn on heating if needed
- Avoid splashing foliage when watering, as it will dry slowly in cool weather and fungal diseases may set in

Information from the Gardener's World website – for more tips and helpful videos, visit
<https://www.gardenersworld.com/>

Biodiversity November/December 2024

On September 21st, 2021, I walked through West Haddon Churchyard and made a note of the wildflowers there. I counted 24 different species, my favourites being Fox and Cubs {many} and Toadflax {a little}. On September 21st, 2024, I made the same walk and what a difference! Some Hawkbit, one sprig of white Clover and little else. Granted the weather was not the same, cold, wet and the grass newly mown. All was neat and tidy. The Bishop of Norwich made headlines in February saying, 'Make churchyards for the living, not just the dead.' The Church of England has made a target of net-zero by 2030, part of this being a response to the biodiversity crisis. If some parts of the churchyard are not mown the ancient sward will flower again, maybe with rare species. The primary role of churchyards is to provide burial grounds for the dead with public access and consideration for mourners. West Haddon Churchyard is a haven of peace, and may it continue so, but limited mowing of designated areas could be managed. The question being how to mark them out.

Times are not easy, the media bombards us with woeful news. However, I remember the war years and the cheerful front people kept up especially in front of the children. In view of this the Biodiversity Group has a plan for a joyful occasion for everyone: a Spring Flower Show in the Village Hall. Growing bulbs / Spring Flowers is an act of faith and hope, so let's do it!



Suggestions for April Flowering Plants:
 daffodils/narcissus
 glory of the snow
 grape hyacinths
 crocuses
 early tulips
 hyacinths

Suggestions for containers:

Any kind of container,
 waterproofed baskets, coal
 scuttles, buckets for sandcastles,
 biscuit tins or your very best
 bowl or traditional clay pot.
 Just have a go.



YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS

Yorkshire pudding is made by pouring a batter — made from milk, flour and eggs — into hot beef dripping, lard, or other fats, (from which it gains its flavour), into a preheated baking pan and baking in a hot oven.

When wheat flour came into common use for making cakes and puddings, cooks devised a means of making use of the fat that dropped into the dripping pan to cook a batter pudding while the meat roasted.

A type of Dripping Pudding had been cooked in England for centuries, although these puddings were much flatter than the puffy versions made in modern times. It has been suggested that the puffy version of the pudding got the name 'Yorkshire' due to the region's association with coal and the higher temperatures this produced which helped to make the batter rise and causing the pudding to be taller and crisper. The Royal Society of Chemistry suggested in 2008 that "A Yorkshire pudding isn't a Yorkshire pudding if it is less than four inches [10 cm] tall! ". Hopefully the recipe below will help to get a good height!

Originally, the Yorkshire pudding was served as a first course with thick gravy to dull the appetite using low-cost ingredients so that the diners would not eat so much of the more expensive meat in the next course, now it is more commonly served with a full roast dinner, yum!

National Yorkshire Pudding Day has been celebrated on the first Sunday in February in Britain since 2007.

Ingredients:

- A pinch of salt
- 250g of plain flour
- 350ml of milk
- 4 good size eggs
- A splash of water from the kettle that's been boiled and cooled.



Make as early as you can and keep whisking throughout the day until you use it.

- Put salt, flour, eggs and milk in a mixing bowl give it a good whisk for a good couple of minutes then add the splash of water and whisk again.
- Cover up and whisk throughout the day until ready to use and whisk just before it goes into the oven.
- Lightly grease an oven proof dish or Yorkshire pudding tins with lard/oil and pop into oven at 200c for a good 15 mins for fat to get hot.
- Pour in the batter and put back in oven for a good 10 minutes at 200c then turn down to 180c.
- In total should take about half an hour depending on oven.

Good luck!

If you have any recipes you'd like to share, please send them to editorwhnews@outlook.com



West Haddon Crochet Club

Thursdays 7pm

12 High Street



Bring your hooks if you have them but complete beginners are very welcome!

Kate Butler 07923 540985

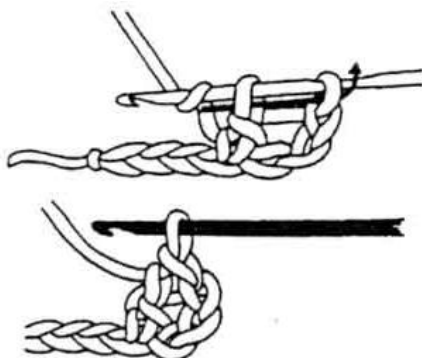
Crochet Scrunchie

Here's a simple pattern for beginners.

You will need:

- Elastic hair tie
- Yarn (as chunky as possible)
- Crochet hook 5mm

1. Secure the yarn onto hair tie with a slip knot. Ch 2 (counts as one treble)
2. Do 44 more trebles around the hair tie – join with a slip stitch
3. Chain 2 then treble into same stitch; then 2 trebles into the top of each stitch around
4. Break yarn and fasten off, weave in end



Treble= yarn over, hook through and pull through yarn, yarn over and pull through two loops on hook, yarn over and pull through remaining two loops on the hook

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The Nifty Cleaner

Nearly Forgotten House Cleaning Tips.

- Make your own mothballs by mixing oil of cloves and oil of cinnamon, then soaking cotton balls in this mixture. Place the cotton balls in muslin bags and hang them in your wardrobes.
- To clean silver, place in an aluminium pan. Sprinkle with 3 tablespoons of baking soda and cover with boiling water. Let stand for 10 to 12 minutes.
- Pour some white distilled vinegar into a plastic bag and place it around the shower head so the head is completely submerged. Tie the bag around the pipe and leave it overnight. You'll find the showerhead will spray like new again in the morning.
- Tuck a bar of soap in the toe of a nylon stocking and tie it to your outdoor water tap for a fast garden cleanup.
- Rust stains from outdoor furniture can be removed from concrete by using lemon juice and rubbing with a soft linen cloth.
- To easily clean your microwave without chemicals, place 1 cup of water and 2 tablespoons of lemon juice or baking soda in a bowl. Heat on high until the mixture boils. Let steam accumulate on the walls and door of the microwave. Remove the bowl and wipe down the interior.



If you'd like to share any useful cleaning ideas, please send them in to editorwhnews@outlook.com.

Waste & Recycling Calendar

Your waste and recycling
2024 collection calendar
B2 area Daventry

West Northamptonshire Council
West Northants recycles

Your collection day has not changed -
please look up your usual collection day on the calendar below.



Recycling
Collected every two weeks



Garden waste
Collected every two weeks



Food waste
Collected every week



General waste
Collected every three weeks

Garden waste collections
You will only receive garden waste collections if you subscribe to the chargeable service.

There will be a short break for garden waste collections from 23 December 2023 to 5 January 2024.

Batteries and small electrical items:
Please place your old small electrical items and batteries in a bag on top of your general waste bin for collection on your usual general waste collection day.

November 2024

	M	T	W	T	F
W					
R	28	29	30	31	1
F					
G	4	5	6	7	8
R	11	12	13	14	15
F					
W	18	19	20	21	22
G					
F	25	26	27	28	29



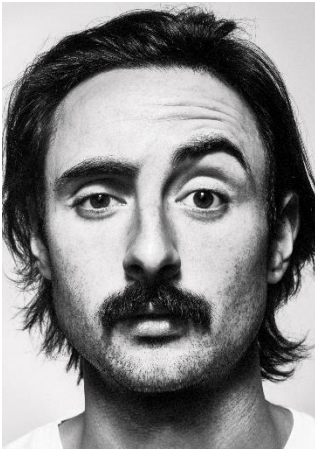
The new collection calendar for **Dec 24 - 2025**, including the Christmas collection times, will be published mid-November. Please visit the website - www.westnorthants.gov.uk/bins-recycling-and-waste for more information.

MOVEMBER

**WHATEVER
YOU GROW
WILL SAVE
A BRO**

Movember is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of, and fundraise for, men's health issues.

We're taking them all on



Mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer – we're taking them all on.

Since 2003, Movember has funded more than 1,250 men's health projects around the world, challenging the status quo, shaking up men's health research and transforming the way health services reach and support men.

This Movember, the month formerly known as November, there are four ways to get involved to support men's health: Grow a moustache, Move by walking or running 60 kms throughout the month, Host a Mo-ment or Mo Your Own Way with an adventure challenge of your choosing. Sign up and get more information on the Movember website: <https://uk.movember.com/>

Five things men should know and do when it comes to their health:

1. Spend time with people who make you feel good.

Stay connected. Your mates are important and spending time with them is good for you. Catch up regularly, check in and make time.

2. Talk, more.

You don't need to be an expert, and you don't have to be the sole solution, but being there for someone, listening and giving your time can be lifesaving.

3. Know the numbers.

At 50, talk to your doctor about prostate cancer and whether it's right for you to have a PSA test. If you are of African or Caribbean descent or have a father or brother with prostate cancer, you should be having this conversation at 45. Know your numbers, know your risk, talk to your doctor.

4. Know thy nuts. Simple!

Get to know what is normal for your testicles. Give them a check regularly and go to the doctor if something doesn't feel right.

5. Move, more.

Add more activity to your day. Do more of what makes you feel good. Take a walking meeting. Park further away from the station. Get off the bus a stop or two earlier. Instead of the lift, take the stairs. Cycle to work instead of driving.

For more information about men's health issues visit <https://uk.movember.com>

All Saints Church

All Saints Church is open for private prayer every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Service times at All Saints for November and December**

Sunday 3rd November	10.30 a.m. Morning Praise 5.00 p.m. All Souls Service
Sunday 10th November	10.55 a.m. Remembrance Service
Sunday 17th November	10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 24th November	10.30 a.m. Family Service

For Advent and Christmas services see separate notice below ↓

Sunday 29th December	10.30 Benefice Holy Communion at Long Buckby
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For more information visit – www.onechurch4parishes.co.uk

**THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES
1994-2024**

At 12noon on 10th September 2024, I met Stephanie Russell in All Saints, exactly 30 years since her marriage there. On that day I was singing in the choir and what was most memorable, for the wrong reasons, was the stormy rain lashing down! This year the weather was much kinder. Together we sat and quietly reflected on the past years, with good memories and some sad. Stephanie wanted to express her appreciation for the constant presence of the church in the village, plus its people who keep the building clean, tidy and welcoming for all, whatever the occasion (or the weather).

Dorothy Whittaker.

Church Cleaning

November 9th, December 7th and January 4th at 10am.

Advent and Christmas at All Saints, West Haddon**1st December****10:30am Gift Service**

Bringing Gifts for the Women's Refuge

8th December**10:30am Holy Communion****15th December****10:30am Morning Praise****6pm Carol Service****22nd December****10:30am Christingle Service****24th December****3pm Crib Service****11:30pm Midnight Mass****25th December****9:30am Christmas Communion**

Contact us: hello@onechurch4parishes.co.uk



Long Buckby with Watford and West Haddon with Winwick

onechurch4parishes.co.uk

Mary and Joseph and Ezekiel the donkey.



Once again knitted figures representing Mary, Joseph and the donkey will be travelling round the village to remind us of the journey made from Nazareth to Bethlehem 2,024 years ago.

Would you like to offer hospitality to them? They would arrive about teatime, and you would pass them on to their next hosts the following day. If you would like them to come to your house, please let me know,

Sue Tringham 01788510275, Sandyandsue@btinternet.com or at 4 Guilsborough Road.

eve WOMEN'S REFUGE

This year we will follow what has become a West Haddon custom and collect gifts for the Women's Refuge in Northampton. When I have received the details of the children who will be spending Christmas in the Refuge, I will post a notice of the children and their ages in the church porch. Gifts of toys and toiletries for the mothers will be very welcome. Tokens for £5 or £10 that can be exchanged at the main High Street stores are also gratefully received.

There will be a service in church on Advent Sunday, that is 1st December, at 10.30 where a speaker from the Refuge will explain about what happens there. If it is easier to bring the gifts to me beforehand, I shall be pleased to receive them. We will take the gifts into the refuge during the week beginning 1st December so that they can be sorted and allocated before Christmas Day. Gifts should be unwrapped to make this easier but gifts of Wrapping paper would be welcome.

Sue Tringham, 4 Guilsborough Road

Floodlights

The floodlights were put on for the following occasions:

Saturday 7th September

in memory of Ken Martins on his Wedding Anniversary.

Tuesday 10th September

To celebrate the Pearl (30th) anniversary of Paul and Stephanie (nee Dadley) Russell who were married at All Saints Church and lived in West Haddon for a number of years before settling in Dodford.

Thursday 12th September.

To celebrate the Diamond (60th) anniversary of Robert and Jane Dadley who were married at St. Matthew's Church, Northampton and who have lived in West Haddon for many years.

Tuesday 8th October

in memory of Reg David on his 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

Tuesday 15th October

was the Wave of Light to mark the end of Baby Loss awareness Week.

Saturday 19th October

for Hilda Stempel, nee Hart in memory of her birthday.

Wednesday 23rd October

in memory of John Baldwin on his birthday.

If you would like the floodlights put on from dusk until midnight please get in touch with me at Sandyandsue@btinternet.com, 01788 510275 or at 4, Guilsborough Road. If you want an entry in the village news, please put what you would like in writing. A donation of at least £5 would be appreciated.

Sandy Tringham

Village History Shorts

This is no. 54 in a series of brief sketches of earlier village lives...

Before Fitzroy Court...

The house on the corner of Watford Road was demolished in the 1960s, but this is how it looked in 1916.

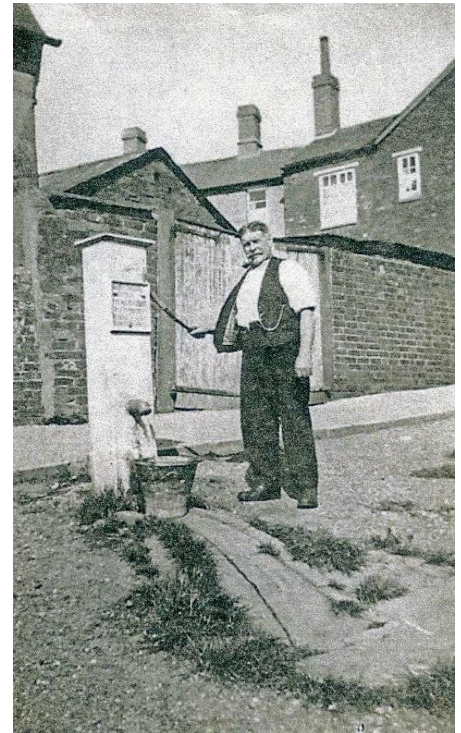
A closer view (below) of the cottages where the little girls are standing shows the wall and gateway beyond them and the cottages still standing now.



The newspaper photo taken in 1922 shows the results of attempting to dry some explosive, intended for blasting out tree roots, in the oven of the left-hand cottage.



Carole Fallen's photo of her grandfather Ted Adams, drawing water from the public pump in front of that gateway shows the row of cottages that once ran back from the road along the yard.



To be continued...

Interested in village history?

Try the Facebook group:

Old Photos of West Haddon.

Wendy Raybould (wjraybould@gmail.com)



🌲🚜 Charity Christmas Tractor Run 🚜🌲

After last year's success raising over £1400 for Cynthia Spencer Hospice in memory of our Mum, we are pleased to announce we are back this year. The last Friday before Christmas,

Friday 20th December 2024 starting at 4pm

Routes and details to be confirmed - follow our event page to keep an eye out for these.

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Mary Burton

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T@3

T@3 is a friendly informal gathering meeting once a month for company, conversation and friendship with coffee, tea and homemade cake. We also have a book swap table. Our next meeting in the Baptist Hall will be on Monday 11th November, from 2.30pm.

On Monday 9th December we shall have our Festive Lunch at The Pytchley at 12 noon. If you would like to attend and cannot get to the November meeting, please contact me. Thank you.

Dorothy Whittaker. 510392.

**Buckby Library & Hub**

We would like to thank all those who came to our **Auction of Promises** on Friday September 24th and all those who so generously donated promises for the auction. The evening was a fund-raising success, generating over £2,700 towards the library & hub. Thank you all.



Our **monthly film night** continues on Tuesday November 26th with **Fly Me to the Moon**: “A sharp, stylish romantic comedy set against the high-stakes backdrop of NASA’s historic Apollo 11 moon landing. Brought in to fix NASA’s public image, sparks fly in all directions as a marketing maven wreaks havoc on the launch director’s already difficult task. When the White House deems the mission too important to fail, the countdown truly begins...”. Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. Refreshments available including ice creams. Tickets are £7 from the library or Peephole in the High Street.

Our film for December (Tuesday, 17th) is **Holdovers**. “Nobody likes teacher Paul Hunham. With no family and nowhere to go over the Christmas holiday in 1970, Paul remains at school to supervise students unable to journey home. Joining Paul is a trouble making 15-year-old named Angus and head cook Mary. These three very different shipwrecked people form an unlikely Christmas family sharing comic misadventures during two very snowy weeks in New England, USA.” Doors open at 7.00pm for a 7.30 start. Refreshments available including ice creams. Tickets are £7 from the library or Peephole in the High Street.

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Become a member of our team! It is 5 years since our charity was formed. We have made great strides and would now like to welcome new people to help us continue to grow and develop. We are currently a team of 4 trustees, 50 volunteers, and a part-time, paid manager. We are seeking a Chair of Trustees, a Treasurer Trustee and non-role specific trustees to enhance the team. If you would like more information, please contact info@buckbylibraryhub.org for a chat and an application form. The deadline for applications is currently 4th November 2024, but there is some flexibility. So please just get in touch with us for an initial chat.

Early seasons’ greetings to all and thanks for your custom and support during 2024!

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Spring Flower Show



When? Sunday April 6th, 2025

Where? W.H. Village Hall

Time? 12 to 5 pm

Why? To give enjoyment

Who to? Everyone who comes

So please get busy, set a pot of bulbs before Hallowe'en, put in a cold dark place so the roots grow strong; harden off in a sheltered outdoor space, bring into cool warmth in early March to flower for the show. It takes a little skill but not rocket science. Just keep a check; damp but not soggy wet. Garnish the pot with twigs and moss but no plastic! Alternatively set Spring flowers with roots: primroses, cowslips or wallflowers. Not a competition, just joy. There will be Molly for teas, a Photo Club display & perhaps a little music. School Class entries and yours! A raffle (of course). Everything to like to lift spirits after the winter.

The Village Hall will be open from 2-4pm on the Saturday, April 5th, to take in flower displays.

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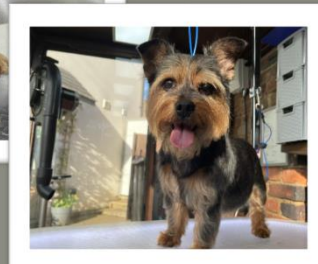
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Never Mind the Weather - September 2024

As well as the name of our theme for September, 'Never Mind the Weather' could also have been an exhortation to go out and take photos in spite of the recent poor conditions.

We photographers are reliant on light for our images and the weather has a direct influence upon this. With that in mind we expected to see our members submit images that showed not just weather conditions but also subjects influenced by the weather.

The beauty of this month's theme is that there's always going to be weather - just poke your head out the door to see it. And when it's raining you can just take a photo of it through the window, which is what a few of our members did. This month we encouraged members to submit prints in lieu of digital images and looking at the prints that were exhibited we were reminded how good photos can look.

Whilst a couple of photos did include the sun, precipitation in its many forms - mist, rain, snow - was the subject of many of the members' submissions, perhaps echoing the type of year we've had to date. It was the latter two types of weather that were the subjects of the images voted the favourites. **Weather Seen Through Car Window** by **Trevor Jordan** is almost an abstract - rain on a windscreen distorting a view of a street with a rainbow arcing above. The frozen form of rain was captured by **David Kallmeier** in his **Snowy Walk** a minimalist shot which shows a group of walkers walking by a fence.



There was no Image of the Month section this month, instead we took the opportunity to show photos made by our members for our August challenge of 'Windows'. It seems most of us spent August pointing our cameras at windows as there were nearly 30 images to look at. This subject is so varied - all shapes, sizes, materials and ages combine to create an almost limitless range of subjects. In the end members voted for **Window, Framed** by **Adrian Chandler** - a rusty, metal frame festooned with cobwebs framing a similar window on the far side of the building.

You can find all the images submitted at this meeting on our website at whphoto.com

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