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Saturday 11th December
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VILLAGE CAROL SINGING
Friday 17th December
All Welcome
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Whaddon Carol Singers

We will be Carol singing around the Village on Friday 17th December—weather permitting.

Meet 7pm at the Village Hall
Starting along Meldreth Road at 7.05pm

All welcome to come and join us.

Transport and village locations will depend on the weather.

Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at the Golf Range for the singers.

COLLECTING FOR ST MARY’S CHURCH

The traditional children’s Christmas Party will take place this year on Saturday 11 December, 2.30-4.30pm in the Village Hall.

We will have lots of fun playing party games and we are sure that there will be a very special visitor.

All children within the village of Whaddon of Primary School age and under will be invited. Personal invitations will be delivered at the end of November.

Could you lend a hand? We would appreciate any offers of help in organising this event, leading up to the day and at the party itself.

For further details please contact:
Andrea Cook at 14 Bridge St; C 207066
Or email andieroach@yahoo.com for further details.

Whaddon Village Children’s Christmas Party 2010

2.30-4.30 PM on Saturday 11 December in the Village Hall

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Deadline for the next newsletter will be 28th February 2011

Items of village interest are always welcome.

Contact: Joan Pascoe C. 208062
joanpascoe@aol.com

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Village Hall available to hire

Special rates for those within the village - ideal for birthday parties and most functions

Contact Wendy Evans
108, Church Street.
01223 207703

VILLAGE HALL AVAILABLE TO HIRE
We continue with a crime free year which is probably a unique position amongst the villages of South Cambridgeshire. The quarterly Bassingbourn/Melbourn Neighbourhood Police Panel Meetings give us an insight into problems in other local villages and how lucky we are in Whaddon. There is little doubt that the problems of past years relating to crime in this part of the world have decreased although distraction burglary, thefts from farm sites of equipment and red diesel and rogue traders still persist. In the local villages, police priorities are focused on anti-social behaviour mainly involving gatherings of young people where drink and noise are involved and the anti-social use of motor vehicles. Also road safety issues are being targeted across the panel area (which is a residents’ priority) with a focus on supporting Speedwatch and the use of mobile phones whilst driving. For Whaddon, we raised continued fly tipping at Whaddon Gap car park, notably the recent dumping of a caravan filled with building material but we also pointed out that SCDC acts quickly in removing material when reported although the caravan did test them to the full. We also raised speeding as a continuing problem on our 40mph road.

Finally, some changes to our local police: Sgt Jon Capes is now the neighbourhood sergeant and as PC Rachel Mallender is on maternity leave PC Clair List is standing in for her. Both are based at the new police station in Cambourne.

**Incident Reporting:** Please remember – dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk and for a non-emergency matter call 0345 456 456 4. If you report an incident to the police would you also let your neighbourhood watch coordinator know so that we can keep in touch with incidents in the village.

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**Neighbourhood Watch Team**

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ST MARY’S PARISH CHURCH

Jazz Concert

Friday 1 April 2011
At St Mary’s Church, Whaddon
More details to follow.
Please put date in your diary.

ST MARY’S PARISH CHURCH

Update on Repairs to the Tower at St Mary’s Whaddon

Earlier this summer our architect and engineer prepared the detailed design drawings and specification for the repairs to the tower to address the structural problems. The project went out to tender in September to four contractors. Unfortunately the tenders were all above the estimated costs, but the architect was able to adjust the specification and remove some non-essential items of work to bring the lowest tender down in line with the costs previously agreed with English Heritage. The project has now been re-submitted to English Heritage for their approval, and once this is received the contractor can be instructed to proceed with the works. English Heritage is funding approximately 80% of the cost of the works and the PCC is required to find the balance. South Cambridgeshire District Council has offered a grant of £5,000 toward the costs and we have a couple of other grant applications submitted. We are also very grateful for the generous support of the community in helping to fund these repairs, including this year’s ‘Party in the Barn’ and Ken Green’s Golfing Event, as well as a number of individual donations. Further fund raising will be carried out over the coming months, though the exact amount we have still to raise will depend on the outcome of the two outstanding grant applications. Watch out for further details for an evening of Jazz in the Church which will take place on 1 April 2011.

At this stage we anticipate the contractors starting on site in February 2011 and the works should be complete by July 2011. Scaffolding will be erected around the tower during the course of the works and the base of the tower will be closed off internally, but the church will remain in use during the course of the works.

Karen Coningsby and David Grech,
Church Wardens

Remembrance Service in St Mary’s Church

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CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY’S CHURCH

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Sunday 5 December
4 pm
at
St. Mary’s Church
Whaddon
In aid of The Children’s Society

TRADITIONAL FAMILY CAROL SERVICE
In the Church
Sunday 12th December
6 pm
Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards

CHRISTMAS EVE
FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER
WHADDON CHURCH
5 pm
Informal Carol Service by candlelight
A chance for a short break in the midst of Christmas preparations to join in singing some well-known carols.
All are welcome.
Bring a torch or a lantern.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN WHADDON
Family Service at 9.15 am in the Parish Church
With shortened Communion.
Please come and join us.

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Whaddon Parish Council News  — some items of news from our recent monthly meetings……

The Affordable Homes were discussed at a meeting at South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) on 4th October to review the design details for the scheme (one of the conditions of the planning permission). The rooflines had been simplified and the landscaping would be more rural in nature and SCDC Conservation Dept. was happy with the proposals. The S106 agreement (this is necessary to help ensure that the houses are made available to people connected with the village) was with SCDC’s legal department and a draft would be available soon. Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association have said that they need to start the building work by 31st March 2011 to secure funding. Bedford Pilgrims have been contacted to ensure that they liaise with the residents at Rose Cottage when any actions are planned.

The expanded Bus Service will continue to operate in Whaddon. Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) will start a revised bus-service on 4th January 2011. From this date the buses will turn around at Church Street/ Bridge Street and no longer serve Meldreth Road or Mettle Hill. The creation of the bus turning circle at the top of Bridge Street had been delayed again due to staff absence. Watch out for the revised time table to be advertised in the newsletter and the over-60s are reminded to ensure that their journeys are being recorded by the bus-operator. We are very thankful to County Cllr Linda Oliver for her help in retaining a service in Whaddon.

Concerns with speeding in the village have been raised again and in a particular in relation to the large number of young children playing and cycling on the road and verges in Bridge Street. Although the road is mainly single-track, the official speed limit on Bridge Street is 40 mph. Many delivery vans, couriers, and some residents drive very fast down the road. County Cllr Oliver has confirmed again that there is little chance of achieving a speed-reduction in Bridge Street. An article on the problem will appear in the newsletter. Mr. Mike Monks is to investigate if the PCSO/traffic police could talk to local children about road safety. County Cllr Oliver will ask for some speed-measurement strips to be applied in Bridge Street.

The first meeting of the Village Hall Trustees took place on 15th November. The Trust would henceforth be responsible for all the assets and the related costs and liabilities relating to the VH and recreation ground. It is necessary to register the lease with the Charities Commission and the PC has ring-fenced funds for this expenditure. It is also necessary to formalise the relationship between the PC and the Charitable Trust in terms of maintenance, liability and insurance for the hall. We have been awarded a grant of £25,000 from SCDC, with conditions that further fund raising is evident before March 2011 and building work starts before the end 2011.

A Broadband Feasibility Study (funded by a group of residents) was completed by Rutland Telecom (RT) and the situation in Whaddon was found to be very complex, in relation to how the village is supplied from the exchanges. BT have now indicated that they intend to upgrade the cabling network to support faster broadband in the area. However the fine detail is unknown at present. A synopsis of the Broadband situation in Whaddon will be provided to our County Cllr. to aid her support in this matter.

Remember there is no monthly meeting in December. The next monthly meeting will be on Monday 10th January 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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Children Playing in Bridge Street

Concern has been expressed to the Parish Council by some residents about the risks to children playing in Bridge Street from vehicles which, while being driven within the 40mph speed limit, are exceeding what many would consider an appropriate speed for this particular road. Of course, it is perfectly normal for children not only to play in the road but also to climb the trees and explore the ditches. This is what being young is all about; however, the children often show little regard for their safety and unfortunately many drivers exceed what common-sense should suggest is a safe speed on a narrow single lane road.

The Parish Council asks parents of these young children to stress the importance of road safety and respect for traffic. Also, all residents are asked not to exceed a safe and sensible 20–25mph and to encourage some of the worst offenders, namely, courier and trade vans, to slow down.

Meanwhile, efforts continue to be made to have the speed limit reduced (we are not optimistic in the short term) and we will see if a road safety presentation from the police can be arranged for the children in the Village Hall.

Drive safely.

Whaddon Parish Council

Village Hall

You will know by now that it is planned to lease the running of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground to a Charitable Trust to run it on behalf of the Parish Council. After a series of delays, this now has happened, and the Trust held its first meeting on 15 November, at which officers were elected, and responsibilities discussed. The Managing Trustees are a mixture of those nominated by hall users, and those who are to be elected on an annual or biennial basis from the first proper AGM next April. These persons are:

Andrew Buchanan (elected)  Will Burchett  Parish Council
Karen Coningsby  Secretary  St Mary’s Church
Wendy Evans  Vice-Chairman (elected)  Neil Gallery  Playground Project
Carol Ginger (elected)  Peter Haselden  Treasurer  Whaddon Cricketers
Jenna Lewis  Chairman  Parish Council
Deborah Townsend (elected)

In addition, there are two Holding Trustees, who hold the lease on behalf of the Trust, but who are not members of the Managing Trustees: they are Lee Ginger and Terry Allison.

Over the remainder of the Parish Council’s financial year, which ends before the AGM in May, the PC will organise the transfer of the functions and finances presently in the care of the PC to the Trust. The Trust will also begin the serious fund-raising necessary to refurbish the hall, and will be looking at a wide range of sources. The possibility of Lottery grants is being looked at, as are those from various local landfill projects (among others).

Nigel Strudwick
I wrote a brief note in the September newsletter about the variable prospects for broadband in Whaddon. A group of interested villagers commissioned Rutland Telecom to produce a report on the best way of getting fibre-based fast broadband into the village. The results were eagerly awaited but were not quite what we expected.

Most UK residential premises in villages like ours are connected to a cabinet called a Principal Connection Point (PCP), from which one unified set of wires leads to the exchange. The Rutland system can be thought of as replacing this set of wires with a fibre, just leaving relatively short runs of copper wire to our houses. However, in Whaddon, roughly half of us are connected directly to Arrington without an intermediate PCP, while the other half are connected to a PCP in Orwell. This means that as things stand, even if a fibre were taken to the Orwell cabinet, those of us connected that way would still have a longer wire run than the rest have to Arrington directly! Lest you ask, that cabinet next to the telephone box at which we often see BT engineers at the top of Bridge Street is not a PCP—what it is exactly Rutland Telecom are still trying to find out.

The “bottom line” is that, as we have long suspected, the telecoms infrastructure around here is, not to put too fine a point on it, rubbish. Rutland Telecom have only seen one comparable example among the surveys they have done round the UK. Some residents in Bridge Street have had major problems with their lines caused apparently by flooding of a manhole—this does not give us confidence in the whole system!

While we continue to talk to Rutland Telecom, we are also exploring other initiatives, since nothing short of a serious infrastructure improvement seems likely to make much difference. We are talking to our County Councillor and she is looking for other ideas.

A very long shot is BT’s “Race to Infinity”. BT have offered to fast-track fibre connections to the five communities which get the highest proportion of their residents to express interest before the end of the year. There is a web site at http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/. It takes no commitment on your part to any future service, but there is just the chance if we and the other villages attached to Arrington can get a lot of response, we might be lucky. So please take a look at it.

Nigel Strudwick
SPEEDWATCH & SPEEDING IN WHADDON

Speedwatch has continued in the village although less frequently than last year. We have had additional volunteers come forward to help but as Speedwatch is not really possible during the winter months it is better that their training is deferred and they come aboard once the days are longer.

By early November our results in the village since we started in 2009 are as follows:

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The team continues to feel that speeds are down on last year although we still have too many unthinking drivers. We regularly monitor the road past the church and are unfailingy surprised by some drivers exceeding the speed limit as they approach and then enter the nursery school. The straight stretch along Meldreth Road also tempts many drivers. Monitoring Church Street through the centre of the village rarely produces cars exceeding the 40mph limit, not least because there is little room to get up to such speed; however, the sight of the Speedwatch display flashing reminds drivers to take care. The full Speedwatch results since we started are available on the village website under the “neighbourhood watch” menu listing.

THE 2010 POPPY APPEAL

The people of Whaddon have once more shown their generosity by donating a total of £552.44 to the British Legion’s Poppy Appeal. This is more than last year which itself greatly exceeded previous years. It is also more than £1.00 for every resident of whatever age. House to house collections were made throughout the village, a box was placed in the golf centre and, very importantly, the collection at the Remembrance Service at St Mary’s Church on 14 November was also for the Poppy Appeal.

The village street collections and the box in the golf club produced £309.24 and the Service in St Mary’s Church raised a remarkable £243.20.

My thanks go to Flo Bye, Janet Leech, Henry Burgess and Ken Green for their help in the collections, to those at St Mary’s and to everyone in the village who gave so generously.

The Poppy Appeal is the largest single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion’s Benevolent Fund. Last year nearly £35 million was raised and it is confidently expected that the figure will be higher this year. There has undoubtedly been renewed support in recent years almost certainly reflecting concern at the deaths and injuries of serviceman in Iraq and now in Afghanistan. There is a real desire to help. Whether it is the result of past wars or more recent conflicts, the Legion continues to play a very necessary role made possible only through the generosity of all who make a donation. Thank you.

Mike Monks
Appeal Coordinator

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List of Councillors

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Mr Lee Ginger  Councillor  01223 207688  99 Meldreth Road
Mrs Jenna Lewis  Councillor  01223 208500  20 Bridge Street
Mr Philip Neale  Councillor  01223 207706  104 Bridge Street, Dyers Green
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Mr Nigel Cathcart  District Councillor  01763 243637  68 Spring Lane, Bassingbourn
Mr David McCraith  District Councillor  01763 248249  Mulberry House, 104 North End, Bassingbourn

Farmers’ Market, Fowlmere Village Hall  Second Saturday of every month  9.00am – 12noon.
Fresh, local produce will be available – meats, eggs, poultry, fish, cheeses, chutneys, jams, cakes, fruit and veg, etc. as well as occasional craft stalls including greetings cards, jewellery, handbags, sheepskin products, etc.

PETERSFIELD SCHOOL ORWELL
Christmas Fayre
Friday 10 December 3.30pm  (after school)
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