



Whaddon News



JUNE 1994

☺ WHADDON VILLAGE HALL ☺

SUMMER FETE

AT

2.00pm on Sunday 5th June

The following donations would be greatly appreciated:

Cakes * Tombola Prizes * Raffle Prizes *
Plants * Help on the Day

If you are able to give/help, please ring: 207 678 or 207 718.



WHADDON CHURCH FETE

Produce Show and Garden Party

in the Old Vicarage by kind
permission of
Lord and Lady Whaddon

on

Saturday 30th July at 2.00pm

☞ STOP PRESS ☞

Date of the Village Hall Barbecue
has changed:

to

Saturday, 16th July 1994

Admission by advance ticket only

WHADDON'S ANNUAL BARBECUE

ON JULY 16th 1994

STARTS AT 7.30pm

DANCE, EAT and DRINK the
NIGHT AWAY



TICKETS : £8 ADULTS

£4 O.A.P

£3 CHILDREN

UNDER 5's FREE



TICKETS INCLUDE BARBECUE,
MUSIC and DRINKS.

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

or Robert Vaux of Walnut Tree House, Bridge
Street

FESTIVAL OF GRASSES

IN THE PARISH CHURCH

WEEKEND OF 25/26 JUNE

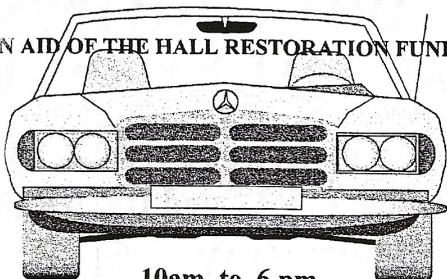
10AM - 6.00PM

IN AID OF THE FABRIC FUND



CAR BOOT SALE AT **WHADDON VILLAGE HALL**

IN AID OF THE HALL RESTORATION FUND



10am to 6 pm

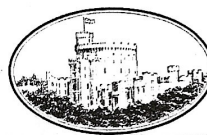
PITCHES : £6 ON THE DAY
£5 PRE BOOKED

PHONE 0223-207983

TO BE HELD ON LAST SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH

SATURDAY JUNE 25th
SATURDAY JULY 30th
SATURDAY AUGUST 27th

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



Windsor Castle

The Parochial Church Council are organising a trip to Windsor Castle, open to anyone in the Parish on Saturday 3rd September.

The patron of our Parish Church is St George's Chapel, Windsor (see separate note about this). Hence the invitation to make up a party to visit the Castle, the State Apartments, The Queen's Doll's House and the chapels of Windsor and Eton. We would probably aim to arrive in Windsor at about 11.00am and be home about 8.00pm, after attending evensong in St George's Chapel.

The cost is likely to be in the region of £8.00 for adults with concessions for senior citizens and children; there could be a 10% reduction for a block booking. The Queen's Doll's House is an extra 50p. If there is a big enough response for a coach, this would cost about £4.00 per head or less.

It is important that we have some idea of likely numbers. This does not have to be a firm commitment, but if you are interested please phone Clare Byatt on 207 429, and remember this trip is open to everyone.

A CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE OF ELY

On a more devotional note there is the chance to visit Ely Cathedral on the evening of Thursday 23rd June.

The visit, which is a joint excursion with Bassingbourn, is conducted by Canon James Rone and aims to combine the spiritual aspect of the cathedral through readings and prayers, with the chance to look at and learn something about the historical aspect of the building.

Those interested should contact Clare Byatt on 207 429.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report

March 1993 - March 1994

The Parish Council has had a busy 12 months with a number of special meetings taking place to consider planning applications, Parish precept for 1994-95 and the Local Government Review.

A number of important objectives were set in March last year. We have been successful in all but one of these:

- a) Significant work was carried out resurfacing footpaths and roads;
- b) The funds required to pay for a major upgrade to the annexe and kitchen of the village hall have been raised, and the work programme has already started and will be completed during the next six weeks. The total cost will be in the region of £7,000.00 with the Parish contributing £2,000.00 and the District £1,500.00. The balance has been raised by the Village Hall Committee, chaired by Terry Allison. The village is very fortunate to have a hard-working committee and team of helpers;
- c) The new playground equipment has been installed. I would like to record a vote of thanks to Clare Byatt for managing this project and to Brian Charlwood for doing the groundwork at no cost. The saving made will be used to refurbish the playground swings;
- d) The final design of the village sign has been agreed (and published in the village newsletter) and is currently being carved by David Chappell, who has kindly donated his time. The sign will be extended to incorporate a seat. The village sign and a notice board, to be erected at the Village Hall, will be dedicated to the memory of Jim Law. I would also like to thank Margaret Wilson for coordinating this project and to Colin Barker for drawing up the design;
- e) A further review of the village stream with the National Rivers Authority was carried out, which resulted in a number of unauthorised dams being removed and request to some residents for clearing work to be undertaken;

f) The village was unable to improve on last year's placing in the best kept village competition.

In addition to these objectives we were also successful in having new chevrons and restricted speed road markings carried out.

The Local Government Review has been subject to many months of discussions at all levels within the county, with a mountain of papers and documents to read. Your Councillors have held a number of meetings, including attending an open meeting at Godmanchester, to meet and listen to the Commissioners. Our view is that, given that the status quo is unlikely to be recommended, we believe option "A" would be in the best interest of the Parish.

We will all be concerned that the village has been subject to a number of thefts in recent months. We must be more diligent if we are to combat this rising crime, particularly in local communities. The Parish Council intends to promote the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme again, and Margaret Wilson has kindly agreed to be coordinator.

The village was in great danger of losing its vital Post Office facilities. However Ken Green kindly agreed to take on these duties, operating from the Golf Centre, to ensure our senior citizens and mums could continue to receive important services.

I would like to take this opportunity to record my thanks and appreciation to Aileen Bishop for her support in dealing with the numerous paperwork, and to all the Parish Councillors who carry out their responsibility with great effectiveness throughout the year. In addition to dealing with standard procedures, the individual responsibilities of your Councillors are as follows:

Madge Compton - Police Liaison and Orchard Surgery Committee

Clare Byatt - Village Church matters and The Newsletter

Margaret Wilson - Tree and hedgerow preservation and planting, liaison with the Village Hall improvement programme, Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Richard Andrews - John Palmer Trust

On behalf of the Parish and Councillors I would like to thank Mary Course and Margaret Hunter for their invaluable support. I would also like to thank his Green who retired after 10 years as Foundation Governor for Petersfield School, Orwell, and to Bill Knight who agreed to take on the role of Governor and who now becomes the village representative for the school.

Looking forward to the coming year, we will have a busy calendar with the impact of the Local Government Review likely to demand a lot of attention. However we will plan a set of objectives for 1994/95 which are likely to include:

- Meldreth Road; speed control facilities and footpath;
- Refurbishing the playground swings;
- Making the well a village feature;
- Re-establishment of Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

On behalf of your Councillors I look forward to working to ensure our community is a safe, healthy and enjoyable environment in which to reside.

Fred Bradley

☺ NEW ARRIVAL ☺

Welcome to Thomas James Charlwood on Monday May 9th. The first son of Brian and Fay weighed in at 9lb 12oz.

☺ WELCOME ☺

We would like to welcome Peter and Jackie BAKER and their sons James, 10, and Marcus, nearly 6, to the village. They have moved into a bungalow in Meldreth Road. Jackie has asked us to say a very warm thank you to all those villagers who have introduced themselves and been so friendly. We do so with pleasure.

PATRONAGE

Patronage in an ecclesiastical sense simply means the right to present an incumbent to the living, ie to find a vicar for the Parish. The Dean and Canons of St George's Chapel, Windsor, have had this right since 1351.

In 1066 Whaddon was held of Ely Abbey. In 1086 this land was acquired by Hardwin de Scaiers and there was probably a church here then. In 1140 Hugh, son of Hardwin, gave Whaddon Church to Lewes Priory in Sussex where he became a monk.

In 1351 the Priory granted the Church in Whaddon to King Edward III in return for rights and residence granted to the Priory. Edward immediately regranted Whaddon Church to the Dean and Canons of St George's Chapel - probably because he felt he could trust these men in Windsor as he was busy in the 1350's enacting legislation to limit the powers of the papacy.

In 1932 the benefice was united with Meldreth: that union was dissolved in 1952 and Whaddon has since been held with Bassingbourn. Bassingbourn is in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster. Windsor and Westminster take turns in exercising their right of patronage.

The Bishop of Ely has the right to suspend presentation when a living becomes vacant, which he did for a year from February 1993 to March 1994. During this time Ted Duckett, who originally came to Bassingbourn and Whaddon as an interim Vicar, became priest-in-charge in December 1993.

Now the Bishop of Ely has lifted the suspension period and the Dean and Canons of Windsor, whose turn it is this time, once again have the right to present a candidate of their choice. Ted Duckett has their backing. He is also the choice of the Bishop of Ely and Bassingbourn PCC and has the very warm support of Whaddon PCC. We are delighted that he will be staying here.

Parishioners also will be interested to know that Canon Moxon, Canon of St George's Windsor, will be coming to preach at The Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 2nd October at 6.00pm.

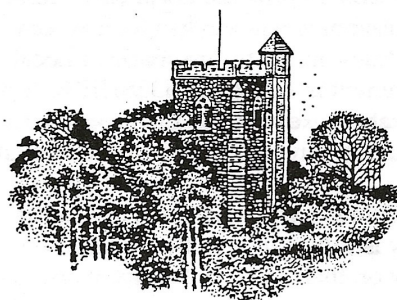
THE PARISH & METHODIST CHURCHES

The Parish Church has its origins way back in history; the Methodist Chapel cannot boast the same. The modern building on the corner of Meldreth Road and Church Street is very much a product of modern days. The purpose-built chapel owes its existence to the fire which burned down the old building.

The first place used by worshippers was at Home Cottages in Meldreth Road. This was not always a row of terraced houses - the purpose of that building was to house the navvies who dug the coprolite at the end of the 19th century. When the navvies had gone the building was used as housing. There had been a cook's house and foreman's house and the middle of the "terrace" was a dormitory for the men; this had to be divided into separate units. At the end furthest away from the telephone box was a room used for drinking, and above it, was the "long room," or club room, used for dancing. Some of the older folk in the village remember wearing out many a pair of dancing shoes on Friday night hops. Underneath was another large room which was given by Viscount Clifden (the then owner of the Wimpole estate) for the Methodist villagers. There were "Chapel" people and "Church" people in the 20's and 30's and quite a few young lads found this an easy means to taunt each other. However there were also "mixed" marriages to cement the two! Six weeks before one such wedding in October 1935 the Chapel was destroyed by fire. It was believed to have started in the pub and spread along the row. The loft and the underfloor spaces were not divided and so the fire was unhampered. Most of the villagers came out to see the fire, many in their nightclothes. The damaged part of the building was never replaced, and eventually new bungalows were built. The remaining part of the building was saved and remains today as Home Cottages.

The congregations of Meldreth and Whaddon amalgamated in 196? and the Meldreth Chapel was sold. Today the faithful congregation in the Chapel is still drawn from the two villages - indeed there are some from other villages too.

Over the years the divide has remained between "Church" and "Chapel", but not, thankfully, as the means of youngsters getting their entertainment at the expense of others. Now, as we approach the 21st Century, the two are coming closer together and beginning to share their worship in the old and new buildings.



THE CHURCHYARD

Visitors to relatives' graves in St Mary's Churchyard will have noticed that efforts have been made to tidy the area.

A team effort has resulted in the restoration of the ancient iron-park fence. The Maritime pine tree (*Pinus Pinaster*) has had its lower branches removed, as they were shading the north side of the church building. The yew trees have been pruned to allow closer mowing and control of weeds. The piles of excess soil left-over by the grave-diggers have been levelled and sown with a grass-seed mixture and wild flower seeds sown in places where they might flourish. We do our best to keep it tidy.

Disposal of rubbish is a regular problem and the PCC (Parish Church Management Committee) make a humble request that visitors to graves bring a dustbin bag with them to take away dead flowers, old wreaths etc. This would help keep the Churchyard tidy and be greatly appreciated. Churchwardens

Times of Services in Whaddon

Parish Church: 9.15am

Rev Ted Duckett can be contacted in
Bassingbourn
Tel: (95) 243119

Methodist Church: 10.00am

Rev Michael Belfield can be contacted in
Royston
Tel: (95) 243445.

Sunday School meets at 10.00am in the
Methodist Schoolroom.
Contact Margaret Hewat (95) 247611.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

On Monday 13 June the Local Government Commissioners will publish their recommendations on the future shape of Local Government in CAMBRIDGESHIRE. A public consultation exercise will then commence and continue for nine weeks until mid August.

It is absolutely vital that everyone in the County is fully aware of the implications of the Review on their lives in the future and the effects it will have on such services as education, Social Services, Environmental Services and Transportation, to say nothing of the Library Services and Voluntary Organisations.

It is certain that a great many people do not understand what is involved and it is extremely important that all become better informed now rather than later and that they take the opportunity of responding to the recommendations.

Enquiries can be made to County Councillor Margaret Hunter (Royston 260372), to the County Council Freephone 0800 243916 or to your District Councillor and South Cambridgeshire District Council Freepost CB102 Cambridge CB2 1BR.

MAKE SURE YOU FIND OUT WHAT IS ALL ABOUT

Your Parish Council intends to hold a Public Meeting on this and other matters including Neighbourhood Watch

COLLECTIONS

Mrs Leech would like to thank all those in Meldreth Road who gave to the Kidney Foundation. £35 was raised.

The Jumble Sale in aid of the Children's Christmas Party made nearly £70.00



British Red Cross

Caring for people in crisis

The British Red Cross are delighted that the collection in Whaddon raised £126.66. Iris Green would like to say thank you to contributors and collectors.



Royal National Lifeboat Institution

The Walker family would like to thank all concerned for raising £96.24 to support the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

ChristianAid 

Clare Byatt would like to thank everyone who helped raise £112.48 collected in Whaddon for Christian Aid.

Your contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Please contact:
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