A QUIZ EVENING
With Darts!

To raise funds for the proposed Basket
Ball Training Pitch

£4.00 Adults
£3.00 Children
Supper included
Licenced Bar
Prizes
Raffle

Whaddon Village Hall - 8 June 8.00 p.m

For tickets and enquiries please ring
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WHADDON'S
ANNUAL BARBECUE
SATURDAY 13 JULY 1996
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

WHADDON CHURCH FETE
Produce Show and Garden Party
Saturday 27 July at 2pm
at The Old Vicarage
by kind permission of Lord & Lady Whaddon
To be opened by
Professor Sir Roy Calne
plus all the usual attractions
The year 1996 will see the beginning of the new woodland for the village. Incorporated within the scheme are new footpaths and I thought this might be an opportunity to remind everybody of the already existing footpaths throughout the village. Perhaps you would like to walk off your winter sloth as the days begin to lengthen. We are very fortunate in Whaddon because our footpaths are well maintained by the farmers whose land they cross.

To link the two ends of the village are the footpaths from The Green across the meadow to the top end of Bridge Street and, going South, sweeping through the fields, across the ditch and out through the Fountain Farm stockyard to the bottom end of Bridge Street.

If you want to to between Church Street and Meldreth Road you can walk through the entrance to the golf range and turn right, across the course, to cross a small bridge and meet the path across the meadow.

It is also possible to walk from College Farm to The Close crossing the bridge as you near Meldreth Road. This route used to pass orchards and a cottage, now gone, occupied by a Miss. Lovely.

There are also routes between Whaddon and other villages; Wendy, Orwell and Kneesworth. These have old names derived from their use or nearby people. Shingay Lane runs Northwards from Rose Cottage, opposite the Church, and turns left (or West) to emerge on the A1198 near to the Wendy road.

Moules Lane heads off North between the Chapel and College Farm turns right (or East) about 100 yards along and follows a ditch then crosses a field before entering a large spinney on the banks of the Cam. A substantial bridge takes you out of the Parish and on your way to Orwell.

This is a lovely walk in the summer when the area is alive with butterflies, dragonflies and damselflies not to mention the birds singing.

Penny Lane begins adjacent to Leyhill Farm and leads to Kneesworth, sweeping round to the A1198 just at the beginning of that village. The name derives from the toll that was still charged at the early part of the century. It was collected in Kneesworth not Whaddon.

The Southern end of Bridge Street has several choices. Bridge Hill is a straight continuation of Bridge Street and leads to the top of the hill at Chestnut Lane by the farm buildings. The bottom part is very overgrown now but it used to be quite open. Turning right off Bridge Hill just before it starts to rise will take you roughly parallel with the stream alongside the new reservoir and onto Chestnut Lane by Wellington Place.

Back at Bridge Street a right turn up past Ermine Farm takes you to Penny Lane, mentioned earlier, and a left turn will take you along Moat Walk to the entrance of Frogge Hall. This last route is a footpath and not a byway and should not be used by vehicular traffic.

Our new bridleways will make a very attractive addition to all these walks, we shall publish a map of all the above routes as soon as the new ones are made official. Please remember, as you take advantage of our lovely village walks, to look after the countryside flora and fauna - they all play their part in our surroundings. The landowners look after them for us, let us return the favour.

You might like to let us know of any unusual things you see whilst out and about this year. We look forward to seeing lots of village feet marking the tracks for the future.
BASKETBALL

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that they are pursuing a process which will give the village a practise basketball facility. It is intended that an area beside the new storage building will have a tarmac surface and a single basketball net. Negotiations are underway to obtain grant funding so that the cost to villagers will be offset to some degree. We hope, thereby, to provide some recreational facilities for the older children in the village. A quiz night has been organised for 8th June as the first fund raising event (details in this issue). We are also trying to purchase new goal posts so that our footballers may continue their fun. These matters will continue to be discussed at Parish Council meetings for those who wish to be kept up to date.

KEEP FIT

A successful Keep-Fit session has been taking place regularly every Monday night at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Anyone is welcome at this informal gathering. Come along and join the fun.

FUND RAISING

The Walker Family have raised £95.60 by organising a collection in the village for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and would like to thank everyone in Whaddon who gave to this.

The British Red Cross have benefitted by a total of £104.78. Iris Green, Sandy Fisher and Lorna Searle would like to thank all. The Red Cross spend in various ways : lending medical equipment; working in hospitals, day centres and residential homes; tracing families separated by war or natural disasters; giving support in times of disaster.

Clare Byatt would like to thank all the collectors and villagers who gave to the recent collection which raised £113.40 in Whaddon in aid of Christian Aid.

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THE VILLAGE STREAM

There have been many discussions over the years about the stream along Bridge Street and through the village. With the recent unpredictability of the water supply and the fact that the stream no longer provides essential water, the flow (or lack of it) has been noted by villagers, but that is all. Mr. Bradley, the Chairman of the Parish Council, has had many meetings with the N.R.A. representative, and the Parish Council has ordered some clearing, both with a view to maintaining the stream and improving the constancy of the water level. Villagers should note that the main cause of problems is the sitting up of the stream bed and collapse of the banks. The responsibility for keeping these things in good order lies with the owners of the land through which the stream passes. Many people are careful to look after the stream but some do not. The Parish Council would like to make it clear that landowners should attend to these things as, maybe, newer members of the community were not aware of this and that is why problems are not dealt with promptly. The stream is a valuable asset to Whaddon and it is in all of our interests that it remains so. The fact that this topic is the most discussed one at Parish meetings surely shows its high priority in village life. There are powers in law for maintenance work to be carried out by the Council and then charged to landowners but nobody would like that course of action pursued. Where the stream is concerned we all depend upon each other.

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WELCOME

We would like to welcome Simon and Helen Sparrow who have moved into Home Cottages from Longstanton. We hope that they will enjoy living in Whaddon.

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