Whaddon Jubilee Party
Monday
3 June 2002

Procession of Floats starts 2pm
‘Kings & Queens’ Fancy Dress for all
Events on the Recreation Ground 3pm
Whaddon Jubilee Presentation to the
Children; Teaparty, Races & Entertainer
Evening BBQ, Live Band and Bar

FIREWORKS TO FINISH

£5.00 BBQ ticket
£1.00 Children’s Tea ticket

Helpers needed
Phone 207 710,
207 514, 207 429
Tombola gifts welcome

Accompanying this issue of Whaddon News is a souvenir supplement compiled and produced by Jean and Stan Ralls. This commemorates 100 years of Royal Jubilees and Coronation celebrations in Whaddon. We would like to express our thanks and appreciation for all their hard work.

At the village celebrations on Monday June 3rd all Whaddon children up to Year 11 will be given a commemorative spoon. These have been presented by the Parish council.
VILLAGE HALL

Plans are well under way to set up a Charitable Trust to take over the running and leasehold of the Village Hall. Planners at South Cambridgeshire District Council are being consulted to discuss any planning constraints that may affect the improvement ideas. The A.G.M. of the Village Hall Committee is 7pm Monday 13th May. Further developments will be reported in the newsletter. The Committee would like to thank Jim Docwra for his voluntary care of the recreation ground and surrounds.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Although not everybody makes use of village facilities most people are aware that we are very fortunate to have a village hall and large recreation area which are managed and maintained by dedicated volunteers. The various social events put on for everybody's enjoyment are done to raise money to facilitate this maintenance. The only other source of income is the hiring of the hall and rec. You are also aware that there are ongoing plans to improve and enhance the building for wider use both for us villagers and potential hirers. If these facilities are not used they will become a white elephant and be too expensive to maintain to the most basic standard and, ultimately, we will lose the hall and rec. to the detriment of village life. Having said all above it is with regret that I have to make known that a regular hirer (the motor caravan club) has decided to return following an incident on 16th February. Eggs and golf balls were thrown at the vehicles causing damage to one of them. Not only is this activity stupid it is dangerous. In law a golf ball is regarded as a potentially fatal object when thrown or struck. The matter is under investigation by the Police. I am sure that the culprits regarded this as just a bit of fun but this is not the kind of fun anybody else enjoys. Nuisance is a nuisance but throwing golf balls is more than that, especially when people may be hit.

ROAD SAFETY

The Parish Council is alarmed to be informed of accidents occurring at the junction of the A1198 and the road to the village. Following the latest, which involved a villager, the County Council has applied anti skid treatment to the Southbound side of the carriageway. The councillors think that this should have been done to the Northbound, or both, sides of the road and have made representations to that effect. The County Council view is that priority is given according to seriousness of injury or number of fatalities. Whilst this is understandable from a statistical point of view none of us want people becoming a statistic. Given the changes to the entrance of the ex-barracks housing at Cambridge Crescent and the more recent sale of properties in Cardiff Place together with the marked increase of traffic levels caused by development at Cambourne and Papworth, we think it is only a matter of time before some unfortunate person becomes such a 'statistic'. Councillors note that bad driving causes accidents and most of us have witnessed such cases. In order to put more pressure on the County Council to improve the junction we would like to keep a record of incidents at this junction. Would all villagers be kind enough to inform a Councillor if they are involved in or witness an accident or 'near-miss' at this junction. The Parish Council will then be able to collate this information and produce figures for submission to the Highway Authority.

TRANSPORT

Most people in Whaddon know that public transport is very limited. There is a bus to Royston every Wednesday that leaves at 09.15 from outside Ridgeway Close then stops at Melksham Road outside Chestnut Tree Farm. It returns, leaving Royston bus station, at 12 noon. My informant tells me that the bus is often a bit late so you may need to wait a little.

There is a Community scheme organised and coordinated by Margaret Hunter in Melksham. She will arrange for transport to any kind of medical appointment (doctor, dentist, optician etc.) and, if possible, social transport like shopping. Naturally the medical needs take priority but everybody is aware of other pressures that lack of transport brings. If you would like more information or to book transport please contact:

Margaret Hunter 01763 260372.

In addition don't forget N.H.S. Direct Self Help. The number, available 24 hours per day, is: 0845 4647.
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS
- Highlights from the past few months

Following the resignations of Terry Allison and Prim Stevens, we now have three newly co-opted councillors- Professor Anthony Milton, Malon Goddard, and Margaret Wilson. We would like to thank Terry and Prim for all their service and commitment over the years, and we wish them well in the future.

Much research and planning has gone into the ideas for the future redevelopment of the Village Hall. A group of holding trustees has been formed and the next stage is to form a Charitable Trust of 8 people. This is required to facilitate the bidding process for lottery funds and other grants. A project management team is needed to coordinate the design and construction for the project. Anyone with accountancy experience would be most welcome and a large amount of important information in respect of the village needs compiling to present as part of the lottery bid.

As you can see, any volunteers would be most welcome and please keep an eye out for meetings which have been arranged to gather support for this important project in the village.

There has been much discussion and correspondence with the County Council and our MP, on the dangerous junction on the A1198 with Whaddon Gap road. There have been numerous accidents at the junction and we want something done before someone is seriously injured. Only a token gesture has been made by County Council to improve the junction with anti-skid surfacing. The council and other concerned residents of Whaddon believe more fundamental measures are required at the junction to ensure it is safe e.g. widening the road and creating a space in the middle of the road for turning (as at the Wendy and Barracks junctions). The problem has been made worse by the significant increase in traffic caused by Cambourn. The parish council will keep pressing for more action through all available means.

If you have concerns about this junction you are encouraged to write to County Council, Andrew Lansley or our County representative Mrs M Chapple.

The precept for the coming year will remain at £5,500 for the village.

Whaddon is high on the list for the speed limits throughout the village to be reduced to 30 m.p.h. This should happen during the summer and at the same time the dilapidated speed signs will be renewed in the village.

There has been a considerable amount of work around the recreation ground area with dead trees removed and pruning of the chestnut trees. The fence between the ground and the golf course will also be replaced. Some new hedging has also been planted along the Whaddon Gap road. We would like to thank all those involved who have given their time to help with these different projects.

It has been learned that Berkely Homes intend to erect street lighting at the Town Farm site, which complies with the road onto the site being adopted. The villagers of Whaddon have voted on two occasions to reject any street lighting in the village. It was also agreed at the public enquiry that street lighting would not be imposed at the Town farm site.

Despite all this, we are due to suffer the imposition of light pollution in our village. If you want to object to this street lighting, please write to:
Mr Geoffrey Barnes,
Cambridgeshire County Council
PO Box ET 1012,
Castle Court,
Shire Hall,
Cambridge

Once again some of the village byways and paths are being desecrated by irresponsible idiots who dispose of their household waste by leaving it in the countryside. Enquiries have last to some clues as to the identity of these people. If anyone has any further knowledge or knows who is doing this around the village, please report it to your councillors and action will be taken.

PJN
CAMBRIDGE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
CHURCH TOURS 2002

Sunday 14 July
The Trust is planning to visit the churches of
SHEPRETH
MELDRETH
& WHADDON
Starting at 2.30pm and arriving in Whaddon at about
4pm. A talk on the history and architecture of each
church is given. The event is open to non-members.
As Whaddon is the last stop, Tea will be served in our
Village Hall followed by Evensong in St Mary’s.
Do come to the whole afternoon or just to Whaddon’s
Talk, Tea and/or Service.

HOME START

Home Start is a charitable body set up to help people settle
in to a new area. There are paid employees and, also,
voluntary workers who visit new families. The scheme aims
to help with practical as well as emotional needs when
people move. They assess difficulties with schools,
transport, loss of friend and family networks and all kinds
of things that crop up. In this age of redundancies and
family break up such things are, unfortunately, becoming
more common. There is a Royston Home Start based at the
Health Centre in Royston and they do cover the South
Cambridgeshire villages. They can be contacted on:
01763 242919.
They would also like to hear from any prospective
volunteers.

Rainbows coming to Whaddon

We are hoping to start Rainbow’s
(part of Girlguiding UK) in
Whaddon in September. We will
require at least 2 helpers to help the
Rainbow leader.
The age group is 5-7 yrs (girls).
If interested in helping or if your
daughter who would like to join.
Please Contact:
Karen Coningsby on 01223 207514.

St Mary’s Parish Church
FETE
Produce Show & Auction
On the Recreation Ground and Churchyard
WHADDON
Saturday 20 July 2002
Ploughman’s lunch
at 12.30pm
Fete opening at 2pm by
ANDREW LANSLEY CBE MP
With all the usual features
Stalls, Tombola, Teas
Sideshows, Children’s Entertainer
Vintage Cars, and much more!