WHADDON VILLAGE
BARBECUE

Saturday 1st July
on
The Recreation Ground
at
7.00 pm

Adults  £9.00
Child/ £5.00
Concessions
Under 5s Free

For tickets contact: Karen Conningsby  207514
Deborah Townsend  208038
Anne Newberry  207555
Bookings by Sunday 25th June please.

LICENCED BAR
LIVE MUSIC

THE WHADDON VILLAGE WEBSITE
www.whaddon.org

The village web site is now online at the above address. It is still at an early stage of development, but includes lots of information, such as:

Local contact information for councils, police, schools and health services
Minutes of meetings of the Parish Council and its committees
The Parish Plan
Transport information
A calendar
What to do

Everyone living in the village is asked to have a look, and to suggest ideas of what else should be on the site. A web site can only be as useful as the information put on it, so if you would like to see something on it, please suggest it, and (ideally) make a start at writing what you would like to see. We can then edit it and fit it onto the site.

Thus for example if there is a business or activity you are involved in within the village, please contact me and we may be able to publicise it for you.

Contact me if there is something we can do on the site for you. Use the contact email address on the web site.

Nigel Strudwick
Don’t forget ….

The regular Family Service is a short service for all ages at 10 am on the Fourth Sunday of the month:
25 June, 23 July, 27 August

Pink Ribbon Run Walk
Sunday June 11th
Royston 5 km Pink Ribbon Run Walk takes place on Royston Heath. Open to ladies only the run/walk is in aid of Cancer Research. Prizes will be offered to the person who raises the most money for Cancer Research and for the Best Pink Outfits on the Day.

500 Entries only - every entrant receives a medal and goody bag.

For more details and an entry form go to www.pinkribbonrunwalk.co.uk or call Michaela on 01223 208929.

Petersfield School Summer Fete
Saturday 24 June, 3pm

You are all invited to join us for our annual summer fete. The theme for this year is ‘Animal Antics’.

There is a Grand Opening at 3 pm then lots of animal related fun to follow – fun for all the family!

If you can’t make it but would like to support the school, ask any parent for some raffle tickets. There are some great prizes to be won.

THE ROYSTON TIME BANK

Turn your spare time into shared time with … The Royston Time Bank

Local organisations often can’t get enough volunteers to help with their vital work.

Time Banking is a way for people to share skills with others in their community and be rewarded for it – in time. For every hour of time you give providing help for another member, you receive one time credit.

Anyone can join and it is free! Everyone has interests, skills and abilities that they can share with others. Age, lack of finance or limited mobility is no bar to getting involved – all you need is some spare time. All members are valued equally.

You can “spend” your time credits when you need help from someone else or you can donate them to another Time Bank member who needs some extra help. Examples of help are gardening, DIY, computing, shopping, pet care etc.

For more information about Royston Time Bank contact the Volunteer Centre, Royston.

Tel: 01763 243020 or email time@roystonvolunteer.org.uk

To learn more about Time Banking visit www.timebanks.co.uk
Whaddon Barbeque,
Saturday July 1, 7 pm until midnight

Good Food, Live Music, Bar, Dance the Night away!

The Annual Whaddon Village Barbeque will take place on Saturday 1 July. Tickets for this popular event will go on sale at the beginning of June and will be on sale until 25 June unless, of course, we sell out!

Tickets cost £9 for adults, £5 for school children (5-16) and OAPs, free for under 5’s.

We always appreciate help with setting up on the day and there will be a salad making session on the morning of the 1st. If you can help or you can bring a salad of your own then please let us know when you buy your tickets. The event raises funds for our Village Hall.

Tickets available from Karen Conningsby (207514), Deborah Townsend (208038) or Anne Newberry (207555), or through members of the Village Hall committee. Book early!
THE VILLAGE HALL

A lot has happened in the last six months about plans for the future of the hall. All residents of Whaddon will agree that the hall is presently not in the best state of repair. Discussion has gone on for many years as to how to improve it, and things now seem to be at a turning point. Various suggestions of selling it and building a new hall, or carrying out various degrees of refurbishment, have been put before the village, most recently as part of the process of creating a Parish Plan.

Following the plan, the Parish Council decided that the mood of the village was that the hall should be retained, refurbished and modernised. This is no insignificant matter, and the present financial year is going to see the beginnings of the process of making things happen.

Firstly, new external lighting was installed at the beginning of May. Secondly, last year it became clear that the septic tank used for drainage was no longer working properly, and plans were made for connecting the hall to the mains drainage. The cost of this work was estimated at about £12,000, and South Cambridgeshire District Council has awarded the village a grant of £5,000 towards the drainage work. The Parish Council will pay 10% of the cost, and the Village Hall Management Committee will pay the remainder of the bill. This will improve things for the future, and we hope this work can start as soon as approval for the plans is received from Anglian Water.

The Parish Council and the Hall Management Committee are presently investigating the best way to go about refurbishing the hall. We all agree that it will be simplest in the first instance to work on the existing extension. We want to improve the meeting space and the lavatories and add proper heating and storage space. It should be possible to do most of this without closing the hall for extended periods. Once the extension is redone, then attention can be turned to the more complicated business of working on the main hall.

Over the next year plans will be worked out for the first stages of work, and schemes to fund it. Finding the money will not be easy. Everyone must understand this. There may be some grants available, and we will investigate those. But it is also likely that some of it will have to be funded by loans, the cost of maintaining which will have to fall on the village, in the form of the precept.

This year a one-off increase in the precept has been made to enable us to have the funds to draw up plans, cost them, and begin the process of investigating how to raise the funds. In an ideal world, we would hope to have some plans for the first stage of work to show the village later in the year, with the possibility of starting serious work in the 2007-8 financial year.

Lastly, there is still a vacancy for an interested person to join The Management Committee. Please contact either myself (207434) or Karen Coningsby, secretary of the committee (207514).

Nigel Strudwick
Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee
The Parish Plan was finalised and distributed to all households in the village. We hope you agree it is a fine document and provides much useful information not only about the village, but also highlights the expectations and plans for the future. A number of positive comments have been received on the document.

* The Whaddon village website is now on the net and available for surfing. Many thanks to councillor Nigel Strudwick for constructing the website and putting it on line. The Website can be accessed at HYPERLINK "http://www.whaddon.org" www.whaddon.org

We are looking for someone to help maintain the site and keep it up to date with the latest news and information from the village. Any suggestions for items or links to add would be very welcome.

* The Village Hall management report has been reported to Council by the chairman. New lighting has been added to the exterior of the hall making it a safer environment. The connection to mains sewer is progressing and paperwork has been submitted to Anglia Water. The Village Hall Constitution has been revised and this was agreed at the Annual Meeting in May. The tree affecting the boundary wall at the hall has now been removed successfully without any damage to the wall. Look out for minutes of the Management meetings on the village notice boards.

* The two parts of the village are now connected by a brand new footpath and thanks are due to Linda Oliver for pursuing this with County. The path has been completed to a high standard with little inconvenience during its construction and the County Council are to be thanked for doing a good job.

The village street lighting will now be kept at Ridgeway Close with the lights at New Farm left to be turned off. This decision was reached following an offer of partnership from South Cambs DC, including renewals and replacements.

* The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 15th May following the monthly Council meeting. We are pleased to report that Ted Webb and Claire Byatt have been re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairperson on the Parish Council.

* A new village handyman has been appointed and his duties will commence shortly. The recent village litter pick was very successful and may thanks to everyone who took part in this useful exercise to help rid Whaddon of the build up of litter.

* A planning application for 12.5 metre high mobile telephone mast has been submitted for positioning on the A1198 close to the lay -by opposite the barracks. The council have opposed this application and if you wish to comment then please write to SCDC Planning, The application number is S/0659/06/PNT.

* The Council are still concerned with the potential rules being applied by SCDC to the low cost housing scheme planned for the village. We want residents or anyone connected to Whaddon to have priority over other people on the housing list for these houses. At present we are trying to seek clarification on this issue.

* The next open Parish Council meeting is on Monday 19th June at 7.30 pm in the village hall.
**The new footpath – Meldreth Road to the Parish Church, Whaddon**

Horse riders are asked not to take their horses on to the new footpath, or indeed on to any of the footpaths in the village. Currently, hoof damage to the recently constructed path is giving cause for great concern. This apart, a great pile of horse droppings has been reported on the newly constructed path nearest the Church.

**Section 34-44 of the Highway Code: Rules about Animals-Horseriders. Paragraph 41 refers:**

You must not take a horse on to a footpath, pavement or cycle track. Use a bridleway where possible. Laws HA 1835 SECT 72 & R(S)A SECT129(5)

Section 34-44 of The Highway Code can be downloaded from the internet.

Test yourself @ www.dsa.gov.uk

Please respect your fellow Parishioners and the Law

T.W.

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**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, WHADDON RECREATION GROUND**

The current Safety Inspection ordered by the Parish Council, by the organisation known as ‘ROSPA’ condemned ‘The Monkey Climbing Frame’ and advised that it should be taken out of service. On their advice this has been done. It will be necessary to replace the equipment; either with like for like, or by something else. The Parish Council will be taking advice from interested parties. In the meantime we will be seeking ways of raising the necessary finance to pay for that equipment. We will also be trying to raise donations to lighten the burden on the Parish Council’s Precept, (The Council Tax). We ask for your help and generosity.

E J Webb. Chair Parish Council

26/05/06

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Parish Council

A message from the Re-elected Chairman Mr. Edward (Ted) Webb

Dear Parishioner,

At the Annual Meeting of the full Council held on the 15th May 2006 I was indeed re-elected as Chairman for another year. My Deputy, Mrs Clare Byatt, was also re-elected to the post of Deputy Chair. Both Clare and myself are totally committed in leading the Parish Council and in seeking the ultimate best for the village. We can re-assure you that our Councillor colleagues are also committed to that end. One must not forget that almost all are working people with daily jobs, we all give our time freely.

Over the past 6 years, since I have chaired the Council, my experience has been that to do the job properly and efficiently one must have the support and efficiency of an excellent Clerk, and the loyalty and support of an excellent Deputy. I have both, indeed the Clerk, Mrs Yvonne Albery, is in addition studying with the University of Gloucester to obtain ‘Quality Status’ for the Council. Parish Councils in this day and age have moved on from past days and are becoming more effective and efficient.

I would like to use this space to appeal to Parishioners to make the effort and come along to some if not all our meetings. Public attendance and discussion when meetings are opened to the Public is of great importance to Councillors. Come and have your say – you will be welcome.

Best wishes,
Ted Webb 19/05/06

WHADDON’S PARISH PLAN

At the request of the Parish Council the ‘Plan’ was put together by a relatively small group of Parishioners. The steering group, as they were called, was made up from the following village people:

Nick Shaw, Chairman  Lee Ginger
Ron Albery, Treasure  Janet Leech
Clare Byatt  Jean Faithful
Malan Peyton  Tony Gardener

The Parish Council wishes to thank the group publicly for the time they gave freely, their deliberations and efforts in producing the Plan, and the quality of the finished document. The photography by Tony Garner was exceptional. At this moment in time the Parish Council has yet to study the Plan and the recommendations in great detail. When this has been completed the Council will publish details of its findings and what the intention is to be regarding the recommendations. The Council would like to draw the readers’ attention to the letter the Chairman wrote to accompany the finished Plan document. This gave a brief outline of the Council’s thoughts at that time. Watch this space.

E J Webb. Chair Parish Council
Meldreth Manor Fete 2006
Sat 24th June

The Friends of Meldreth Manor are happy to announce that our annual Summer Fete will be held this year on Saturday 24th June.

Sideshows include tombolas and games – crafts to buy, a well stocked plant stall and mouth watering home made cakes and pancakes. You will be entertained by dance displays and model steam train rides. Our tea shop sells a range of delicious refreshments and the barbeque can cater for even the fussiest eater.

The fete opens at 1 pm. Admission is 50p per adult and children are FREE.

Help on the day or anyone who would be able to donate prizes or cakes for our event would be much appreciated. Please call Rosemary Johnson on 01763 268013.

DEADLINE
Deadline for the next newsletter will be 20th August 2006.
All items of village interest are always very welcome - please help to keep the Newsletter varied and interesting.
Contact Joan Pascoe C. 208062

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police:
Cambridge ..................... 01223 358966
Huntingdon ................... 01480 456111
C.A.B. ......................... 01763 238020
Hospital:
Addenbrooke’s .................. 01223 245151
Royston ....................... 01763 242134
Services:
Cambridge Water ............. 01223 706090
Anglian Water ............... 08457 145145
Electricity Emergency ...... 0800 7838838
Transport:
National Rail ............... 0845 484950
Stagecoach .................. 01223 423578
Village Hall Booking:
Wendy Paton ............... 01223 207703

Council:
Housing repairs ............. 0800 0851313
Pest control .................. 01223 443145
Refuse collection ......... 01223 235468

Councillors:
County : Linda Oliver ............ 01223 718199
District : Nigel Cathcart .......... 01763 243637
David McCraith ............ 01763 248249
Parish: Ted Webb ............ 01223 207564

Doctor:
Orchard Surgery Melbourn ... 01763 260220
Royston Health Centre ...... 01763 242981

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th June Parish Council
1st July Village BBQ
15th July Church Fete
17th July Parish Council
20th August Newsletter deadline
18th September Parish Council

RED CROSS WEEK
Thank you for your support during this year’s Red Cross Week which raised £183.57
Across the world and around the corner your donation saves lives.
HELP US TO BE THERE
Www.redcross.org.uk
Times Past

Wartime Whaddon (i)

The years 1939 to 1945 were as traumatic for the villagers in Whaddon as elsewhere. Much of the detail below was national and not Whaddon specific but we have decided to include it nevertheless as it affected residents. When war actually broke out on September 3rd 1939, the regulations, which had been in preparation throughout the previous year and which were considered necessary to protect our well-being, swung into action. Identity cards were issued to everyone, stringent blackout regulations for both houses and vehicles were implemented, and rationing imposed. As the Government was afraid that gas would be used, gas masks were also issued for both adults and children. This being before the days of television, it was left to the wireless and local newspaper the Royston Crow to communicate vital information. Posters appeared urging people to save, dig land to grow food and avoid waste of all kinds.

Rationing

By the beginning of 1940 for the first time since 1918, Britain faced food rationing. Full details of procedures and reasons appeared in the newspapers.

- Rationing prevented waste.
- Rationing increased our War Effort. Importing less food enabled ships to do vital work.
- Rationing divided supplies equally.
- Rationing prevented uncertainty

The rigid rationing laws demanded the compulsory registration of every household with their local suppliers. Books were issued 6 monthly at first and then yearly.

Whaddon had to collect Ration Books from Melbourn

December 1939 Butter, sugar, bacon and ham could be bought only on production of ration books. The ration allowed per week was: Butter - 4 oz.; Sugar - 12 oz.; Bacon or ham, uncooked - 4 oz.; Bacon or ham cooked - 3½ oz.

11th March 1940. Meat Rationing began. The full meat ration was ½ lb. worth per week, or 1½ lb. for young children with a Child’s Ration Book.

No coupons were required for liver, kidney, tripe, heart, ox-tail etc., or for poultry or game. Sausages, meat pies and gelatines containing not more than 50% meat were not to be rationed at that time.

Some of the Government’s Wartime Measures

- Sept 1939. Income Tax was raised to its highest ever level of 7/6d in the pound.
- Oct 1939. The Prices of Food Bill was introduced to control profiteering, following a series of complaints. The government planned to reclaim 5 million acres of derelict land for agriculture.
- Nov 1939. Petrol was increased by a 1½d a gallon to 1/9½d a gallon.

April 1940. The War Budget introduced a purchase tax; cigarettes now cost 8½d a packet.

May 1940. Postage went up 1d to 2½d.

Petrol up again by 1½d a gallon to 1/10d.

July 1940. The government advised women to conserve wood by having flatter heels. The government banned the buying and selling of new cars. The government imposed a 24% tax on luxuries.
On the Home Front in Whaddon

During the war years Whaddon was served by several traders who came to the village on a regular basis: Mr Abrey from Melbourn visited with a horse and cart selling general goods of all types including - in confidence - chamber pots under the cart. Other traders came in vans; Mr Tommy Danes from Melbourn - meat; Mr Alec Kenzie from Royston - fish and fruit; Mr Bert Howard from Melbourn - bread; Mr Bacon from Melbourn - meat; Browns from Cambridge - paraffin and kitchen wares; Mr Moss from Royston - groceries. He came to the village on his bicycle the day before to take orders. There was in the village itself a small shop in the present School House selling sweets rationed, in 1943, and cigarettes, run by Mrs Rose Law.

An interesting story is told of Mr Howard. One winter’s evening he got out of his van in Bridge Street with his basket and walked into the ditch. Money fell out of his leather pouch and the children were kept occupied for days looking for his money.

Most people had to rely on these traders as the only way into Royston was by bicycle or pony and trap obtained from Charlie Hinks of Bridge Street. Whaddon being a rural village most people grew their own vegetables in gardens or on allotments. People were allowed to keep pigs but these had to be slaughtered in accordance with government regulations. One proportion of the amount slaughtered was returned to the owners for preservation such as pickling, salting and smoking. Pig meal was obtained in Arrington from Mr Smoothy and they were also fed on potatoes and household scraps. Chickens were kept, of course, and they could easily be fed in country districts by foraging for themselves. Rabbits and ducks were used to supplement supplies as were pigeons and it was not unknown for people to go poaching for pheasants.

Most people bottled fruit and surplus fruit was purchased for the manufacture of jam or traded to shops, e.g. Plums were paid at 2d per pound and greengages at 5d per pound. Mr Standon of New Farm bought surplus fruit and vegetables.

In 1940 the National Milk Scheme was introduced. Every child under five, together with expectant or nursing mothers was entitled to receive one pint of milk per day for 2d. There was free milk available for the people on very low incomes. Milk was obtained from the Jacklin brothers at Green Farm.

The Christmas of 1940 was bleak. Carrots took the place of dried fruit in millions of puddings and cakes. From Christmas Eve no more bananas were imported and there were also difficulties with importing oranges and lemons and onions.

More difficulties

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<td>August 1941</td>
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<td>Sept 1941</td>
<td>The price of potatoes was capped at 1d to encourage people to eat them</td>
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<td>February 1942</td>
<td>Rose-hip syrup was available nationally and free cod-liver oil was available for children</td>
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<td>July 1942</td>
<td>Sweet rationing begins</td>
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Many practices came into existence in 1942 to cope with shortages. Five inches of water in the bath was recommended and people were urged to take fewer baths to save fuel. Soap, razor blades and cosmetics were in short supply. Women used beetroot juice as a lipstick substitute, 'gravy browning paint' substituted for silk stockings with seams being pencilled in. Cardboard wedding cakes with 'icing' made from chalk were offered for rent by confectioners.

Maximum prices for clothes were laid down by the Government. A suit must cost no more than £4 18s 8d and women were asked to shorten the length of their skirts. Double-breasted jackets and turn ups and sleeve buttons were considered wasteful.

Help

This is a very small part of the information we are collecting about the war years in the village and we intend to carry on in the next newsletter but we need some information from people actually living in the village at the time. Please get in touch as some personal recollections would be excellent. You may have parents or relatives living elsewhere - ask them. The village history needs you - a few words to jog memories - evacuees, Bassingbourn Airfield, the Americans, Bombers, noise, damage to property, Home Guard, Land Army, Prisoners of War.

Thanks to Ted and Sylvia Pardoe for loaning the ration books, identity card and gas mask.

S&J Ralls, May 2006: Tel: (01223)207242.