Party in the Barn

Friday 27th June at Leyhill Farm, Whaddon

Raising money for a new children’s playground in Whaddon.

Dancing starts at 8 pm
Bar & Raffle
Camping Available! £10 per pitch.

Local band Shredded Beat return for the second year to Party in the Barn.

Please pre-book your tickets by calling Anne on 01223 207555 or Carolyn on 01223 208796.

Tickets £10 per person. (Over 18’s only)

St Mary’s Parish Church

FETE
Produce Show & Auction
On the Recreation Ground and Churchyard

WHADDON
SATURDAY 19 July
Ploughman’s lunch at 12.30 pm
Fete opening at 2 pm by Professor Sir Bob Hepple QC FBA

DOG SHOW
Children’s Fancy Dress

WHADDON VILLAGE BARBEQUE

NEW DATE!

Saturday 12 July 2008
On the Recreation Ground
6pm for ball games
7pm food served

DISCO, BAR & RAFFLE

Adults £6, Concessions £4
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Get your friends and family together for a bit of fun and help raise funds for your Village Hall

Please ring for Tickets & Info:
Wendy Paton C207703
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THANK YOU!!
As always, Whaddon villagers gave generously to the annual door to door collections.

A total of £140.37 was raised for the Red Cross and £312.05 for Christian Aid, helping those less fortunate locally and around the world.

Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning!
In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Whaddon Golf Centre
Friday 26 September, 10.30am
All Welcome!

Village Hall Available to Hire
Special rates for those within the village - ideal for birthday parties etc.
Please phone Wendy Paton on 01223 207703

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LOOK ON VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS FOR DETAILS or contact the Parish Clerk by email to whaddonneclerk@yahoo.co.uk, by phone on 208450 or by mail to 134 Bridge Street.

There will be a full review of the bus service after 6 months and its continuation depends upon the use made of it.

Let's use it and not lose it!

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WHADDON VILLAGE PLAYGROUND PROJECT

A massive fundraising effort has been underway over the past 2 years to refurbish the play area on the Recreation Ground. A total of £30,000 will be needed for some fabulous new equipment for all ages - a huge amount but we are fortunate to have received grants totalling £18,000 from the District and Parish councils, provided we raise the rest ourselves. Events large and small have so far raised £4,000, last year's Party in the Barn being the biggest fundraiser to date. We raised £2,700 then and aim to raise even more this year. Tickets are selling well so hurry and buy yours before they sell out!

Henry Burgess is planning to run 100 miles in 3 days (that's more than 3 marathons!) across the Pennine Way in September to raise over £2000 in sponsorship. If you or your business can make a contribution please contact him on 01223 207441.

Village children have been involved at every stage since the project's inception and have enjoyed their own fundraising efforts from a Halloween Party to car washing.

We need to complete the fundraising by the end of next year to ensure we access the generous grants available. We're always looking for new ideas to raise money, particularly involving the children. Any who wishes to help can contact Neil Gallery on 01223 208796 or n.gallery@virgin.net.

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Parish Council Meetings Change of Date
No meeting in July.

In future, meetings will be held on the 2nd Monday of each month as follows:
11 August, 8th September, 13 October

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WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

While Whaddon has been fairly quiet over the past three months there has been a single burglary in Meldreth Road. The police continue to press residents in the villages to be aware of distraction burglary and, with the warmer weather occasionally with us, to ensure that homes are sensibly secure and not an invitation to the opportunist looking for an easy target. In a similar vein, there have been concerns by some villagers about house-to-house selling which, in itself, is not an offence but can be worrying if living on your own. On two occasions over the past few months we have reported door-to-door selling at the time it was happening (the individuals were causing concern) and on both occasions one of our local PCSOs came to the village and talked to the seller.

The last quarterly “Neighbourhood Policing” panel meeting was held at Melbourn College in April and was attended by three from the village. These meetings, which cover the area broadly bounded by The Mordens, Fowlmere/Foxton and the A505, bring the police, representatives from the county and local district councils and the public together to discuss current issues. Most local problems lie in Bassingbourn, Melbourn and Meldreth, with some encouraging signs of a reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour; fortunately Whaddon rarely features in the crime statistics.

Nevertheless we continue to press for frequent speeding checks on the Meldreth Road and this did result in a further police check on 28 February at 0730 for 30 minutes. The average speed recorded was 33 mph which most residents in Meldreth Road will know is not representative of typical traffic speeds. The police accept this but for a variety of safety reasons they tend to be visible and, not surprisingly, motorists reduce their speed. The very fact that we have had two checks in the past six months may cause regular commuters using Meldreth Road to be more cautious and that is what we are

The Panel meeting was asked for more feedback on crimes and we intend pressing this point at each meeting. We know that the assault and burglary reported in the last Whaddon News resulted in two arrests with the individuals subsequently being released while the investigation continues and there have been arrests for metal thefts, although nothing specific to St Mary’s Church.

The question of parking on the main road through the village has also been raised. For clarification, it is our understanding that much of the road is a “clearway” (a continuous white line marking) where parking on the road is not allowed but through the centre of the village along Church Street, where there is no white line and the speed limit exceeds 30mph, parking is admissible but the vehicle must have lighting at night.

As many of you will know there has been spate of thefts of telephone cable in South Cambs - 8 in recent months. This problem has even been linked to the theft of emergency cutting equipment from local fire stations. The police ask that if your telephone stops working use your/neighbor’s mobile to report the problem immediately to BT and be alert to unusual activity on the roads, particularly in the late evening and the early hours of the morning (if you happen to be about!) If you see any vehicles apparently working by the road side or if you see any drain covers that appear to have been tampered with, please contact the Police as they need to catch these people at work!
WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch Team

Mike Monks  Cluster Coordinator  58 Bridge Street  01223 208236
Malan Peyton  Dep Cluster Coordinator  Ermine Farm, Dyers Green  01223 207358

Coordinators:
Anne Brandon  Lower Meldreth Road  132 Meldreth Road  01223 207347
Karen Coningsby  Upper Meldreth Road/Church Corner  17 Church Street  01223 207514
Carole Aldred  Church Street  104 Church Street  01223 208147
Wendy Paton  Church Street  108 Church Street  01223 207703
Clare Byatt  Town Farm Close  Turpins Farm House  01223 207429
Tony Gardner  Lower Bridge Street/Ridgeway Close  29 Bridge Street  01223 208064
Andrew Townsend  “ “ “  36 Bridge Street  01223 208038
Geoff Lane  Upper Bridge Street (38-72)  52 Bridge Street  01223 208540
Mike Monks  Upper Bridge Street (“”)  58 Bridge Street  01223 208236
Malan Peyton  Dyers Green  Ermine Farm, Dyers Green  01223 207358

Local law enforcement

Inspector Chris Savage  Sawston Sector Inspector
Sergeant Mark Katchro  Sawston Sector Sergeant
PC Andy Bates  Neighbourhood Policing Constable
Emma Garwood  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
Lee Nutbeam  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
John Coppard  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
Ashley Bennet  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Contact with the police – dial 999 when:
- lives are at risk / violence / serious injury
- serious crime is happening
- criminal still at the scene or nearby

Cambridgeshire’s non-emergency telephone number is:
0845 456 456 4

This number puts you through to a centralised 24 hour service centre where you can report non-emergency matters.

If you experience any crime or security problems please use the 999 or 0845 number as appropriate. It would also be very helpful if you would remember to keep your NW coordinator in the picture so that we can keep an eye on issues and happenings in the village that might affect everyone.

For more information on the local neighbourhood police team go to:
http://www.cambs.police.uk/mynighbourhood/index.asp

Items for next Whaddon News
The deadline for the next newsletter will be 18 August. Everyone is welcome to contribute to the Whaddon News. Please contact Joan Pascoe on C.208062 or joanpascoe@aol.com.

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Congratulations to Ted Webb, Claire Byatt, Phil Neale, Nigel Strudwick, Malan Peyton and Lee Ginger, who have all been returned, unopposed, as Parish Councillors for Whaddon following the recent election process on 1st May. Tony Milton has decided to stand down from the Council, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony for all his work and support over the past years. Chris Rose has come forward to replace Tony and we will welcome Chris onto the Council at the monthly meeting on 19th May.

A meeting took place with an architect (Barry Sharman Associates) to go through initial ideas and plans for the redevelopment and improvements to the Village Hall (22nd April 2008). Outline plans and ideas have been shared with the councillors and these are currently being assessed in relation to costs. It is now confirmed to be advantageous to obtain charitable status for the Village Hall. The PC could act as Holding Trustees with a Management Committee acting as Managing Trustees. It was agreed to give this item priority agenda status at the next PC meeting.

The Low Cost Housing Scheme has been high on the agenda and Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association (BPHA) has written to County Farm Estates to open negotiations for the land off Church Street. Following negotiations, a meeting could be set up in the village for all interested parties. SCDC planners had concerns about the suitability of the site making it necessary to reprove that all other sites had been considered and the design was appropriate. District Councillor Nigel Cathcart (who has recently been re-elected to the post on SCDC for Bassingbourn/Whaddon) advised of the existence of an Affordable Housing Panel which would make a judgment before a case went before the Planning Committee.

The new Parish Plan requires urgent attention by Councillors and it was agreed that, due to the importance of this item, it should be dealt with at a special meeting to be held in June after the formation of the new PC. District Councillor Cathcart undertook to investigate if anybody at SCDC could provide information about local by-laws.

In March, during a foggy night, there was potentially a dangerous accident in Church Street, due to parked cars on the side of the road. The Highway Code requires vehicles parked on a highway at night to display parking or sidelong lights where the speed limit exceeds 30 mph. Mike Monks of Neighbourhood Watch has spoken to the Police Community Support Officer and also the local beat policeman has been contacted. Further developments are awaited.

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Parish Council meetings will take place on the 2nd Monday of each month from now on however we take a break in July this year. Remember, this is your meeting and a great opportunity to share views and discussion with your Council. We look forward to seeing you.
Better Together

On behalf of Donald and our churchwardens, Karen and David, we are all looking forward to welcoming you to the Church Fete on Saturday 19 July. We raise funds at the Fete to keep the church open and operating throughout the year but a lot has happened at St Mary’s since last year’s Fete.

We experienced two thefts of lead from the roof of the church in September and October last year. Happily the repairs have just been completed and although the insurance claim met the hefty bill of £18,767, we have had to pay £2,000 combined excesses on the two claims. An alarm system to be installed will cost in the region of £1,500.

Repairs to the roof inevitably revealed problem areas that were not due to the thefts but just one of the consequences of caring for a building that is centuries old. We have had expenditure replacing timbers damaged by time and weather amounting to £2,643.

Our concern is that more problems in the fabric of the building will be uncovered when we undertake the five-year architectural inspection that is required in every church by the Diocese. This is due later in 2008 and we expect that we may have to raise substantial funds to ensure the future of our beautiful church.

We are pleased that we have been able to meet £2,500 of a £5,000 bill to put right all of the basic faults with the organ. As some of these had been caused by water damage, Ecclesiastical Insurance contributed the balance. Furthermore we have commissioned a definitive historic report on the instrument, which endorses its unique and precious nature but this also highlights the fact that a complete restoration would cost in the region of £50,000.

So at this time in the village when there are so many calls on essential fundraising, such as the Village Hall and Playground, we want to find a way forward that is about co-operation, not competition. As a church we are praying for Vision, Enthusiasm and Generosity for all the projects:

- Vision to guide in planning priorities
- Enthusiasm and dedication to take this work forward
- Generosity from all to help meet these needs

St Mary’s PCC (Parochial Church Council)

News from around the Parish

Have you seen the hedge-laying?

The Parish Council is delighted with the result and hopes that villagers have had the opportunity to inspect the hedge around the Whaddon Gap car park. William Knight was retained to lay this hedge in the traditional way that has been used for centuries to create stock-proof boundaries in rural areas. William spent last winter working on the Wimpole estate where he was part of the team laying the hedge along the Lime Avenue. This spring he used his skill for the benefit of Whaddon. The Parish Council would also like to thank Roger Huffer, Pete Coningsby, Bill Knight and Martin Byatt for their help in various ways in assisting William with this project.

Litter picking

A great sadness is the dumping of rubbish in the car park and litter left elsewhere. It is illegal, irresponsible and a blight on the environment. The Parish Council has been active and is very grateful for the help from villagers of all ages on the third organised Litter-pick, which took place on 3 April. Once again a large number of black sacks were filled with rubbish collected from the verges along the roads, hedgerows around the village and through the woodlands and fields. Look out for the next date, and do come and help!

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The building of the railways in the early part of the 19th century had an enormous impact. It spelled the end of the stage coach. The stage coach companies fought against the advent of the railway by constructing cuttings to reduce the time taken on journeys, such as those on the Newmarket and London Roads in Royston, but to no avail as many roads used by the stage coaches were nothing more than dusty tracks.

Before 1900 one of the alternatives to walking would have been the bicycle. By about 1900 it would have been in the form we recognise to day having developed from the Velocipede or Boneshaker to the Ordinary or Penny Farthing as it became known and ultimately to the rear chain drive bicycle in 1895 and the pneumatic tyre in 1887.

In 1886 in Germany the world took its first tentative steps towards the age of the motor car. Just before the advent of the railways in Britain, there had been a brief appearance of steam-powered road going vehicles. However, various Acts of Parliament held back the beginning of the motorisation of Britain by driving all such traffic off the roads. For example the Man with the Red Flag Act of 1865 stated that each vehicle had to be preceded sixty yards ahead by a man walking with a red flag. However in 1896, The Light Road Locomotive Act opened the door to the motor car in Britain by removing the preceding pedestrian rule of 4 mph and raising the speed limit to 12 mph (where it was to remain until 1903). Also public interest was increasing and the Automobile Club was founded in 1897. In 1900 the Thousand Mile Trial took place to show what the motor car was like and what it could be expected to do. From then on the motor trade gradually became established.

At the beginning of the 20th century motorcars were affordable only to the rich; expensively priced individual vehicles which relied on the skill of craftsmen for the extremely high standard of their construction. Locally, these vehicles were provided by the two old carriage building firms in Royston, William Wilson & Son and Ralph E Sanders & Son who had had to adapt to these new inventions.

The firm of Sanders was first established in Royston in 1875 and in 1907 new premises were built in Kneesworth Street. In 1910 the firm produced a catalogue called Coachwork For Motor Cars illustrating the cars it sold with their prices and advice on the maintenance of motor vehicles. The following is an example:

- Price - 136 guineas. Windscreen extra £22 10s.

Along with the advent of the railway, the combustion engine helped to revolutionise the way WWI was fought. Transport of soldiers and ambulances and artillery had given an insight into the advantages of speedier transport and soldiers, after the war, were only too willing to try to purchase transport of their own. This eventually led to production line manufacture which could produce cars more cheaply, the leading firm in this field being Ford with their Tin Lizzie. (16.5 million were built before production ended in 1927).
Petrol

During these early years there was none of the basic structure to sustain a motoring public. Long journeys needed careful planning and many small concerns and even chemists were licensed to sell petrol. Sometimes petrol was delivered by horse drawn vehicles!

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Fashion

The early motorists were very interested in fashion for a practical reason. The first cars were for the most part without windscreens and some had no door so that the drivers and passengers were completely exposed to the elements. As road surfaces were still only compacted earth, the surface changed along with the weather. In summer, dust was a major hazard and local roads were sometimes covered in dust as thick as fog. Also as horse-drawn traffic was not to give up its supremacy until 1926, dried horse manure did nothing to enhance a journey by car! Different outer garments were available to the occupants of these cars and as these early drivers tended to be rich, the London firms, such as Harrods and Dunhill, were keen to provide for their requirements. Fur-lined coats, all embracing rainwear, goggles and hats with retractable face masks were the order of the day, sometimes painting an extraordinary sight for onlookers.

The photograph below was taken, outside Pickering Farm, early in the 20th century, but after 1903. That was the year when official registering and numbering of cars was introduced. We have tried to find the actual owner of the car but those particular records are missing - lost when transfer to national records took place! The Halls lived at Pickering Farm at that time but the people photographed may have been visitors. Two of the ladies seem to be dressed in the fashions described above.

S & J Ralls  May 2008