### Fete

**St Mary’s Parish Church**

**FETE**

Produce Show & Auction

On the Recreation Ground and Churchyard

**WHADDON**

**SATURDAY 18 July**

To be opened by

The Right Rev. Dr David Thomson

Bishop of Huntingdon

Ploughman’s lunch at 12.30 pm

Fete opening at 2 pm

With Dog Show

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### Party in the Barn

Leyhill Farm Whaddon

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### Shredded Beat & Disco

**Bar opens at 7.30pm**

Dancing from 8 pm until Midnight

**Live Band, Bar, Champagne Bar & BBQ**

Tickets on sale now!

Call Anne on 01223 207555

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

Fundraising for Whaddon Playground Project.

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### Concert

**CONCERT**

Saturday 25 July, 7.30pm

Conducted by David Sheppard

The CANTUS Singers of Cambridge

Coming to Whaddon Church

Performance of a lively concert ranging from Madrigals to spirituals

And featuring

Richard Harker on the organ

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WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I am pleased to report that the past three months have continued the quiet and relatively crime free run that we have enjoyed for much of the past year. That said, there were two problems worth reporting. The first involved a possible speeding incident at the village end of Meldreth Road in which a power/telephone pole was brought down by a car with the inevitable disruption to supplies. This followed on from the two recent incidents at Rose Cottage, both of which almost certainly involved speeding. More on what we as a village are doing to discourage speeding is in the Speedwatch article. The second involved rogue traders touring the village looking for external maintenance work such as guttering repairs, roof tiles and the like. In the course of their time in Whaddon they took £80 from one resident and were on course to take more. Fortunately, they were spotted by a vigilant resident who called the police and noted the van number but the individuals took off before they could be apprehended.

Burglary is on the increase in Cambridgeshire at a faster rate than the national average. The police continue to warn that with metal thefts declining, burglars are turning their attention to domestic property with both distraction burglary and thefts from outbuildings receiving particular attention. In the case of distraction burglary, which is often targeted at the elderly, please be on your guard and don’t be tempted to admit a caller you don’t know whatever the pretext unless they have an official ID and then only if you are absolutely happy they are who they claim to be. Also, always make sure that the back door is locked before answering the front door as sometimes these people work in pairs.

With summer approaching (we hope) the police have asked that everybody be reminded of the added risks to domestic property. Keep in mind that as we enjoy the warmer weather, open windows and doors can be an invitation to the opportunist burglar as can a house vacated while we enjoy the garden or pop next door to mix with neighbours. Simple precautions will ensure a trouble free and enjoyable summer.

Finally, there have been some changes in our local policing. PC Andy Bates our Neighbourhood Beat Officer has been replaced by PC Rachel Mallender. Rachel has been a police officer since 2004 working as a reactive officer in South Cambs. Our two PCSOs based in Melbourn are John Coppard and a recent arrival - Paul Lancaster.

Mike Monks

Neighbourhood Watch Team

Mike Monks     Cluster Coordinator     58 Bridge Street     C208236
Malan Peyton    Dep Cluster Coord     Ermine Farm, Dyers Green     C207358
Parish Council NW Rep

Coordinators:
Anne Brandon     Lower Meldreth Road     132 Meldreth Road     C207347
Karen Coningsby Upper Meldreth Road/     17 Church Street     C207514
Church Corner
Carole Aldred     Church Street     104 Church Street     C208147
Wendy Paton     “     108 Church Street     C207703
Clare Byatt     Town Farm Close     Turpins Farm     C207429
Tony Gardner     Lower Bridge Street/     29 Bridge Street     C208064
Ridgeway Close
Andrew Townsend     36 Bridge Street     C208038
Geoff Lane     Upper Bridge Street (38-72)     52 Bridge Street     C208540
Mike Monks     Upper Bridge Street (    )     58 Bridge Street     C208236
Malan Peyton     Dyers Green     Ermine Farm, Dyers Green     C207358

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SPEED WATCH

Speeding in the village is a continuing problem and is not helped by a 40mph limit throughout the village which most of us consider far too high and too often see exceeded by inconsiderate motorists. While we cannot be certain of the precise cause, speeding may well have been behind two recent accidents at Rose Cottage and a power pole being brought down at the end of Meldreth Road. Early this year Cambridgeshire Road Safety Partnership in liaison with the police started to acquire “Speedwatch” equipment and we in Whaddon were one of the first to offer villagers for training. For the first time, the availability of Speedwatch equipment has given us the opportunity to monitor what is happening on the roads in Whaddon and to acquire data for any future bid to reduce the speed limit in the village. The main aim of Speedwatch is education and not prosecution but the information gathered will be used to target speed enforcement and persistent offenders will receive a visit from officers. This is not “big brother” at work but a genuine effort to improve the environment in the village.

At this time we have seven villagers trained and have deployed the equipment at various locations throughout the village monitoring well over 1500 vehicles. Once we are in-place we record the total number of vehicles and where someone exceeds 43mph we record the number plate and for a collateral check we also list the make, model and colour of the vehicle. More than 200 drivers were found to be exceeding the datum speed of 43mph and of these some 120 exceeded 47mph and will receive a letter of warning from the police. Speeds in excess of 60mph were monitored on four occasions and reported. A detailed breakdown of the figures can be found on the village website at http://www.whaddon.org/nw/speedwatch.html. These figures would have undoubtedly been higher but some drivers spot the equipment and can be clearly heard to slow down. The team are in no doubt that Speedwatch is having some initial effect in encouraging adherence to the speed limit but will only have any longer-term effect if it continues to be deployed. You will regularly see us on the side of the road so please let’s not have local villagers being caught.

Mike Monks
ST MARY’S PARISH CHURCH

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Tuesday 28 April. Karen Coningsby and David Grech were unanimously returned as Churchwardens for another year. This is a big job and the Vicar expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the PCC, for all that our Churchwardens do for the village and the church.

Clare Byatt is handing over the role of PCC Secretary to Janice Nussey, who was unanimously voted to the post. Betsy Milton continues as Treasurer. Officers, Churchwardens and members of the PCC have a big task in front of them this year as the Quinquennial Inspection Report of the church by the Church Architect has thrown up considerable problems with the structure of the tower. We have now had an Engineer’s report, which is under analysis at the moment. The PCC may well be applying to English Heritage for grant aid in the near future. The success of this application will also require substantial local fund-raising.

Members of the PCC:
Vicar, Rev Dr Donald McFadyen
Reader, Stephen Brooker
Churchwarden, Karen Coningsby
Churchwarden, David Grech
Secretary, Clare Byatt handing over to Janice Nussey
Treasurer, Betsy Milton
Member, Bill Knight
Member, Helen Strudwick
Member, Clare Howell

Times of Services:
First Sunday 9.15am Morning Prayer
Second Sunday 9.15am Communion
Third Sunday 6.00pm Communion
Fourth Sunday 10.00am Family Service
Fifth Sunday 9.15am Communion

Everyone most welcome

Don’t forget….

The regular Family Service is a short service for all ages at 10 am on the fourth Sunday of the month—28 June, 26 July, 23 August, 27 September

Church Contacts:
Revd Dr Donald McFadyn, part-time R 244836
Karen Coningsby, Churchwarden C 207514
David Grech, Churchwarden C208938
Janice Nussey C208762
Betsy Milton, Treasurer C207105

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th June Party in the Barn
13th July Parish Council
18th July Church Fete
25th July Church Concert
14th Sept Parish council

RED CROSS WEEK

Thank you for your support during this year’s Red Cross Week which raised £98.02

This will help us to provide local services for the most vulnerable people.

Iris Green

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The following article is based on a sermon, recently preached by Donald McFadyen, which members of the PCC suggested should be included in the Newsletter.

**Members of Parliament and the teaching of Jesus**

MP’s expenses. All other news - the Recession, swine fever, Zimbabwe - has been eclipsed. Instinctively we’ve recognised the significance of things going wrong at the heart our national life, embodied in Parliament. There’s nothing like money to focus what’s wrong in a situation. In the midst of a recession we are understandably indignant that a whole payment system seems to have encouraged greed. Those interviewed on the streets of MPs’ constituencies have expressed the anger, even rage, that many of us feel.

Unlikely though it may sound such anger is often covering another equally strong but very different emotion that’s lying within us just under the surface: sadness. I wonder if that isn’t the case here? Fuelling our anger is a deep sadness, a hope that’s been dashed. In our materialistic society we wanted to believe in the ideal of ‘public service’, people working not for personal gain but the good of others. We’d hoped such service was its own reward, that this ideal inspired our public figures, including our politicians. When the evidence suggested it doesn’t, we felt betrayed, and our first response was anger and condemnation.

Were we wrong to have such a hope? Now it lies in tatters should we downgrade our expectations? No! The belief in serving others lies at the heart not just of western democracy, but of all civil life. Its most acute form inspires Remembrance Sunday, when we think of those who have given their lives ultimately so that we, their fellow citizens, may remain free. Its most acute expression comes from the lips of Jesus: ‘Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.’ (John 15.13) We rightly hold up such examples not to glorify war, but to glorify love, the force that gives life its meaning, its joy. We may not expect politicians to die for us (although some people currently would like theirs to meet a grisly end) but we hope they’ll carry out their role selflessly.

That’s the point here. Laying down your life for others isn’t always a one-off act; it’s a way of life. It’s an attitude that affects all you do, a way of living characterised by giving rather than getting. And, thank God, it’s a way of life, an ideal, that’s practised in small ways all the time by ‘ordinary’ people living in ‘ordinary’ communities like Whaddon. Think of the difference that an act of kindness by a friend that puts you first makes to you. It restores you and renews your sense of hope. Now think of how you can have the same effect on someone around you. Laying down your life for others by living for them is very powerful.

Public figures living this way have power, because we choose to follow them. They inspire us; they don’t need to coerce us. Jesus himself is the example. Having political leaders who embody such an ideal may seem a long way off right now. Can we rebuild public life on the foundation of the highest ideals? I don’t know, but surely we must try. To start we must know where we want to end up. That’s why it’s important to recognise what our feelings are all about. We mustn’t let our anger obscure our hope. And if our hope is a society characterised by selflessness and service then we surely have no right to demand such a life of our politicians unless we demand it of ourselves?

Donald McFadyen (Rev Dr)  
Vicar of Whaddon
Opening of Whaddon Playground

On Saturday 25 April, it was Time to Play … and enjoy a brilliant picnic!

The children of the village opened Whaddon Playground with a giant pair of scissors, used to cut the ribbon. This was the successful conclusion to two and a half years hard work and successful fundraising by Neil Gallery and Will Burchett and the Playground Project team.

The Parish Council is particularly grateful to the team for managing this exciting result. Once again, we are all agreed that it was Ted Webb who initiated the idea. Ted quickly spotted that Neil had the enthusiasm and organisation talent for putting Words into Action.

Neil’s action and enthusiasm spurred on the fund-raising here in the village but it also won, for the community, £15,000 from South Cambs District Council. It is all about involving everybody. It was entirely appropriate to ask the children to open their own playground. They have been involved all along, helping to choose equipment and developing the plans.

This kind of community involvement was a contributory factor in winning the Pathfinder Award, which boosted fund-raising in the final stage. The Parish Council is grateful to Cambridgeshire County Council, who administered the award of £40,000 of Government funding, aimed at benefiting children between 8 and 13 years.

I know that the Playground Project team and the Parish Council are both proud of this project. We hope it is enjoyed by all for years to come. Time now to play …

Clare Byatt
At the Annual General Meeting of Whaddon Parish Council on 11 May 2009, Clare Byatt was elected as Chair. A post that she said she was happy to continue to hold but warned that it was likely that the Byatts would be moving from Whaddon. Nigel Strudwick was elected as Vice-Chair.

There followed the personal statement, which is the Annual Report of the Council’s proceedings during the previous year. This Report is in three parts:

1. A full list of Councillors and Addresses
2. A Summery of Council Accounts
3. An overview by the Chairman of the Council’s achievements over the period

Part 1. List of Councillors

Mrs Clare Byatt Chairman 01223 207429 Turpins Farmhouse, Church Street
Dr Nigel Strudwick Vice-chairman 01223 207434 3 Town Farm Close, Church Street
Ms Malan Peyton Councillor 01223 207358 Ermine Farm, Dyers Green
Mr Philip Neale Councillor 01223 207706 104 Bridge Street, Dyers Green
Mr Lee Ginger Councillor 01223 207688 99 Meldreth Road
Mr Chris Rose Councillor 01223 207174 136 Church Street
Mr Will Burchett Councillor 01223 208897 7 Bridge Street
Mrs Gabby Van Poortvliet Clerk/Finance Officer 01223 208450 134 Bridge Street, Dyers Green

Part 2. A Summery of Council Accounts

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Income includes £46,500 funds raised for the playground equipment. Expenditure includes £49,338 for the bus shelter and play equipment. Detailed accounts can be found on the website.

Part 3. Overview of Achievements

Little did any of us know, who listened to Ted’s Annual report a year ago, think that that would have been his last public Parish Council Meeting. Ted’s death in August 2009 was a sadness felt by all of us. I think that it is a huge tribute to Ted that nearly everything that I shall mention in this Report was started by him.

Thanks

I would like to express thanks and admiration to all Councillors and particularly our Clerk and Financial Officer for all the work that was done to carry the Council forward during the difficult summer. I would also like to add my appreciation for the help I have received from you all, and especially from Vice Chair Nigel Strudwick, while I have been Acting Chair and Chairman.

Information

Ted, in his Report last year, added that ‘to comply with the Freedom of Information Act 2004, this report will be published in the Newsletter and on the Parish website and posted on all Parish noticeboards.’
This is, therefore, an opportunity to thank Nigel Strudwick for operating the website for the benefit of the village, and Joan Pascoe for putting together the Newsletter and Phil Neale for contributing ‘Parish Council News’. It is also worth noting that in January 2009, the Parish Council adopted the Model Publication Scheme, documenting what information was held and how it could be accessed by members of the public.

Achievements

I think that the best way to continue this overview of the Council’s achievements, is to focus and thank individual Councillors for each of their contributions. I would like to add that over the ten meetings held during the twelve month period, attendance by Councillors has been good with good support from our District and County Councillors for which we thank you.

I’ll start with one of Ted’s last actions, a Review of the Whaddon Parish Action Plan of 2006. He held a meeting on 28 July 2008 to consider and update the recommendations of the original plan: eight actions had not gone forward for various reasons, five are in progress and ten have been completed. The revised plan was approved at the September meeting.

Transport

One of the recommendations in the Parish Plan was for improved public transport. I would like to thank Lee Ginger for exploring the introduction of a daily bus service. With the support of Linda Oliver, Lee has discussed timetabling and costs with the County and the provider of the service. On 5 February, Lee did an excellent job selling the idea to Meldreth Parish Council in the hope of getting their support but, regrettfully, it appears that the Council may not have been as successful in gathering responses from their villagers of Meldreth. Plans for the bus service continue.

However the new bus shelter was erected in the summer and Ted saw this before he died. Thanks to Lee and Pete Coningsby among others. The old shelter has provided an excellent service as hardcore for mending the potholes along the bridleway from Rose Cottage.

Environment

While on the subject of footpaths, I’d like to thank Phil Neale for overseeing the Parish Paths Partnership scheme – this is an opportunity for a small grant to be spent on improving village footpaths. Last year we received a new kissing gate for the boundary fence between the Recreation Ground and the church (yet to be erected) and all the footpath signs were repainted.

Thinking of signage, I’d like to thank Dave Chappell for renovating the Village Sign. Another village landmark is the phone box at the top of Bridge Street. This is now, minus the telephone equipment, the property of the Parish Council.

Other changes around the village: I’d like to thank Chris Rose, whom we were pleased to welcome as a Councillor in May 2008, for his research and presentations on the effect of bleeding canker disease in horse chestnut trees. Sadly we have lost the beautiful trees along the Recreation Ground but with our Tree Warden, Malan Peyton’s, guidance and the support of Roz Richardson, Tree Officer from SCDC, the horse chestnuts have been replaced with a row of hardy trees, a type of Sobus/Whitebeam cross. They appear to be thriving. Meanwhile the verges have benefited from Chris’ daffodil planting on behalf of the Parish Council and we are also grateful to members of the village for adding their own bulbs for everyone to enjoy.

Further attention has been paid to Whaddon’s verges. We have held two litterpicks during the year. Thanks to all who helped.
Projects
The most exciting project of the year has been the Whaddon Playground Project. Thank you Will Burchett and Neil Gallery for a really successful completion to two and a half year’s hard work and fundraising. It was a great opening ceremony on 25 April. We were delighted to welcome Will onto the Council in November.

The newest project in progress is the creation of a Design Statement for the village. I would like to thank David Grech and Claire Sime for leading the team and Phil for representing the Parish Council. We look forward to the first draft.

Whaddon’s biggest project is the refurbishment of the Village Hall. We are grateful to Nigel for chairing the Village Hall Committee and to Nigel and Lee for overseeing the appointment of an Architect to work with the Quantity Surveyor. The plans are now approved by SCDC. The Mechanical and Electrical Engineer’s report has been received and first estimate of costs. Ahead of the village now, is the formation of a Trust, registration of the land and fundraising.

Affordable Housing
Undoubtedly the most complex project in progress is the plans for Affordable Housing. Discussion about this has been going on for over five years.

During this last year members of the Parish Council continued to pledge their support for the Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association scheme in the knowledge that Cambridgeshire County Council has said that the Church Corner site is the only land it wishes to sell (June 2008). The Parish Council is aware that the site is controversial due to the proximity of a listed cottage. In August it was a disappointment to learn that SCDC Planning Officer was unlikely to give support to the scheme. Despite this, the Parish Council encouraged BPHA to continue with planning for this site even though it makes getting the project through Planning Committee that much more difficult. At the same time the PC wondered again about Pickering Farm but over the summer, the PC and BPHA attempts to contact the owner of Picking Farm site failed completely.

By Autumn BPHA had taken on a Planning Consultant to support their plans for Church Corner. In November BPHA reported that they had had an approach from John Cooper, developer of Pickering Farm. However by January 2009, the PC learnt that Cambridgeshire County Council intends to invoke the clause that they set in place when CCC sold the land to Mr Capon (the previous owner) to share in any additional monies gained by future development of back land excepting previously agreed commercial use. BPHA has reported that, since then, once again they have been unable to make any further contact with Mr Cooper.

In April BPHA came to give the Council a presentation of their revised scheme. Improved variety and use of materials is of benefit to the visual appeal of the houses (now all destined for rented accommodation). Whaddon needs this scheme. I would like to see the proximity to Rose Cottage and the Church in this prime position as force for good. This is “good-value” land so there should be financial scope for making this site a stunning contribution to the village: houses of exceedingly good design, good quality, eco-friendly homes with good integration into the village.

Neighbourhood Watch
I will conclude my report very speedily by referring to the success of Speedwatch and thanking Mike Monks and Malan for leading Neighbourhood Watch. Thank you, Nigel, for swiftly and successfully taking up the offer of Speedwatch training and getting the scheme set up with Neighbourhood Watch and Parish Council helpers.

Clare Byatt 11 May 2009
More than 90 Cambridgeshire walks to download and print FREE!

There’s no doubt about it, walking is good for you. It’s good for your heart, it’s good for your lungs, it’s good for the muscle and bone growth of your children and it’s good for your feeling of wellbeing! Strong scientific evidence now supports the many benefits to health of regular walking – it is recommended that we take at least 10,000 steps a day.

Studies show that walking can:
- Reduce the risk of coronary heart disease and stroke
- Lower blood pressure
- Reduce high cholesterol
- Reduce body fat
- Enhance mental well being

Walking offers a great way to help kids get the active habit. If parents express excitement about the prospect of a walk in the countryside, they are more likely to transmit this feeling to their children. It’s important to treat the walk as an exploration or adventure and to go at the child’s pace, no matter how often they want to stop and look at things; take treats to eat and plenty to drink; and head for some landmark that will appeal to them such as a castle, a playground, an ice cream van or a boating pond. If children experience walking as part of a fun activity they are more likely to want to go again.

So, how do you find out what is on offer? John Harris, a keen walker, got fed up with the lack of information on walks that were going on in the County. So, he decided that if he couldn’t find what he was looking for – he had better create it! So www.walkingincambridgeshire.co.uk came into being.

Details of more than 90 walks to download and print free, details of all the Cambridgeshire walking groups, maps and walk books – plus loads more information.

So check out the website and get walking!
TIMES PAST
SERIES 2 NUMBER 9
3 BOYS AND A BOMBER

The following account was given to us by Ted Webb, Chairman of the Parish Council until his death in 2008, and recalls an incident that happened during World War II in the fields behind his house in Bridge Street.

Memories of the Night of 24th July 1941
Edward John (Ted) Webb Age 14, 14 Bridge Street (now number 42), Whaddon.

This particular day in my life was very memorable because the evening/night was the nearest that our cottage would come to being demolished by a crashing Wellington Bomber from the airfield less than a mile away. The day had been the usual sort of day that a lad of 14 could expect, out of bed at 7am, off to school at Bassingbourn by 8am, back home at 4pm, tea and then play. Nothing spectacular about that, bed at the usual time of 8pm. Our tiny cottage had only two bedrooms. I therefore slept with my brothers Bernard and Sonny. Our father died when I was 9 years, so my mother and our three sisters slept in the main bedroom. It was a very cozy situation, in fact the whole cottage was exceedingly cozy. Looking back, in writing the memory of this part of my life, I remember how happy we all were.

This particular night both Bernard and myself had gone to bed, we usually took it in turns to read a chapter of a story. I cannot remember who the author was but it was a story about ‘Brer Rabbit’ or ‘Brer Fox’, one of many animal stories. In those days there were ‘no electric lights’, we went to bed by candle light. No sooner had we put the candle out and gone to sleep when there was a tremendous explosion, the whole house shook on its foundations. We were both shaken out of bed. There were many other smaller explosions and a continuous crackle of small arms ammunition. Looking out of our bedroom window the whole night sky was ablaze. Bernard and Sonny along with myself quickly dressed, mother and our sisters had already done so, we all went out to the hedge by the side of the meadow and the edge of our orchard to look. No more than 50 yards across the meadow we saw the blazing aircraft. People, as we thought, were desperately trying to rescue the crew.

In the meadow the Army had previously set up a ‘Searchlight Unit’ which was manned by a crew of some 15 soldiers. There were three large wooden huts, one of which was the sleeping quarters, and two large bell tents. The aircraft, a Wellington Bomber, had failed to lift off on take-off and had overshot the airfield, crossed the main A14 highway, (now the A1198), and continued across a field and come to rest by colliding with a large tree which was just alongside the hut used as sleeping quarters. It was a very dark night, I seem to remember it was about 10.45pm, all the soldiers were manning the searchlight equipment. The crew of the aircraft all escaped by jumping out of the craft whilst it was in motion. Looking through the ‘Station Diary’ for that night whilst I was visiting the ‘Public Records Office’ I came across the details of that particular aircraft and its demise that night. This visit to the PRO was in the year 2000, when I was seeking information on the loss of my brother Bernard and his aircraft on the night of 23/24 May 1944.

Back to the night of 27th July 1941. This aircraft, a Wellington Bomber, was delivered to RAF Bassington from 4 May 1941 from a holding unit for new aircraft. Its registration number was N2747 and was on a Training Flight. It was a complete write off.

Imagine the excitement that this caused to my family. Mother was not very excited just relieved that the cottage was still standing. Next day and for many days after we kids went searching for relics of the aircraft and empty ammunition cases. None of the Army personnel that night were injured. Our family became friends of those lads until the end of the War.
RENEWAL

As a splendid new play area on the recreation ground has recently been opened, we thought it would be interesting to look back to the beginnings of the recreation ground and early play equipment.

Money raised by villagers £478 15s 8d
Grants were obtained from:-
Ministry of Education £118
Playing Fields Association £290
CCC & RDC £411

Total £1297 15s 8d

£48 11s 11d remained when in November 1963 this committee had its final meeting.

After the school closed in 1962 negotiations had taken place to buy the school and use it as a Village Hall. When the Playing Field Committee was no longer needed it amalgamated with the Village Hall Committee.

Throughout the intervening years the equipment on the recreation ground was regularly inspected and maintained by professionals as well as local people and any necessary repairs and safety modifications carried out. In 1988 the original slide was deemed too high and was later redesigned and enhanced by the addition of wider steps and handrail and was mounted on a grassy hillock. The swings for smaller children had guard rails fitted.

The original 30ft slide which was erected in 1964 at a cost of £150 4s 6d with deep timber guards extra - £16 13s 6d.
This photograph appeared in the Royston Crow.

In September 1962 the recreation ground was officially opened by the then Chairman of the Parish Council, Jim Law, and Lord Luke the Chairman of the National Playing Field Association. For several year previous to this date the village Playing Fields Committee had been working hard and had raised nearly £500 towards the purchase of the field adjacent to the Village Hall.

The breakdown of costs was as follows:-

Purchase of land £409 9s 6d
Level and seeding £511
Gang mower £171
Fencing and gates £55 15s 6d
Compensation £6
Cutting & Rolling £11 6s 0d
Insurance £3 6s 3d
Sundries £15 8s 9d
Swings £32 17s 9d
Climbing Frame £33

Total £1249 3s 9d

S & J Ralls May 2009