USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Citizens Advice:
- Cambridge: 08448 487979
- Royston: 08444 111444

Councillors:
- County: Susan van de Ven: 07905 325574
- District: Nigel Cathcart: 01763 243637
  David McGaith: 01763 248249

Doctors:
- Orchard Surgery, Melbourn: 01763 260220
- The Health Centre, Royston: 01763 242981
- Market Hill Surgery, Royston: 01763 248111
- Roysia Surgery, Royston: 01763 243166

Hospital:
- Addenbrooke’s Hospital: 01223 245151

Police:
- Non emergency Number: 101

Samaritans:
- 08457 909090

Transport:
- National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950
- Stagecoach Cambus: 08706 082608

Utilities:
- Anglian Water: 08457 145145
- Cambridge Water Company: 01223 706050
- Electricity Emergency & Supply Loss: 08007 838838

Vets:
- Melbourne Veterinary Surgery: 01763 262696
- Royston Veterinary Surgery: 01763 242221

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Contact Kate French C 208207 or email kate.a.french@gmail.com
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Special rates for those within the village - ideal for birthday parties and most functions.

Please contact: whaddonvhrgt@gmail.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28th June  Coffee Morning
9th July  Cricket
10th July  Parish Council
12th July  Coffee Morning
15th July  Church Fete
19th July  Gardening Club
26th July  Coffee Morning
9th Aug  Coffee Morning
13th Aug  Cricket
16 Aug  Gardening Club (TBC)
20th Aug  Cricket
23rd Aug  Coffee Morning
3rd Sept  Cricket
6th Sept  Coffee Morning
10th Sept  Cricket
11th Sept  Parish Council
20th Sept  Gardening Club
24th Sept  Harvest Service

NEWSLETTER
The deadline for the next newsletter is 13th August
Once again items of village interest are always welcome.

Joan Pascoe C208062
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joanpascoe@aol.com

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LIST OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mr Lee Ginger  Chairman  C 208077  43 Bridge Street
Mrs Kate French  Vice chairman  C 208207  21 Bridge Street
Mr Will Elbourn  Councillor  C 208955  College Farm, Church Street
Prof. Tony Milton  Councillor  C 207105  Chestnut Tree Farm, Meldreth Road
Mr Randall Scott  Councillor  C 208253  26 Bridge Street
Dr Nigel Strudwick  Councillor  C 207434  3 Town Farm Close
Ms Amy Walker  Councillor  —  6 St Mary’s Close
Mrs Gabby Van Poortvliet  Clerk/Finance Officer  C 208450  134 Bridge Street, Dyers Green

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM

Mike Monks  Whaddon Village Coordinator  58 Bridge Street  C208236
Mal an Peyton  Deputy Village Coordinator  Ermine Farm, Dyers Green  C 207358

Coordinators:
Karen Coningsby  Meldreth Road/Church Corner  17 Church Street  C 207514
Carole Aldred  Church Street/Town Farm Close/ St Mary’s Close  104 Church Street  C 208147
Maria Mould  Lower Bridge Street/Ridgeway Close  39 Bridge Street  C 207231
Mike Monks  Upper Bridge Street  58 Bridge Street  C 208236
Mal an Peyton  Dyers Green  Ermine Farm, Dyers Green  C 207358

Local Enforcement:
Chief Inspector James Sutherland  Area Commander
T/Inspector Richard Isley  Safer Neighbourhood Manager
Detective Inspector Simon Harding  Area Crime Manager
Rachel Carr  Community Safety Officer

Neighbourhood Policing Team (Cambourne):
www.cambs.police.uk/LocalPolicing/SouthCambs/Cambourne/

Position Vacant  Sector Sergeant
James Lynch  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
Lyndsay Gardiner  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
As the weather brightens up and the sunshine starts brightening our weeks we welcome the longer, brighter nights and the opportunity to enjoy summer days and nights in the garden.

When powering up your BBQ’s and putting out the garden furniture for the summer season, be sure to take note of our top tips below to ensure you have a fun and safe summer in the garden.

- If cooking outdoors, always check barbeques over after winter storage, keep them on level ground and ensure they are sited away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and property
- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area and never leave the barbecue unattended
- If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.
- Don’t forget to stay safe around our county’s waterways and if you see someone in trouble in water, call 999 immediately with clear details of your location

When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent.

Do you own or run a business locally? Attend one of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service’s FREE business seminars and ‘keep your business in business’.

On average there are 165 fires in business premises each year and many of those businesses don’t go on to trade again.

Attend a FREE Business Seminar with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and get the support you need to keep your business safe from fire.

Whether your business runs out of a small industrial unit, is a side-street coffee shop or a licensed premise, our FREE workshops will help you to understand important legislation and build a comprehensive risk assessment to protect you and your business.

Seminars run across the county in various locations and can additionally be arranged ad-hoc to requirements wherever possible.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.
Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust

In the course of the last year, the activities of the Trust have very much begun to settle down, as all the planned works on the hall were finished in about April 2016. The last of these was of course the resurfacing of the car park. This has been a success, apart from the inevitable snagging that has happened.

Over the course of the year, the number of bookings has remained very healthy and seems to be showing a gradual constant increase. We have regular bookings for dog training, baby yoga, pilates and line dancing; without doubt the hall and recreation ground has become an attractive venue for events. The income from bookings now comfortably covers the running costs of the venue. Bumpkins’ misfortune to have a vehicle crash into their building by College Farm was the Trust’s unexpected gain, as we were able to give them full use of the hall for the couple of weeks when their building was out of action, and we thank the regular users who accommodated this unexpected disruption to their schedules. Another welcome extra source of income was Royston Thirds cricket team who requested the use of the hall and recreation ground for home games that could not be accommodated at Therfield.

A revised booking process for the hall has been adopted, and will be found in detail on the web site. In brief, a Google calendar, available via the web site, allows prospective hirers to see if the time they want is free, and they then contact the Secretary and take it from there. A new email address is available, whaddonvhrgt@gmail.com, and a mobile phone number will also shortly be available.

We have revised all the policy documents required of the Trust, and it is intended that all will become available on the village web site. A maintenance schedule is being developed, to ensure that all major features of the building are in good condition for the users; the first stage of this is to ensure that regular maintenance to the heating system is undertaken. This is over and above the legal requirements of maintaining the fire alarms and extinguishers and the emergency systems.

The finances of the Trust are healthy. The Treasurer writes “The trust has an excess of income over expenditure of £1782.55 in the year to 31st March 2017, compared to £2398.29 in the preceding year. During the year the carpark was resurfaced at a cost of £35682, for which £15300.00 was received from the Parish Council during the year. Lettings and donations totalled £9924, an increase of 55% over the preceding year, due to increased activity from the Dog Club, miscellaneous rental and to a one-off benefit from the Mother and Toddler group, that required temporary premises following an incident at Bumpkins. Expenditure, excluding rebuilding costs, however dropped to £5181.11, a fall of 19%, mainly due to lower maintenance costs. The cash balance at year end was £8377.81, which is 62% above the required buffer of 100% of annual expenditure. Accumulated funds amount to £7707.74, split £1432.72 for the playground fund and the remainder for the General fund. This is a reduction of £1249.24 from the preceding year, as funds were used for the carpark resurfacing.”
In the last edition of the News I discussed the difficulty of securing sheds and outbuildings. To this might be added garages, particularly those that are sited away from the house. Overall the past quarter had been quiet for Whaddon, at least as far as crime is concerned, but this changed when between 16 and 19 May at least two garages were broken into in Ridgeway Close. Power tools, a carpet cleaner and golf clubs were stolen. To the best of my recollection this is the first crime of this kind in Ridgeway Close.

Door-to-door selling: prior to the late May bank holiday a door-to-door seller was in Bridge Street/Dyers Green selling gravel: "left over from a job". It is suggested that he (Jim) may have short-changed his customers by not delivering the amount of gravel expected. He, or someone peddling the same line, has been in Bridge Street before. Door-to-door selling is not against the law so Jim is entitled to offer gravel for sale and as in any transaction it is between him and the customer to agree terms. That said, if there is a disparity between what the customer expected for his/her money and what was actually received then there is a problem - and that is being suggested here. If you have a gravel drive beware!!

National Neighbourhood Watch is strongly against door-to-door selling and actively discourages residents from buying this way. It can be a route to scams and worse.

We are a rural village with a number of farms in our midst but often farming issues do not get the publicity they deserve. Let me correct this by telling you about the RCAT. Cambridgeshire police re-formed the Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT) in early 2016 following concerns at the level of rural crime. The team of officers combats rural issues including hare coursing and poaching as well as using specialist skills to deal with other aspects of rural crime such as plant/tractor theft, heritage crime, arson, wildlife crime and illegal raves. Raising awareness of these issues in the local community is also important as rural village residents are often distant from the farming activities going on around them.

Hare coursing is a real issue in this part of the world causing damage to crops, harm to animal welfare and can threaten the rural economy. Intimidation and even violence are not unknown. Importantly, NFU, Countryside Watch and others support the RCAT. To report an incident of rural crime call 999 or 101 as appropriate and to contact the RCAT direct email RCAT@cambs.pnn.police.uk

The Trust is presently working with the Parish Council to formalise more clearly what of the annual outgoings should be covered by the Trust and what by the PC. Thus, the PC has always paid for the hall insurance as the owner of the property, and the working proposal is that the PC should not be approached for financial aid with regular maintenance, but an application for a grant would be made for any extraordinary works. For its part, the PC has kindly agreed to start a ring-fenced fund for any serious repairs that the hall will need as the renovations age.

In September 2016, both our Chairman, Jenna Lewis, and Vice-chairman and lettings person, Wendy Evans, stood down after years of sterling service to the Trust. I wish to acknowledge their immense contribution to the present excellent state of the hall. Jenna guided the Trust through the complicated process of the renovation project, and Wendy not only took charge of fundraising for the work that needed to be done (with great success I should add), but also oversaw the day-to-day progress of the work: since it was completed, she managed bookings and oversaw that the hall was in an acceptable state for users. The Trust and indeed the whole village of Whaddon is deeply grateful to them both, and their presence on the Trust is much missed.

The present composition of the Trust is:

Steve Argent Representitive of South Cambs Dog Training
Karen Coningsby Secretary, and representative of St Mary’s Church
Peter Haselden Treasurer, and representative of Whaddon Cricketers
Nigel Strudwick Acting Chairman, and representative of Whaddon PC
Amanda Sylvester Elected member
Deborah Townsend Elected member
Amy Walker Representative of Whaddon PC

In addition, there are two Holding Trustees, Lee Ginger and Terry Allison, whose role is to monitor the Trust and ensure that it adheres to the terms of the lease from the owners, Whaddon Parish Council.

There are two vacancies, and one current member has expressed a wish to stand down at the AGM. I am pleased to report that we have expressions of interest from three persons, Steve Coningsby, Wendy Scott and Bob Strawbridge, all of whom I hope we will elect and welcome at this AGM.

I believe the future of the WVHRGT is bright, so long as we can keep the hall looking as good as it is at the moment, and maintain a constant stream of bookings. Looking further ahead, although the major works have been completed, the garage is something of an eyesore and we hope that funds can be raised to renovate or replace it.
REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday 8.00 - 9.00pm Table Tennis
Wednesday 10.30 - 12.00 Coffee morning (Alt wks - see diary dates) 7.30 - 9.30pm Garden club (3rd Wed each month)
Thursday 6.30 - 7.30pm Pilates 7.30 - 8.30pm Pilates
Friday 6.30 - 8.00pm Dog training
Saturday 8.30 - 11.00am Dog training 6 week blocks
Sunday 8.30 - 11.00am Dog training

MAINLY GARDENING CLUB PROGRAMME

July to December 2017

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SHUTTLE BUS

We are considering providing a minibus shuttle service to Meldreth station for students travelling to Cambridge.

The service would operate Monday - Friday in term time, to meet a morning train to Cambridge and a late afternoon train from Cambridge, in our WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE 16 - SEAT MINIBUS.

There will be a fare charged to cover costs. We can only operate this service if there is sufficient regular demand.

If you would use it call 01763 245228 (24 hr answerphone) or email: info@roytrans.co.uk

Please give your name, contact number and address

PLEASE RESPOND NO LATER THAN JULY 17
ROYSTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT
Susan van de Ven - new County Councillor

Hello everyone. I’m delighted to have been elected as your new county councillor, and look forward enormously to working with you for the interests of everyone in Whaddon.

I will be holding two monthly drop-in advice surgeries: first Mondays at the Melbourn Hub, and third Mondays at The Limes Community Centre Bassingbourn, both from 3-4pm (except August). Please come along if you’d like to chat about anything in person. I’ll also be attending parish council meetings, and will post my parish council reports on the Whaddon page of my website. Please do contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas. My details are below.

Some of you are already signed up to my monthly Community Newsletter, which I send out by email – if you would like to receive it please let me know and I will add you to the mailing list.

Working with residents in our area who are concerned about public and subsidised bus services, we’ve set up the ‘Cam Vale Bus Users’ Group’ to act as a collective voice for essential transport links. As part of this initiative, Royston and District Community Transport are now prepared to offer a minibus shuttle service to Meldreth Station (early morning outward and late afternoon return), designed to support sixth form college students, from September. If you are interested, please fill out the accompanying survey (see opposite). This will be discussed at the next Cam Vale Bus Users Group meeting on July 19, 7:30-9:00pm, at The Limes Community Centre in Bassingbourn. Our new Mayor has been invited to attend to tell us how he intends to deploy his new bus franchising powers.

Many thanks.

Susan van de Ven, County Councillor
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Susanvandeven5@gmail.com, Tel 07905325574,
www.susanvandeven.com, @susanvandeven

The first match of the season for Whaddon First XI was at home to Sandon Strollers on 23 April. Spectators were treated to a thrilling match, with victory secured by Whaddon in the very last over of the day.

After winning the toss, Whaddon (under their new captain, Bob Strawbridge) put Sandon in to bat. The home team put on a strong performance in the field, with the bowling attack led by Peter Haselden who took 5 wickets for only 20 runs. Sandon batted their allocated 36 overs to end with a score of 187 for 9. In reply, Whaddon put on a steady performance that culminated in a nail-biting finish, with the home side winning by 1 run with only one ball remaining. Top scorers were Frank Huffer (52) and opening batsman Roger Van Poortvliett (37).

For a full (and much more entertaining) match report, see the village website. All fixtures appear on the online village calendar; supporters are always welcome.

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ST MARY’S CHURCH WHADDON

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
24th Sept 3:00pm
Come and decorate the church during the week. Your help is much appreciated

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION

Thank you for giving the British Red Cross your support. I am delighted to tell you that the collection in Whaddon raised £192.51 which will help people in crisis in the UK and overseas.

Thank you
Iris Green

BRITISH RED CROSS

You raised a fantastic £306.81 in total for Christian Aid from Whaddon this year – thanks so much to everybody who contributed via the door-to-door collection and for those who popped in envelopes to us later.

Many thanks!
Sue and Paul Sentance
114 Bridge Street

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Eternit Housing proposal scheme
The planning application is now scheduled to be heard at the 5th July South Cambs. Planning Committee.

Defibrillator for Whaddon
The defibrillator has been delivered but must be installed by an electrician. Quotes are being obtained with a view to installation as soon as is practicable.

Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs
The PC has been successful in its application to the Local Highways Initiative for a moveable vehicle activated speed sign to be positioned at four different points around the village. It is considered that they are effective in reminding people as to how fast they are driving and should reduce the speed of traffic in the village. Once installed, the PC will continue to monitor vehicle speed and will review all the speed control initiatives next year, with a view to see if an additional ‘pinch point’ can be justified.

Diseased trees on the playing field bank
The Clerk, Chair and Mrs M Peyton (Tree Officer) had met with an arboriculture specialist on 18th April. Mrs Peyton produced a report of the meeting which revealed that four trees had been killed by honey fungus which was present in the soil. Strimmer damage had made them susceptible to the fungus and it was anticipated that the remaining trees would also die over time. It was not possible to kill honey fungus and only one type of tree was resistant to it and could be used as a replacement (acer negundo). The Cllrs discussed whether to replace the trees or remove them, leaving a grassy bank. The four dead trees will be removed. Mrs Peyton also reported a dead cherry tree on the verge by Ridgeway Close. The PC decided to seek further views from the Gardening Club before agreeing a replacement strategy.

Replacement Village sign
David Grech has produced four draft designs for a replacement of the Whaddon sign at Ridgeway Close. The options will be reviewed by the PC at the June meeting and the next steps will be agreed.

PC Annual General Meeting
This was held as part of the May meeting and Cllr Lee Ginger was re-elected Chair and Cllr Kate French Vice Chair. The members of the Planning Committee and other external bodies all agreed to continue and Cllr Nigel Strudwick and Cllr Amy Walker will continue as the PC representatives on the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust.

At the May meeting, the PC welcomed County Councillor Susan van de Ven, who now represents Whaddon as part of the revised Bassingbourn and Melbourn County Council ward. The PC wish to place on record their sincere thanks to our outgoing County Councillor, Adrian Dent, for all his valuable assistance and advice when he represented Whaddon at the County Council.

All minutes of meetings are on the village website www.whaddon.org and on the notice board at the Village Hall in Church Street.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 10th July 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

SPEEDWATCH AND SPEEDING IN WHADDON

We need some more volunteers
If you are home during weekdays and can spare a couple of hours a month about volunteering to join the Speedwatch team. We draw on a small cadre of people who want to help counter the issue of speeding in the village. You have probably seen members of the team, normally three people, standing by the side of the road monitoring vehicles and recording details of those that are exceeding the speed limit. It is not an onerous task and the company can make it quite enjoyable. Besides, there is some satisfaction in reminding drivers that Whaddon takes speeding seriously. So what’s involved?

a) If you have some spare time during the week, usually in the early to mid-morning and mid to late afternoon then you would be very welcome. I contact members of the team each month to suggest a possible schedule and find out availability. Whaddon owns one quarter of the kit we use;
b) Training is provided by the police at Cambourne and takes a couple of hours on a Saturday morning;
c) Just contact me on: whaddonnhw@gmail.com. No more than 2-3 hours each month is required but having email is important;

Nothing could be easier so come and join us.

Mike Monks

WHADDON GOLF CENTRE

01223 207325
8.30 ‘til late

BAR
COFFEE
FOOD
SNACKS

VILLAGE SHOP
PAPERS
MILK
BREAD

JUST ASK US TO ORDER

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