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Non emergency Number 101

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Contact Angela Bridges, the Parish Clerk:
whaddonparishclerk@outlook.com

June 2019

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- **Village Rate:** £7 per hour
- **Non-village Rate:** £11 per hour

Please contact: whaddonvhrgt@gmail.com

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**Mobile Library**

Every 3rd Tuesday 10.00 - 10.30 Meldreth Road
- **Tuesday 18 June**
- **Tuesday 16 July**
- **Tuesday 20 August**

**NEWSLETTER**

The deadline for the next newsletter is **August 12th**.

Once again items of village interest are always welcome.

*Joan Pascoe C208062 joanpascoe@aol.com*

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**LIST OF PARISH COUNCILLORS**

- **Mr Lee Ginger** Chair 07850 lee.ginger@btinternet.com 252015 14 Carlton Rise, Melbourn SG8 6BZ
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- **Mrs Angela Bridges** Clerk/Finance Officer — 31 Bridge Street, whaddonparishcclerk@outlook.com

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- **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
- **Helen Smith** Upper Bridge Street 9 Bridge Street C 207631
- **Malan Peyton** Dyers Green Ermine Farm, Dyers Green C 207358

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www.cambs.police.uk/LocalPolicing/SouthCambs/Cambourne/

- **John Coppard** Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- **Lyndsay Gardiner** Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- **James Lynch** Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk. For a non-emergency matter dial 101.
SUSAN VAN de VEN Cambridgeshire County Councillor

Monthly Advice Surgeries:
Susan van de Ven holds two drop-in advice surgeries a month for anyone who has a question or concern.
1st Monday of the month The Hub, Melbourn, 3-4pm
3rd Monday of the month The Limes, Bassingbourn, 3-4pm
Alternatively if there are issues people would like to discuss at other times you can contact Susan on 07905325574 or susan@sclibdems.org.uk

Monthly Newsletter:
Susan writes a monthly e-newsletter on issues affecting our area – please do let her know if you’d like to receive it, or would like anything to be included in it.
Susan van de Ven
County Councillor for Bassingbourn, Melbourn, Meldreth and Whaddon

Heidi Allen MP
If you would like to contact Heidi about an issue or book a surgery appointment email: heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk
Tel: 01954 212707
The next local surgery:
Saturday 8th June 2019
Drop-in - No appointment needed
10.30am - 12.30pm
Gamlingay Village Primary
Station Road
Gamlingay
SG19 3HD

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PLANT SALE
Saturday 1st June 2019
Outside 108 Church Street
9am - 12noon
Raising funds to finance the Whaddon Wednesday Club speakers during the winter months. Wendy Evans and others will be there to help choose suitable plants.

Any remaining plants will be available after 1st June, at the above address, with an ‘honesty box’ for payment.

Whaddon Golf Centre
Real Ale Festival
Fri 7th, Sat 8th and Sun 9th June
Sunday: Morris Dancing and BBQ from 1pm
All Welcome
Golf Course and Range open as usual

Whaddon Whitsun Weekend 8 - 9 June 2019
This year’s Whitsun celebrations fall on 8 and 9 June (not the Bank Holiday weekend). We will be joined by dancers from Devil’s Dyke Morris Men, Manor Mill Morris and White Rose Morris Men. The main events are as follows:

Saturday 8th June
19.30 Folk Evening in the Village Hall
£13 (£10 concessions) including music, food and drink
Come and enjoy some ceilidh dancing: feel free to sing a song or tell a tale. It’s a chance to learn about the village’s own traditional Whitsun celebrations.

Sunday 9th June
Dancing around the village from 10.30 onwards. Details of the times and route will be posted on the village website soon.
12.30 Service for Pentecost at St Mary’s Church
After church, dancing at the Golf Centre, where Lorna and Richard will be hosting a beer festival as usual.
FETE DONATIONS
Last year we didn't do a collection around the village, and we will not be collecting again this year, but instead are asking villagers to bring tombola prizes, raffle prizes, produce, books and good quality bric-a-brac to the church and to leave it in the porch. We will check the porch regularly in the week before the fete and move all donated goods into the church for safe keeping.
Alternatively you can leave items for the fete at Spring Cottage, Bridge Street or 17 Church Street. If you need anything collecting please ring Karen Coningsby on 207514 or David Grech on 208938 and we will be happy to arrange a time to call and collect from you.
A big thank you to all the people in Whaddon who generously gave to the Red Cross collection this year. The sum of £217.37 was raised. Also a very big thank you to all the collectors in the village who, over the years have helped to raise funds for this worthwhile cause. 2019 is a year of anniversaries for the Red Cross in Whaddon.

As you can see from the photograph taken in 1919 – one hundred years of evidence that the village has supported this cause.

1979 – 40 years ago. It was then that I took over arranging the collections from two sisters, Kathleen and Doris Coningsby – the maiden aunts of Christopher, Peter and Stephen who still live in the village. Times have certainly changed over the years. In 2019 people do not have the ready cash in their houses as the world has become dominated by plastic cards and contactless banking.

I have decided that 2019 is the year for me to step down from organising the village collections. I would be very grateful if someone else could take over this worthwhile cause. My helpers have promised their continued support.

It has been a pleasure to meet and chat with the people in the village over the years and to witness the many changes that have happened. My grateful thanks to you all.

Iris Green C208072

ST MARY’S CHURCH WHADDON

CHURCH SERVICES

Whit Sunday - 9th June 12.30pm
Harvest Festival - 8th September 9.30am

Normal Sunday Services
1st Sunday Morning Prayer - Churchwardens
2nd Sunday Morning Worship
3rd Sunday Morning Prayer - Churchwardens
4th Sunday Holy Communion
5th Sunday Joint Service

Worried, with a Young Family?

‘Early Help’ is for everybody in the family: children, young people and adults. It’s your choice whether you have it or not. You might be worried about your child, or you and your family might start to experience some changes or difficulties that you just cannot manage by yourself. Whatever it is, there are a number of ways that Early Help can support you and your family so that small problems do not become big problems. You are welcome to contact the team on 01954 284672, email ChildAndFamilyCentre.South@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
WHADDON VILLAGE HALL and
RECREATION GROUND TRUST

FILM NIGHTS

Whaddon’s first film season came to a successful end with a special Monty Python screening, where lots of people entered into the spirit of the evening and got dressed up for the occasion. Across the three film evenings (which also saw screenings of The Blues Brothers and Mamma Mia), a total profit of over £500 was raised. A big thank you to all who attended and to those who helped to organise the fun evenings, with special thanks going out to Anita & Jonathan for the catering and Steve as our resident projectionist.

A further three film evenings will be arranged in the autumn, so watch out for announcements and please come along to have fun whilst supporting the upkeep of your local village hall and recreation ground. Should anyone have particular favourite films and suggestions for titles for the next season please get in touch with the village hall trust.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

BBQ - 31st August 2019. More details to follow

Whaddon’s Got Talent - May 2020. More details to follow. You have a year to decide what you can do!

More film nights to come in the autumn.

WHADDON WEDNESDAY PROGRAMME FOR 2019
(Third Wednesday of each month)

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Whaddon Wednesdays is now the established name for what had been Whaddon’s Mainly Gardening Club. We have tried to maintain a varied programme which will appeal to as many residents as possible. That said, it is a challenge to root people out of the comfort of their homes but we remain optimistic and with the warmer weather there may be a greater incentive to spend an evening with fellow residents in the village hall listening to an interesting speaker.

Since the last Whaddon News: in March we heard from the brilliant East Anglian Air Ambulance about their work operating their new, and more capable, H145 helicopter out of Cambridge Airport. They also operate an H145 out of Norwich Airport. They really do an excellent and necessary job almost entirely funded by donations.

In April we managed to break Malan and Michael Peyton away (it may have helped that Malan is on the WW committee) from building their new house in Dyers Green to talk to us about the increasingly popular activity of bee-keeping. They brought along all the necessary kit, but no bees, and certainly gave the activity meaning. Bees are quite simply fascinating creatures and as we are regularly being told, pollination plays a critical environmental role in our future welfare. For a complete change, on 15 May, Helen Gibson (no relation to Jan) will be talking on Timber-Framed Buildings in our part of the world.

Then in the following month on the 19th of June Jenny and David Grech will talk about the Wimpole 2018 Archaeological Dig, which precedes a new car park and visitor centre there. The dig uncovered a wealth of material together with evidence of a late Iron Age to early Roman rural settlement. Most of us find ourselves at Wimpole Hall at some time so we will be able to relate to what Jenny and David will have to say.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 17 July we plan to visit Newnham College Fellows’ Garden. We have managed to see many of Cambridge University’s fellows’ gardens over past years. They are always an enjoyable way to spend an afternoon.

In September, after our summer break, steam engine restoration is the topic when Stephen Lacey, an active enthusiast at the Nene Valley Railway, will divulge the secrets of bringing back to life: 92 Squadron, A Battle of Britain Class Locomotive - The Story of Her Restoration.

You will see that the Club is very active with many topics to talk about, all aiming to appeal to many tastes. Details of each event will be publicised via the village email system and the website. Everybody is most welcome and although we do have a number of regular attendees it would be a great pleasure to see other residents from the village join us. You would be most welcome. MM

Dog walkers

The Parish Council are receiving more and more complaints from residents and farmers about dog faeces/excrement and irresponsible dog behaviour. We must emphasise that all walkers must stick to paths and that animals must be controlled in a responsible way. Farmers have reported damage to crops and residents are concerned about the increase in dog faeces. Please clear up any dog fouling and dispose of it in one of the bins around the village or take it home. Too often dog waste is bagged and then just thrown away, often getting caught in bushes, which is totally unacceptable.

Lee Ginger
Chairman, Whaddon PC
The new village sign was unveiled on Saturday 20th April. David Grech, the designer, explains the rationale behind the design.

The new village sign references four themes from the village and its name. The name Whaddon means ‘wheat-hill’ and the design draws on the view towards the church from Whaddon Gap, with the tower rising above the trees at the highest point in the village, and seen across a field of wheat. The oak leaf and acorn represent the Whaddon Song, which historically was sung around the village at Whit and accompanied by the waving of branches taken from oak trees. This tradition was revived by Helen and Nigel Strudwick in 2005, and has now been re-established as an annual village event.

Before mains water was brought into the village in the middle of the twentieth century water was taken from a series of pumps and fountains around the village, which drew water from the chalk aquifers below the village. The design incorporates the surviving cast-iron 19th century fountain head from Bridge Street.

In 1842 the Rev John Stevens Henslow, a botanist and graduate of St John’s College Cambridge, discovered coprolite in Suffolk and identified that it was a potential source of phosphate which could be used in making fertiliser. His work eventually resulted in the widespread extraction of coprolite for fertiliser from Cambridgeshire in the latter half of the 19th century. Coprolite is fossilised dung which came from creatures that lived at the time of the dinosaurs, though it is not clear exactly which creatures produced the dung that formed this coprolite. The dinosaur is therefore a reference to the coprolite that was dug during the 19th century from the fields around the village.

David Grech

Village litter pick

This was held just after the sign unveiling and, unsurprisingly was very well supported! Thanks to the over 20 who people who scoured village and along Whaddon Gap collecting litter but it was very disappointing to see discarded litter along the road by the next Monday. Words fail me!

Other village projects

We have agreed to purchase a second Mobile Vehicle Activated System (speed monitoring camera) for the village as the first one really does seem to make a difference to speed when it is used at locations throughout the village. The PC has also agreed to fund new railings between the village hall and the recreation ground as the old railings are in a very poor condition now.

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 June 2019 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

Handyperson Needed for Whaddon

The Parish Council and Village Hall Trust need a Handyperson to work an average of two hours per week. Tasks would include regular annual maintenance work such as the upkeep of bus shelters, notice boards and our phone box library (not the books!) as well as regular equipment checks in the playground, checking the defibrillator, litter picking, path clearing and occasional ad-hoc jobs. If you are good at practical work, want to keep Whaddon and the recreation ground looking good and have a little spare time available this could be ideal for you.

You’ll work an average of two hours per week generally at times to suit you! For that we’ll pay you £10 per hour (which could amount to over £90 per month) and also reimburse you for any materials you use. This is a self-employed position and you will need to provide your own tools and invoice the Parish Council for the work you have done.

If you are interested please contact either Angela Bridges – Clerk to the Parish Council; email whaddonpcclerk@outlook.com or Lee Ginger – Chair of the Parish Council (Tel 07850 252015) for further information.
Replacement Village sign
Our splendid new sign unveiled to the village on Saturday April 20th at a ceremony attended by many villagers. David Grech, the designer of the sign, did the honours and spoke about his rationale for the design. We thank David for the really attractive design and also Steve Coningsby for his tireless work in restoring the seat at the base and for all his work erecting the sign. It really is an excellent welcome to people entering the village from Whaddon Gap.

Phone box to return!
The Parish Council agreed at May’s meeting to purchase a fully refurbished telephone box from the company who restore and market all of BT’s boxes. It will take a few more weeks before it arrives and is installed at the spot where the old box stood for many years. Villagers strongly supported the box being restored to the position of the old box in Bridge Street opposite Ridgeway Close and this was approved by the Parish Council at our April meeting.

East West railway
The Parish Council submitted their formal response to the East West Railway consultation after the very well-attended public meeting on the village hall. We now await the next stage, when a more definitive suggested route is to be revealed. This is unlikely to be before the end of the year and will be put out to another consultation process. We were very disappointed to see that Cambridge County Council supported the proposal that runs through our local area and they did not seem to have had any regard for the views that seem to have been put forward by many Cambridgeshire residents, stakeholders and transport professionals.

Safety and security drop-in session at the village hall
We are fortunate that Whaddon is a relatively crime-free community but the it was unfortunate that the recent drop-in crime session held with our local PCSOs at the village hall was not very well attended. This was even though it had been advertised several times through the village email system and in the March newsletter. The PCSOs are keen to talk to villagers about crime and security and especially internet crime, which can affect so many now. They have said that they will probably return at the July Church Fete and it is well worth paying them a visit because apart from their good advice, they also have some useful security products on sale at very good prices.

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WHADDON GOLF CENTRE - Quiz Nights
Thank to everyone who attended the enjoyable Quiz Nights during the winter months. The chosen charities were:

- British Legion Poppy Appeal £51.00
- Cambridge Rape Crisis £55.50
- Camsight £46.50
- Cancer Research U.K. £18.50
- Diabetes U.K. £83.50
- Great Ormond Street Children’s Hospital £55.50
- Macmillan Nurses £43.50
- MAGPAS Air Ambulance £17.00
- Mesothelioma Support £14.50
- St Martin-in-the-Fields Christmas Appeal £18.50

Total £404.00

Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Rail User Group meeting June 19
We meet next on June 19, 7:30-9:00PM, at Elin Way Community Room, Elin Way Meldreth, SG8 6LT. An agenda will be posted on our website nearer the time; this will include consideration of the Passenger Benefit Fund. All welcome.
TIMES PAST
Number 6

The Church Clock

The clock on the south facing wall of the tower is the gift of Dame Grace Pickering, second wife of Sir Henry Pickering Baronet. They occupied the Scalers manor house which stood just south-east of the church and was demolished in the early eighteen hundreds. Sir Henry’s father acquired it in 1648. Sir Henry died in 1705 and Dame Grace in 1732 and the following extract is from her will.

I give and bequeath to the parish church of Whaddon…. fifty pounds of good & lawful money of England, forty of it to sett up a good Clock in the steple of that church (if I don’t happen to do it as I design in my lifetime) with handsom dials each way, and the other ten pounds to keep it in repair and wound up as long as it will last and then I think the parish may afford to do it for themselves without thinking much of it.

The puzzle is that the clock has only one face in spite of her request. There is evidence in the tower that an attempt was made to provide a dial on the north side, even if the dial was not actually made. Exactly in line with the rod connected with the hand on the south face the hole is drilled through the splay of the single lancet window which gives light to the clock chamber. The corresponding lancet on the south side is blocked by the dial, as the one on the north would have been. Why it was abandoned we shall never know. Perhaps the task was too difficult.

When the tower was repaired in 1894 a new stone dial was given to the clock. The original dial had been squared-shaped set lozenge-wise and in 1894 it was recalled that the old dial had been made of red wood and painted blue. It was broken when men took it down for the purpose of repainting the figures. The clock has an hour hand only but when the new stone face was installed the hours were divided into minutes instead of quarters as was the custom on the dials of household clocks having only a single hand.

S & J Ralls March 2003

The Church Bells

The bells in the church tower bear the inscription MICHAEL DARBIE MADE ME 1671. However, Michael Darbie’s reputation and that of his brother John was not very high amongst bell founders and it is likely that he recast older bells to make the peal in Whaddon. An article written for the Antiquarian Society in 1881 says of Michael:

Michael’s wretched bells are to be found in many districts, for one specimen of his casting appears to have been enough for a neighbourhood. His only Cambridgeshire performance is the little peal at Whaddon in 1671…….

Research done on the frames for the Cambridgeshire Antiquarian Society maintains that there were bells here before the Reformation as the massive oak bell-frame, made of roughly squared tree trunks, is older than the bells and bears signs of having housed a peal differently arranged from later bells. It appears to be a three-bit frame of the 15th century which was altered, possibly in 1671, to take five bells.

Two of the bells were stolen and the story of their disappearance appeared in the Cambridge Chronicle of 4th October 1822.

On Sunday last, or early the next morning, the parish church of Whaddon in this county was robbed of two old damaged bells, which had lain on the ground floor of the tower for several years. How the sacriligious rascals entered the church is not known, as in the course of the Monday, when the bells were missed, all the doors and windows were found secured, as usual, by inwards bolts, as was the lock of the great south door. That the property was taken out at the north door, and put into a carriage at the gate at the north-east of the church yard, is clearly traceable, and about three o’clock a cart, heavily laden, was heard passing along the village street by several persons, and was seen by one, (it being bright moonlight), which was afterwards it appears, driven down a bye-lane and across Kneesworth field, to the Old North Road…….

AN ANNUAL TREAT

The Reverend Frank Conquest Clare and his wife, who ran the Sunday School, came to the village in 1943 and stayed until his death in 1952. During his stay Ascension Day was regarded as a very special day. The school, situated in the village hall until its closure in 1962, was closed for the day and children and parents went to a service in the Church. The children always went up into the tower to enjoy the magnificent view and tea and games followed in the afternoon. The Sunday School of 1947 gave a picture of Jesus with children which still hangs on the north wall of the church.

S & J Ralls May 2003