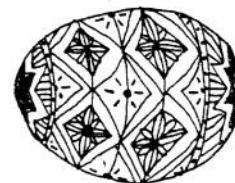


Whaddon News



March 1998



Sunday 22 March at 10 am

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

A united service

Taken by Brian Ogden

Creator of Maximus Mouse

In the Methodist Chapel, Whaddon

ALL WELCOME



Easter Cake Stall and Coffee Morning

with

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday 11 April

at 10.00 am

in the Parish Church,
Whaddon



Make a note of these Annual Meetings

VILLAGE HALL

Thursday 2 April 7.30pm

In the Village Hall

St MARY'S CHURCH

Tuesday 21 April 8pm

In the Parish Church

PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 18 May 8pm

In the Village Hall

Parish Council Meeting

Monday 16 March 7.30pm

Whaddon

A Conservation Area?

Come and hear Mr Clive Fletcher
South Cambs District Council
Design and Conservation Officer

Dates for your Diary

VILLAGE HALL FETE

Sunday 7 June

SUMMER BARBEQUE

Saturday 11 July

CHURCH FETE

Saturday 18 July



The Mobile Library is to run
on alternate FRIDAYS:

2.15-2.30pm Bridge St.

2.35-2.50pm
Meldreth
Road

**WITH THIS NEWSLETTER UPDATED INFORMATION
TO BE ADDED TO The History of Whaddon**
Please note you need to amend
the mobile Library times.
See above

Neighbourhood Watch

There is now a Webb Site on the International Worldwide Webb for neighbourhood watch news. The page gives Crime Prevention advice and some up to date crime information. The title is Community Watch page. You can contact the Crime Reduction Unit at Cambridge Parkside Police Station should you wish to access the page, they will give you any assistance you need. I do not understand computers very well and the above information came via voice mail so, if this seems a little vague, I apologise. I am sure you will find the experts you need at Parkside.

It has been brought to my notice that there is an organisation known as Countryside Watch. This is the name given to a similar set up as Neighbourhood Watch and School Watch which is designed for farms and, particularly, remote outbuildings. You may use the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators for any reports of suspicious activity, there is not a separate system in Whaddon.

A National Neighbourhood Watch Association has been set up. The purpose, briefly, is to promote N.W. in the media and with the Police themselves, to act as a lobbying force with Government Departments, Association of Chief Police Officers, Industry, Security Companies etc and to support local Co-ordinators Associations and Police. We in Whaddon are registered and I recently received a voting form to elect the Cambridgeshire representative. I have cast my vote for Mr. John Geoffrey Smith from Ely. I feel that he would be an able and objective representative who truly has Police/Public relations at heart. I have copies of the candidates' application forms and would be very happy to show them to any interested parties.

I am not aware of any crimes having been committed in Whaddon since my last report, let's all keep alert and ensure that remains the case. Please contact me on 207219 if you have any problems, I am here to help.



WELCOME TO WHADDON



Kate and Keith Harker have moved to Folly Cottage from Bassingbourn with Richard aged 13 and Sally aged 8. Kate's mum and dad Ray and Sylvia have come from Linton.

Village History.

Many of you know that I am researching the history of Whaddon. Our name is known in America as well. Several families left the area in the early part of the Century having been recruited by the Mormon Church. From time to time their descendants have come to Whaddon when tracing family roots and branches.

I have recently been contacted by a gentleman whose family was here in the 1650s! The men were builders and may well have been responsible for the construction of a lot of the older properties still remaining in the village. My own research has not reached that far back, as yet, but we have expressed the intention to exchange knowledge and to correspond further. The name is NORTHUP with various alternatives such as NORTHOP, NORTHOPPE etc. and a maiden name of MARLER. Stephen Northup was born in Whaddon in 1625, his father, Henry, was born in Buntingford (then Layston Parish) in 1601. The family appears to have come South from West Yorkshire in the mid 1500s. Should anybody know of any families in the area with any similar sounding surname I would be extremely pleased to hear from you. I have also heard of a Northrop House but cannot place it, does anyone out there know of one? Please let me know if you have.



LAST HURDLE BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Last November 29th the races came to the Whaddon Christmas Social. Betting was brisk but folks were well fortified by the wonderful spread put on by the Committee. The bar wet many whistles and a great time was had by all. The wonderful sum of £208.51p was raised towards Village Hall funds. There is a huge expense this year with the replacement of the floor so your help is greatly appreciated.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

A New Year has begun and the Parish Council has been supporting local campaigns as well as dealing with village affairs.

Wider issues

The Parish Council is unanimous in its view that Moorlands residential home should remain open and in the public sector. A letter was sent to John Holdich, chairman of the Social Services Committee, and the Parish Council was represented at the public meeting on 12 Feb in Meldreth when John Holdich and Liz Railton, director of Social Services, were challenged on their decision to close or sell the home.

Growth in South Cambs

Another issue that is pre-occupying members of the Council is the proposed growth that is forecast for Cambridgeshire. The Parish Council agreed at the last meeting to support the County Council Option no.1 *minimum growth* as being in the best interest of Whaddon and South Cambs generally.

However there is another option. We will have a report on this at the next meeting. It should be remembered that South Cambs has already agreed to nearly 9,500 new houses to be built between 1996 and 2006. The *minimum growth* option is adding another 13,000 houses to those planned already.

A number of the smaller villages in South Cambs feel that there is not the infrastructure to support any additional growth. There is simply not enough space on the roads, in the hospitals and schools. The impact on other services, such as water and on the environment will be too great.

Everybody in Whaddon will have received a questionnaire from the County Council. The District Council's concerns are expressed in their Newsletter.

Conservation area

To better protect our own village environment, the Parish Council is interested in examining the potential for designating some parts of the village as a conservation area. Whaddon is one of the few Cambridgeshire villages that do not have an area conserved and yet it is a place of interest, out of the 130 or so houses nearly 20% are listed buildings. The village is also unusual because it has three separate areas of development with countryside between.

The Parish Council in recognition of the special character of the village has suggested to South Cambs District Council that, in particular, it would like to protect the open layout. Mr Clive Fletcher, Design and Conservation Officer, will attend the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 16 March at 7.30pm. He is uncertain whether a conservation area is appropriate but would like to explain the issue more fully. He will also examine other planning measures that could be

applied. Do come and hear the consultation on Monday 16 March.

The stream, first task: de-silt

It is now over a year since the Parish Council agreed to set aside money to have made a weir at the point where the stream divides at the bottom of Bridge Street at the junction of the three surrounding properties. The weir was to be agreed, designed and constructed by the Environmental Agency and the agreement of the adjoining landowners was to be obtained. Plans were to be finalised in consultation.

During these discussions with the Environmental Agency, it was clear that the first task was to de-silt the ditch and culverts to ensure the water would flow and not cause flooding. Ownership, responsibility for, and levels of some of the culverts in Bridge Street were questioned. As part of this, Cambs CC's Highways Dept began some work. The Parish Council has also started some de-silting and is particularly grateful to the Coetzee Family for their support and tolerance during the clearance. Now it is worthwhile all owners in Bridge Street clearing their own.

Planning

A number of applications have been submitted over recent months. When the Parish Council sees plans it has the right to support or object to the application. In either case the plans go forward to South Cambs District Council where they may also be approved or rejected. Plans which have the approval of both the Parish Council and SC Planning Dept will be passed. When either the Parish Council or SC Planning Dept have objected, the plans go before the Planning Committee who make the final decision although appeals can be made. Listed buildings are legally subject to tighter controls.

Planning permission has been granted at The Grange and Green Farm, each with listed building consent; and at 72 Bridge Street and 130 Church Street. Permission has been refused at 128 Meldreth Road, which is under appeal, and 120 Church Street. Listed building consent was withheld at Chestnut Tree Farm.

Swings

The Parish Council had planned to put a toddler swing onto the Recreation Ground. Having looked into this project more fully and taken into account the age of the existing swings, the proposal is to replace the old swings with a new two-bay version. The new swing will carry two cradle-seat and two flat-seat swings and be mounted onto a bark and rubber mat safety area. At the same time the metal climbing frame will be secured to the ground on a new bark safety area.

Next meeting The next meeting is on Monday 16 March at 7.30pm. This is NOT the Annual Parish Meeting. **The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 18 May at 8pm.** Clare Byatt

NEWS...NEWS...NEWS...NEWS

There are two new babies in Bridge Street, Felicity Pearce was born in the summer and John Alexander Newberry arrived just in time for the Children's Christmas Party. Congratulations!

Mrs Doris Coningsby received recognition from Dr George Carey, The Archbishop of Canterbury, for the fifty years of hard work that she has done for the church. The fact that there was to be a presentation of a signed photograph of the Archbishop, at an evening service, was kept a secret from Doris beforehand. This was an idea that was masterminded by Lord Whaddon with great success.

Sandy Fisher would like to thank all who helped the Poppy Appeal. £146.28 was raised.

The Whaddonians made £263.18 at their Christmas Bazaar, an event that was shared by the Parish Church. St Mary's was raising funds for restoring the organ and made £176.

The Children's Society benefited by £86.46 from the Christingle Service and by £140.57 collected from the householders' boxes. Thank you to Norah Foster for counting all the pennies!

OBITUARIES

Whaddon lost one of its oldest residents recently. Mrs Fountain, Pen, to all who knew her, would have been 95 years old this year.

She had been ill for a while and although she had a brief spell in hospital last summer, Lorna Searle nursed her mother at home until her peaceful death just before Christmas.

Mrs Fountain had lived in Whaddon since 1981. Living here since the 1960s, Jenny Butler's mother, Mrs Reini, also died at the end of last year. After Jenny's father died, Lena married again and Mr and Mrs Reini were one of the first residents of Ridgeway Close, arriving in Whaddon soon after Jenny and Walter got married.

We express our condolences to both families.

Times of Services in Whaddon

Parish Church: 9.15am most weeks or see the noticeboards. John Armstrong can be reached in Bassingbourn 01763 243119.

Methodist Church: 10.00am. Contact Rev David Salmon. Tel 01223 503321

Sunday School: meets in the Methodist Schoolroom. Tel: Margaret Hewat 10763 247611



Tree Planting



There has been more tree planting in Whaddon. To mark their impending departure to New Zealand, Dick and Lorna Searle had the idea of planting some trees which will be of benefit to the village – both its human and wildlife population.

With the help of Cambridgeshire County Council Rural Group, and thanks to the Coningsby family, the trees are planted near Folly Cottage and, as a personal contribution, the Searles have also planted a corner of the meadow
THANK YOU



HELP !



The children of Green Hedges School **desperately** need you to walk beside them whilst they ride at Meldreth Manor Riding School. It would only require one hour of your time, from 1.30 - 2.30 on a Friday afternoon, during the school term.

If you are willing to help, please contact Marion Macdonald as soon as possible on:

01799 540054.

Thank you

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First Wednesday of each month

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Bassingbourn, Nr. Royston, Herts**

Tea & Coffee

Contact: Sue Simpson 01763-243350

Your contributions to the Newsletter are always welcome. Contact Clare Byatt, 207429, Ann Williams, 207779 or Margaret Wilson 207219