Mothering Sunday
FAMILY SERVICE
SUNDAY 21 MARCH

With Mothering Sunday posies
In the church, Whaddon
All welcome at 10.00 am
(Further details inside)

EASTER DAY

CHURCH SERVICE

JEFF WATSON
Archdeacon of Ely
is coming to take
Easter Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 11 April
9.15am
in St Mary’s Church

&

EASTER EGG HUNT

Calling all children
Come to church on Easter Morning
Sunday 11 April
at 9.15am

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard after the service

ALL WELCOME

CHORAL CONCERT

Saturday 8 May
7.30pm

Richard Harker
is bringing the
choir of Fitzwilliam College,
Cambridge
to the church
for an evening of singing:

Madrigals,
choral music,
partsongs

A varied evening of
music
from the well-known to the less familiar
March 2004

The Life of a Lifelong Whaddonian Lady

It is with great sadness we have to report the death of a true Whaddonian, Elizabeth (Betty) Webb. Betty lived at number 40 Bridge Street next door to her Brother Ted and his wife Jean. She passed away peacefully on Tuesday 17 February 2004 in Addenbrooke’s Hospital.

Born on 5th January 1922 Betty lived all her 82 years, apart from the times she worked away, in her cottage in Bridge Street. Her education began at the Church of England Infants School in the Village. At the age of 11 she went on to Meldreth Primary School where she won a Scholarship to the Cambridgeshire Technical College. There she studied Domestic Sciences and became an expert in Cookery, Bakery and Confectionery.

Notable amongst her many jobs was successfully taking on the position of head of Bakery and Confectionery at the Selfridges Stores in London, a job she held for several years. Whilst in London Betty spent many of her spare evenings lecturing at one of North London’s Polytechnics. Her subjects naturally were Bakery and Confectionery.

Betty had a great love for Whaddon and had many friends both in the Village and outside. Born in the Cottage in Bridge Street, she was the second eldest daughter in a family of three girls and three boys. Betty was a long time member of the Whaddonians over 60s Club where she made many more friends and went on many outings with the Club.

Betty was baptised in St Mary’s Parish Church and was then confirmed there. She regularly attended services there. Betty was a true Christian, now she lies at rest in the Church Yard.

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WHADDON POST OFFICE

Doesn’t time fly?

It is now more than ten years since the Post Office moved to the Golf Centre (October 1993) after it was in danger of closing.

Mr Ken Green has just been awarded a long service certificate to acknowledge this achievement. The benefits to the community in continuing to provide such a facility to the villagers are exactly the same in 2004 as they were in 1993.

Please support this service offered to our pensioners who choose to collect their pensions weekly from the Golf Centre and who enjoy the conviviality and friendship at the same time.

Times of opening are:
Thursday mornings 9 – 12 for
Pensions
T.V. licences
M.V.L. stamps
Stamps
Payment of bills.

ACCOMMODATION IN WHADDON

Need accommodation for friends or family?

College Farm offers traditional bed and breakfast in a 17th century farmhouse.
Enquiries to Lynette Elbourn C 208955

The New Recycling and Waste Collection Scheme

Residents in Whaddon will be delighted to hear that the Green Box / Wheelie Bin collection scheme for Whaddon has earned a grand total of £146, which will be paid into the Parish Council Coffers. Come along to the next Parish Council Meeting and tell us what it should be spent on.

WELCOME TO WHADDON

We are pleased to welcome David and Jenny Grech who have moved into Spring Cottage, Bridge Street.
March 2004

ST MARY’S PARISH CHURCH

Farewell, John!

Many of you will know by now that we are losing our Vicar, John Armstrong. With his wife, Vicki, John is to move to the two parishes of Southam and Ufton in Warwickshire, in the Diocese of Coventry.

John came to Whaddon and Bassingbourn as Priest-in-charge in November 1996 and held the Diocesan post of Youth Chaplain as well. In March 2002, he was made Vicar of both parishes.

John has worked tirelessly on behalf of the two villages. We will miss his guidance and his help in times of trouble. We’ve also appreciated all the many services he’s taken for us in Whaddon, especially the good times of Christmas, Easter and some lovely weddings. The church in Whaddon has grown since John arrived, particularly rewarding is to see the development of the Family Services. Orwell School will miss a conscientious Governor and the Ruup4it? Christian Youth Club will miss an enthusiastic leader. We wish John and Vicki every success in their new parishes.

Goodbye and God Bless!

Would you like to attend John’s Licensing Service at Ufton on Sunday 4 April? Let Clare Byatt know. There is likely to be a coach organised if there is the demand.

THE INTERREGNUM

Services at St Mary’s, Whaddon will continue while the process of finding a new Vicar takes place. This is likely to be a period of at least six months, even longer, maybe as much as a year.

But this is often an opportunity to enjoy varied and interesting preaching. The Churchwardens and The Parochial Church Council will maintain a schedule of services as close as possible to the present pattern:

- **First Sunday** Morning Prayer led by Stephen Brooker at 9.15am
- **Second Sunday** Communion Service 9.15am
- **Third Sunday** Communion Service alternating between 9.15am and 6pm
- **Fourth Sunday** Family Service 10am

Details on the board. Do come and join us!

Don’t Miss St Mary’s Forthcoming Dates

Saturday 8 May Choral Concert
Saturday 17 July The Church Fete

MOTHERING SUNDAY 21ST MARCH

10am

On Saturday 20th March at 3pm in the Church, a number of Dads and children will be making posies for all Mums for the Mothering Sunday Service.

Please do come along and help. The more that come the quicker the posies can be made.

Don’t forget . . .

our regular Family Services are now well-established and good fun . . .

Sharing and Learning together . . .

All welcome to these half-hour services AT 10.00 am 25 April, 23 May, 27 June
YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU

Following the recent cancellation and dwindling support for events organised by the village hall committee it seems that a call to arms is well overdue.

Both the current maintenance needs and any future plans for the hall can only be assured with the support and participation of the villagers of Whaddon.

What can you do?

? Come and join in our social events, look at our programme and put those dates in your diary now!
? Suggest some events to the hall committee that you feel would appeal to a greater number of villagers.
? Hire the hall for events, parties etc. Don’t forget you can also hire the marquee and furniture.
? Volunteer to help organise events, we are grateful for any contribution.
? Come and join the hall painting days on 8th & 9th May.

Don’t forget that the purpose of the village hall is not just to provide a venue, it is intended to be the centre of Whaddon, providing villagers with opportunities to come together and socialise as a community.

Mark Newberry
Chairman of the Village Hall Committee

VILLAGE HALL PAINTING DAYS

In an effort to brighten up the interior of the village hall, painting days have been arranged for 8th & 9th May.

We need your help, just bring a brush and we will supply the paint, ladders, cups of tea etc.

Even if you can only spare an hour, it will help. So please contact Mark Newberry (01223 207555) with details of when you can come along and how long you can help for.

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**Animal Crackers 2004**

Our family fun day, Animal Crackers, on Sunday, June 13th promises to be ‘Bigger and Better’! We already have promises for a display by the Eastern Region Carriage Driving Society, a series of dog performances, arranged by 4 Paws and possibly a walk about by an Alpaca from Steeple Morden.

Willersmill Zoo, Wood Green Animal Centre (Noddy the pony and Daisy the sheep), Mr Polly with his range of rescue animals, Raptor Foundation, Just Puppets are but a few who have already assured us they will be there.

The sideshows are looking good but we would welcome more offers of help. If you can assist for say an hour or more it means we can arrange rotas at the stalls. Give Ann Newberry a ring on 01223 207 555 if you are interested.

We are hunting down sponsors and will promise them they will be featured on the 8,000 promotional leaflets that will be distributed around the villages and towns of South Cambs and North Herts, in the programme on the day and over the P.A. If you have business colleagues or friends we can approach please let me know on 01223 207 213.

We shall have our very own logo. Look out for it in the Broadsheet that will be delivered very soon.

So hope you will be with us on the day. Is it in the diary?

Ken Charles
Event Manager

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**FIRE SAFETY**

It’s probably a sign of the times and an indication of how modern technology has eased the major household chores that the tradition of spring-cleaning has largely disappeared. Having said that, we should all take the time to set aside five minutes to carry out an annual ‘spring clean’ on one of the most important appliances in our homes. The smoke alarm.

In addition to the weekly battery check, once a year you should replace the batteries. You should also, as part of a six monthly routine, clean the inside of the smoke alarm to remove any dust or midges. Open the alarm or remove the cover and by using a soft brush or better still the gentle application of the vacuum cleaner nozzle, this will ensure that any foreign bodies that could affect the alarms operation are removed.

- Check Alarm Function Weekly
- Clean Alarm Six Monthly
- Replace Batteries Annually

Sadly, the Fire Service is still attending fires in domestic property where it is likely that a working smoke alarm would have given an early warning. Even more worrying is that, in some cases, although a smoke alarm had been fitted, it failed to operate because the batteries had been removed.

- Only remove the battery on replacement
- Never remove it to use elsewhere
- A WORKING SMOKE ALARM COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

For any advice on the installation of smoke alarms or any fire safety matters, please contact me, your Community Fire Safety Officer.

Tony Hibberd
Parkside Fire Station, Cambridge
01223 376252
tony.hibberd@cambsfire.gov.uk
March 2004

Cambridgeshire
And Hertfordshire
Farming & Wildlife
Advisory Group
01223 533643

Calling all Whaddon Farmers!

DEFRA are supporting the following project:

The Cam Catchment Sustainable Farming Project  A collaborative project working to enhance biodiversity and reduce the impact of agriculture in the Cam catchment area

Impartial advice on:

- Managing bankside habitats and establishing buffer zones
- Creating and managing wildlife habitats, including the pollarding of willows
- The responsible use of pesticides and fertilizers, especially in proximity to watercourses
- Control of potential problem species (plants or animals)
- Farm waste management and reducing soil erosion
- Agri-environment grant aid

For more information, advice or a free visit, contact the FWAG office tel. (above)

CARRY ON COMPOSTING

The Cambridgeshire Master Composter Programme is recruiting more volunteers this year!

Volunteers are required to provide a network of local, friendly advice and support to people who already compost and those who want to start,

Anyone over the age of 18 can become a Master Composter; you don’t need to be an expert composter (or be composting at all) or have any community group experience.

As a volunteer you will receive training in home composting and related environmental issues. All training expenses will be paid for; you only need to provide your time. Once the training has been completed, you will be expected to spend 30 hours over the following year promoting home composting. Upon completion of the training and 30 volunteer hours you will be awarded the title Master Composter and be awarded a certificate.

For further details please contact Penny Holmes:

tel 02476 308202
email pholmes@hdra.org.uk

ROYSTON COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Royston Community Transport operates in Royston and surrounding villages in both Hertfordshire and South Cambridgeshire and already takes passengers from South Cambs. to places such as Addenbrooke’s Hospital. There is a minimum charge of £2.50 for journeys up to six miles and 40p a mile thereafter. The scheme is available to anyone unable to use conventional public transport for reasons of age, impaired mobility or the unavailability of public transport. Vehicles with facilities for wheel chairs are now also available. RCT also welcomes applications from anyone interested in becoming a volunteer driver.

Royston Community Transport is based at Royston Hospital and can be contacted on 01763 245228 between 10am and 3pm.
**Petersfield School, Orwell forthcoming events:**

- **Quiz & Curry Evening:**
  Saturday 20th March, 7.30pm. Choice of mild, hot or veggie curry. Tickets £5 in advance only from the school office (call 207382).

- **Car Boot sale:**
  Saturday 15th May in the morning. £5 per pitch. Barbeque & bouncy castle. See village notice boards for details nearer the time. Start clearing out the attic!

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**Mother Goose Pre-school**

**Sponsored Bunny Hop:**
To take place during the week of 15-19 March. Emily, Joel, Finlay, Mark & David are all hoping to take part so sponsor them if you can. All funds go towards new equipment for the children to use.

**Open Day: Tuesday June 8th, 12.30pm:**
A chance for you to come and visit this popular local pre-school. There are places available for children age 2½ upwards from September and all prospective parents and children are invited. Children can start at any time during the academic year so this event will be of particular interest to you if you would like your child to start during the next 18 months. Call Kerry on C. 208572 for further details.

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**DEADLINE**

Deadline for the next newsletter will be 17th May 2004. This will ensure that all your summer events will be publicised in good time.
Contact Joan Pascoe C. 208062

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**JO JINGLES**

Music
Singing
Movement
Fun with music for children 6 months to 7 years
Further details on local classes call Rosemary Murphy 01462 682218

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Parish Council News

Some notes from recent meetings

A meeting was held with the Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association, at their request as an alternative organisation to the Rural Housing Trust, for the possible development of a low cost-housing site in the village. The Rural Housing Trust were prepared to develop and build the houses but were not prepared to offer financial help towards the development costs of the access road. In contrast the Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association offered to negotiate with the landowner not only a better deal for the housing site but also financial assistance towards the development of the access road. They confirmed that they would match the proposal to build initially eight dwellings as proposed by the RHT. Because of the tight schedule for making an application to the Central Authority for grant aid, the Bedford Pilgrims made the application forthwith. A further survey has been completed in the village to gather information on housing needs in Whaddon.

Discussions were had as to where the Parish Council would be involved in the allocation of the houses. This is a matter which, at the time the Parish Council were unhappy with the explanation given by Mike Sugden of the District Council. Bearing in mind that the whole scheme is dependent on the Parish Councils agreement, then we do need a firm answer on allocation. Both Housing Associations are still considered as options for a scheme. The Rural Housing Trust are still interested in working for a scheme in Whaddon but have now advised that we should await the outcome of the Grant application by the Bedford Pilgrims.

Susan Candlish of ACRE will be attending the Parish Council meeting on March 15th to help us advance the scheme.

Estimates for different options to refurbish the Chimney Stack of the Village Hall have been received. The most expensive option is to demolish and rebuild the Chimney from the shoulder upwards at £2620 + VAT. Options for the complete refurbishment of the Hall will be presented as one of the questions in a new survey form to be circulated to the village to gauge interest and understanding for exactly what the residents of Whaddon want from their Village Hall. A new group of Parishioners has been assembled, called The Village Hall Planning and Development Committee, to carry the project forward. The group is responsible to the Parish Council.

It is vitally important that we know what the Village wants from the Village Hall and how much money we should spend. The Parish allocation towards the costs would necessarily come from the Parish Councils annual Precept. When you receive the Survey form please complete it and return it with your considered replies.

There has been some discussion on the parking area at Whaddon Gap. The PC is concerned with dumping of rubbish and abandonment of burnt out cars in the car park. Some residents also believe the car park is bringing crime closer to the village. We do not want to have the car park closed as it provides a useful park for those wishing to walk dogs on the permissive bridleway. A height bar and solar powered lighting has been suggested. A letter has been written to the County Council to express our concern and obtain some suggestions.

The use of Bassingbourn Barracks old Airfield for motor rallies has caused concern in the village, because of the noise generated at weekends. There is a proposal to increase the number of weekends. The PC has written in opposition to the proposals and if residents have concerns they can write to the Bassingbourn County Council representative, Linda Oliver.

The Caravan Club have expressed a wish to return and use our Recreation Ground in 2004. This has been welcomed by the PC as it provides necessary money for the running of the Village Hall.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.30pm on Monday 15th March in the Village Hall. Come along and have your say and support your Councillors.
TIMES

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THE AMERICAN CONNECTION

During the middle part of the nineteenth century there was a wave of emigration to America. 85,000 pilgrims, 55,000 of them British, crossed the Atlantic. These were the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints or Mormons, formed in 1830 in America by John Smith. They travelled to join groups of other members of the church, Salt Lake City in Utah becoming their ultimate goal.

After the arrival of missionaries from America branches of this Church became active in this area during the nineteenth century. Records inform us that two people were baptised in Bassingbourn in 1837, the first two in Cambridgeshire, and that there was a branch in Whaddon in 1842. By 1847 it consisted of 39 members, 2 elders 3 priests and 1 teacher who “were generally speaking, in good standing, and felt determined to go on the way of truth.” Part of an old letter, source unknown, informs us that from Whaddon “a footpath mostly rideable leads to Barrington crossing the Cam by Kings Bridge where the Mormon missionaries of the 50s used to baptise.”

A very early preacher was John Bright a labourer who lived in Whaddon. A copy of a certificate exists as follows:-

This is to certify that John Bright has been received into the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, organized by the will and commandment of God in the United States of America, on the sixth day of April 1830 and has been ordained priest in a branch of the same in Waddon(sic) Cambridgeshire England, according to the rules and regulation of the said Church and is duly authorized to Preach the Gospel, agreeably to the authority of that Office: we, therefore, in the name and by the letter of this Church, grant unto this our Brother in the Lord, this letter of commendation as a proof of our fellowship and esteem, praying for his success and prosperity in our Redeemer’s cause Given under my hand at Waddon this 13th day of August in the year of our Lord 1842

LORENZO SNOW
President of the London Conference.

John Bright was married to Sarah from Littlington in 1839, daughter of a farm worker, Degrass Webb and was one of eleven children.

PAST

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On September 14th, 1844 he and his family set out for America. He was then aged 33. We are lucky to have a copy of his ticket to New Orleans from Liverpool in the Norfolk as a steerage passenger accompanied by his wife Sarah, aged 34, his son Jabez, aged 9, and daughters Hannah, aged 5, and Mary, aged 2, at a cost of £14.0s.0d.

After surviving the rigours of a passage in steerage and the overland journey they settled in Illinois where a group of Latter-Day Saints were settled.

Thereafter a steady stream of members from the district went to America and some people sent children ahead of them when there were insufficient funds for the family to go together. George Jacklin, son of John Jacklin, was sent in 1862. John Jacklin was a long-standing president of the Whaddon Branch and did not emigrate himself until 13 years later in 1875 when in the autumn John and Emma Jacklin travelled on the SS Wyoming with their daughter Sarah. He is thought to have lived in a cottage on the Green.

By 1870/80 the number of members of the church in the area reduced as more and more people emigrated and the groups were gradually disbanded. A few other emigrants to America from Whaddon included Moses and Noble Jacklin 1873 on the SS Nevada; George and Rhoda East and their 8 children in Autumn 1876 on the SS Wyoming; William and Martha Wayment and two children May-June 1878 on the SS Nevada; Jonathon and Julia Chapman July 1880 on the SS Winsconsin.

Since the rise in interest in genealogy there have been regular visits to the village by Americans descended from these early settlers and it must be interesting for them to meet what are distant relatives who still reside in the village and in fact still maintain a correspondence.
Fear of the Unknown
Going into Service

On Monday last there was considerable anxiety in the home of a resident of Whaddon through the non-return of one of his daughters who earlier in the day had been sent to Royston to see her sister and to do some shopping. A search was made for the girl as letters had been found of a disconcerting nature written by the girl. As she could not be found, the assistance of the police was invoked and on Wednesday morning P.c. Frost and the girl’s father who had heard a rumour that the missing girl was in Barkway met her near Royston on her way home. It seems that the only reason for the girl’s thoughtless act was her dread of going into service.

Royston Crow, December 13th, 1912.

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HELP?

WANTED, good PLAIN COOK, not under 25, no washing boots or knives. Apply or write, Mrs A. J. Palmer, the Moor, Whaddon.

Royston Crow, 24th October 1902

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SOUP FOR THE POOR

Through the generosity of Mrs E.J. Eames of the Vicarage, soup is given away twice a week to the old people, and those with large families, and is much appreciated in this cold weather.

Royston Crow, December 9th 1904

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CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

Not a good week for Whaddon!

On Tuesday last week a young lad named Bullen, in the employ of Mr W.T. Nash, had his leg broken. It appears he was engaged as shock(ste) boy in the field but returned to the farm and got with some other boys riding the elevator. They were riding on the shaft when Bullen fell off and broke the small bone of his leg in the spindle and if it had not been for the promptitude of the men on the stack he must have been killed. He was conveyed to Dr Bindloss of Melbourn and is, we hear going on satisfactorily.

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On Monday last a man named John Easy, who was working for the same gentleman, while building a wheat stack, had the misfortune to get a hair or straw into his eye. He went to Dr Stephen but was advised to go to Cambridge Hospital and the obstruction was removed and the eye is now going on nicely.

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A boy staying at Wendy Lodge got kicked by a colt in Mr Ablett’s meadow on Monday breaking the bridge of his nose. He was attended to by Dr Stephen.

Royston Crow September 26th, 1902

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Any information regarding anything in the past life of the village would be gratefully received. The old houses in the village have much history and people are interested in all kinds of details however insignificant they may seem. Unless recorded, facts will disappear for ever. Much interesting information never reaches the official records.

J & S Ralls February 2004
March 2004

WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

COMING SOON...

Moot

PC DAVID MARTIN
Community Beat Officer

WHADDON YOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

FIRE SAFETY EVENT 2004

SAWSTON SECTOR SUCCESS STORY
A MESSAGE FROM CAROL WILSON-SAWSTON SECTOR
COMMUNITY CONTACT OFFICER

“We are always thrilled when we have a success story – and one which will particularly please Sawston Sector residents is the arrest of three males, two of whom have subsequently been charged for the distraction burglary in Huntingdon Road, Sawston. Three men had worked for the aggrieved, one came to the back door and was paid, the second worker distracted the aggrieved at the front door. The third man was in the van and when they had gone, the aggrieved discovered his wallet had been taken. Fortunately, unknown to the offenders, the son who was upstairs felt uncomfortable about the workman and took a note of the registration number. Neighbours also gave descriptions. The offenders were arrested in Peterborough very soon afterwards.

This is what we really need on our Sector. People going with ‘gut’ feelings, who are vigilant/observant. As I go to various meetings, I give out incident report sheets to the Co-ordinators for their use. They are very useful, as they ask for descriptions/registration numbers of cars not normally seen in the area, descriptions of strangers in the area. In particular. Co-ordinators need to be wary of those acting suspiciously i.e. driving slowly round the area, trying rear garden gates etc. These reports may never be needed, but for all of the burglaries in Linton and Melbourn, just something, even seemingly trivial, would be a starting point for the police.”

CAROL WILSON

WHADDON CASHES CHEQUE INTO SAFETY
A MESSAGE FROM CHRIS FISHER-WHADDON NW CLUSTER CO-ORDINATOR

The Neighbourhood Watch has started to spend the prize money from the South Cambridgeshire Community Safety Competition on the key security measures promised to the community by the Neighbourhood Watch Committee. Overleaf you will be able to see what we have done so far in implementing the project. Saying this, at this point I would like to thank all the Committee members who have enabled the project to be such a success. The Co-ordinators have met monthly since October to complete the necessary training and to discuss the key areas of implementation, so thank you to all of you for all for all your hard work in making this happen. I would also like to express a special thank you to Sally Eley, Deputy Cluster Co-ordinator, who has worked hard taking and typing up the minutes of our monthly meetings and being an excellent organiser of Neighbourhood Watch meetings and events. Thanks Sally!

Whaddon Neighbourhood Watch has developed two new sectors recently, with the addition of Cardiff Place: North and Cardiff Place: South. Kevin Judd will manage Cardiff Place South and Jean Faithfull will co-ordinate Cardiff Place North.

I am also pleased to announce that the crime rate has remained low for the last few months, which is fabulous news.

Finally, I would like to point out that there will be some crime-reduction talks taking place over the next few months. Many of these are publicised here, and I look forward to seeing you at some of them in the near future.

CHRIS FISHER

CLUSTER CO-ORDINATOR
Chris Fisher
(01223) 208947

DEPUTY CLUSTER CO-ORDINATOR
Sally Eley
(01223) 207340

@ WhaddonNW@aol.com
March 2004

WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Wheelie Bin Initiative 2004

Last month the Neighbourhood Watch committee voted on a new initiative to make the village even safer.
If you are at home during the day and know that your neighbour is away at work or on holiday, make sure you wheel their bin back in place. In doing this, you are making the property less vulnerable, as the wheelie bin out at dusk, or days later, gives a distinct clue that nobody is at home.
If you are in a neighbourhood where most people are out at work, maybe one person can be allocated to wheel them all in when they get home from work? Perhaps this could be on a rostered basis; join us in our fight against crime by taking part. If you are joining the initiative tell your Co-ordinator, or email WhaddonNW@aol.com, as we would love to know!

Crimes Committed over last few months were:

- New dog kennel was stolen from outside house on 15th February between 18:30 & 19:30

DON'T FORGET THERE ARE MONTHLY UPDATES ON ALL NOTICE BOARDS

Co-Ordinators Roundup

Here is a roundup of some of the Co-ordinators concerns discussed at our meetings over the last few months.
- There is currently a mobile phone scam whereby you receive a message saying "Missed Call" showing the number 0709 020 3840. The last four numbers may vary but the first six numbers are always the same. They also text you and say you have a call on a voicemail box and call 0709 020 XXXX to get the message. If you call this number back, you will be charged £5.00 (fifty pounds) per minute! DO NOT CALL back numbers beginning with 0709.
- Please be aware of a confidence trick "a big withdrawal has been made on your account and further details are requested" - this gives the Confidence Trickster personal details.
- Concern is increasing over hare coursing.
- Please be aware of ATAM machine fraud, this is increasing, especially with HSBC bank use an ATM machine in an inner lobby as fraudsters acting as customers zoom into your account whilst you are making a transaction.

A SAFER WHADDON

Here is what the committee has done so far:

- Securing the lives of our elderly
  Locks, Chains, Spy-holes and surveillance lights have been bought to give the elderly better peace of mind.
- Educating our children on safety
  A poster competition took place in December to educate children between 2 and 11 about personal safety.
- The ultimate protection for our teenagers
  Personal alarms were given out at the Safety at Night talk 2004 to teenagers who wanted them.

Fighting crime before it is committed

Letters have been sent to the Police and local schools about better education on what happens when crimes are committed, in a bid to reduce local crime.

NEXT ISSUE...

- The ultimate safety check for your home.

YOU REPORTED...
The burst water main after the heavy snow in January. Hare Coursing in area. Door to door sellers.

COMING SOON...

SCHOOL EDUCATION
EVENT 2004
March

DISTRACTION
BURGLARY TALK 2004
April

HOME SAFETY TALK 2004
June