Mothering Sunday
SUNDAY 18 MARCH
FAMILY SERVICE
in the church
10 am
EVERYONE WELCOME
Calling all Dads and Youngsters:
“Come and help make posies for Sunday”
On Saturday 17 March
10 am in the church

Crafts & Coffee Fundraiser
SATURDAY 31 MARCH
10 — 11.30 am
Children’s Easter Crafts
Fun for the Family
Do come along to join in the fun or stay
for a coffee and a chat. Stay for 10
minutes or as long as you wish.
ALL WELCOME especially children—lots of activities

EASTER COMMUNION
9.15 am
in the church
EVERYONE WELCOME
especially children as the service will be
followed by:
EASTER EGG HUNT
in the churchyard

EASTER DAY
SUNDAY 8 APRIL
SUNRISE SERVICE
6 am
in the paddock at
Karen & Pete Coningsby’s
Drinks and hot cross buns
ALL WELCOME
AND

Future Social Events.
30th June Village BBQ
21st July Summer Social featuring a Jazz Band and Pimm’s & Strawberries
Autumn Quiz date to be confirmed.

worldwidewhaddon
Whaddon now has its very own website.
at www.whaddon.org
Log on to find out what’s going on, who does what or to learn about Whaddon’s history. You’ll be amazed at what a mine of information it is.
Help us to make it even more useful by adding more information or publicising any activities. And, if you run a business, have your details added – absolutely free!
Give me a ring on 207688 or send an email to lee.ginger@btinternet.com and I’ll get your words on line.

Lee Ginger
99 Meldreth Road

WHADDON GOLF CENTRE
01223 207325
OPEN: 8.30 ‘til late
MORE THAN GOLF
BAR
COFFEE AND SNACKS
FOOD
VILLAGE SHOP
PAPERS MILK BREAD
JUST ASK US TO ORDER

POPPY APPEAL
The annual British Legion Poppy Appeal collection raised a pleasing £192 in November 2006. Many thanks to the collectors – Flo Bye, Clare Byatt, Leah Walker and June Bradley for their stalwart efforts. I’ve decided to retire from organising the collection, but it would be a pity for the village not to have a door-to-door opportunity to contribute to the invaluable work of the Legion. If anyone would like to take over the organising from me, I’d be happy to help them to get started, so please call me on 208947. The collectors Flo, Clare, Leah and June have worked with me for a very long time, and I’d like to thank them again here; thanks also to Ann & Leslie Brandon for stepping in and helping out in emergencies.

Sandy Fisher
DURING LENT

Bassingbourn Church:
8pm on Wednesdays - a Lent Course exploring five aspects of prayer with different speakers, last one 28 March. All welcome.

Whaddon Church:
Thursday 5 April Maundy Service at 8pm

St Mary’s Church Charitable Giving.

We are pleased to report that The Children’s Society benefited from £125.59 collected during the candlelit Christingle Service in November. A further £237.58 was raised from the house boxes for the same cause.

In December, a service was held to coincide with World Aids Day, and £325.51 was sent to St Luke’s Hospital, Malawi. St Mary’s will continue to support both these causes, and others, this year.

St Luke’s Hospital, Malawi
Thursday 22 March, 10am

A chance to meet informally for a cup of coffee at the Golf Range to support this worthwhile cause:

There will be an update from Iris Green, whose nursing friend, Bridget Le Huray, has inspired our fund-raising, and a visual presentation of her work thanks to Tony

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL, St Mary’s Whaddon

In 2007 renewal of the church electoral roll takes place. No names are carried forward and everyone is invited to re-apply.

It is the first step in the system of representation for the Church of England. Those on the roll have the opportunity to vote for the Parochial Church Council (and, ultimately, influence decision making for the Church as a whole).

This is open to anyone living in the village, over the age of 16, baptised and a member of the Church of England. Ask Clare Byatt, 207 429, for an enrolment form.

CHOIR AT EASTER

Helen Strudwick would like to start an informal choir, in the church, to sing together from time-to-time for special occasions. The first opportunity is likely to be Easter. Anyone interested get in touch with Helen or Clare Byatt

Whaddon, St Mary’s Church Fete
Saturday 14 July

Make a note!
Whaddon Parish Council News—some recent items from the monthly meetings

A meeting has been set for 28th February between SCDC and Bedford Pilgrims Trust and will be attended by representatives from the PC. We assume that this meeting will confirm that the planners are happy with the Affordable Homes scheme, before the land is purchased.

A report on the Children’s Play Area, was prepared from Mr Neil Gallery and was presented to the PC meeting. The new Questionnaire recently sent out has had a good response with offers of help. A meeting in the Village Hall on 3rd February received a very large attendance and ideas have been put together to prioritize and select the most popular type of apparatus suggested in the questionnaires. Quotes will be obtained and funding will be applied for to South Cambs. District Council and other official bodies.

The present target is to secure funds by the end of March and have the new equipment installed by Easter weekend. Confirmation is required as to the level of funding available from SCDC in relation to the amount budgeted by the PC.

County Councillor Oliver reported that the ‘Chevron sign’ requested by the Parish Council would cost £53.55 for the sign and £150 approx. for erecting the sign. A member of the public had offered to install the sign. However, the County council representative has said that because of safety issues, this can only be done by them. This will be challenged by the PC.

Speed reductions checks through the village have been promised. A councillor asked why we seem to be continually ‘pushed down the list’ of requests for a reduction in the village speed limit. County Councillor Oliver stated that there is going to be a complete overhaul of the allocation of funds relating to Highways.

The PC insurance Company has reported that the damage caused to the Village Hall boundary wall by a neighbour’s tree trespass, is not covered by the policy. The neighbour is investigating his policy to provide cover for the cost of repairs.

The plans for refurbishment of the Village Hall, have been revised to reduce the size of the previous proposal, and these will be reviewed by the PC at a meeting on 28th February. It has been suggested and agreed that a structural engineer be engaged to give a report on the condition of the wooden floor. ProHelp will be approached for the services of a structural engineer to inspect the floor.

The PC has applied for membership of the Parish Path Partnership Scheme with the County Council. Very little has been done to the footpath network in the village over the past few years, and this scheme now gives us the opportunity for funds and support to improve the quality of our footpaths and bridleways as well as the sign posting and access points. As part of the initial application we have applied for funding to replace the kissing gates between Whaddon Green and Bridge Street.

It is disappointing that the permissive bridleways on County Council land in the South part of the village continue to be abused by motor vehicles. The surface in parts has now been turned into a muddy wasteland and walkers and riders must slip and slide their way around the fields. This amenity was created under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme by MAFF for farm conservation, the encouragement of wildlife and for the land manager to protect the countryside. Use of the bridleway by motor vehicles makes these ambitions difficult to achieve, and puts into question whether this amenity, as enjoyed up to now by parishioners, can survive.
Milton Country Park

A number of Parish Magazines have recently published reader concerns about the future of Milton Country Park. I would like to thank everyone for the huge support shown for the park.

At SCDC a number of officers are working very hard on finding a long-term solution to keeping the park open and financially viable. I would like to share with you the views of Cllr Ray Manning, new SCDC leader:

"The future of Milton Country Park is in the news again because of the 31 August 2007 deadline for arranging a plan for its long term future. I am pleased to report that, since Council decided that the processes for securing a long-term future for the park had to be sped up, progress has been significant.

"Now that SCDC has made it clear that it cannot and will not carry on subsidising the park, and that we are serious about finding another organisation to run it, discussions with prospective partners have moved on apace.

“Costs have been brought down considerably, making the park a more viable proposition for someone to take on, and car parking charges are bringing in extra revenue. The level of public support and an increase in visitor numbers encourages our belief that residents of South Cambridgeshire and surrounding areas really do appreciate the value of the park and will contribute towards it.

“Discussions are underway with a number of prospective partners and an agreement is likely to be reached in the near future. If there is no other solution in place by 31 August a charitable trust may be set up to run the park – which supporters and Parish Councils will be able to contribute to.

“The whole point of this exercise has been to find a viable long-term or permanent solution for the park which would otherwise always be under threat whenever savings had to be made. I think it is unlikely that the park will close, and am convinced that when everything is finalised the park’s future will be far more secure.”

At the end of March SCDC Members and officers will be meeting with all prospective partners who have shown an interest in the park’s future, many of which are charities with experience of running open spaces like Milton Country Park.

We are all working very hard to find the best solution to securing Milton Country park’s future and the situation is moving along rapidly. I will endeavour to keep you informed once firmer progress has been made.

Thank you for your support.

Cllr Vicky Ford
Community Development Portfolio Holder

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NEW COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY OFFICER

Mark Taylor has recently joined the team at South Cambs District of Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service. He is looking forward to getting out and about to try and ensure safety from fire in our community.

Mark explained, “I am available to talk to groups concerning any aspect of Community Fire Safety as well as working with schools and other educational organisations. We offer a free Home Fire Safety Check and, if necessary, will fit smoke detectors and I would urge people to take advantage of this offer”

District Manager Pat Kilby said, “I am delighted that Mark has joined the team. He comes with a lot of experience in this field and will be a great asset in enhancing Community Fire Safety in South Cambridgeshire”.

Mark can be contacted on 01223 376217.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17th March  

18th March

19th March

22nd March

31st March

8th April

16th April

6th May

21st May

26th/27th May

18th June

30th June

14th July

16th July

21st July

Posy Making

Mothering Sunday

Parish Council

Coffee at Golf Range

Crafts & Coffee

Easter Day

Parish Council

Newsletter Deadline

Parish Council

Morris Whit W’end

Parish Council

Village BBQ

Church Fete

Parish Council

Summer Social

DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter will be 6th May 2007. This will include details of summer events. Other items of village interest are always very welcome.

Please remember that Village Advertisements can now be placed subject to previously published conditions.

Contact Joan Pascoe C. 208062

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