**Mothering Sunday**

SUNDAY 14 MARCH

FAMILY SERVICE in the church
9.15 am
EVERYONE WELCOME

Calling all Dads and Youngsters:
“Come and help make posies for Sunday”
On Saturday 13 March

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

27th April 2010, Whaddon Village Hall 8 pm

For villagers to come along, hear reports on all the activities taking place in the village, and to ask questions on any subject they like.

Further details inside.

**Crafts & Coffee Fundraiser**

SATURDAY 27TH MARCH
10 am
in the Church

Children’s Easter Crafts
Fun for the Family
ALL WELCOME

**BUS SERVICE**

Six month trial Bus Service for Whaddon—see details in Parish Council News.

**EASTER DAY**

SUNDAY 4 APRIL

SUNRISE SERVICE
6 am
In field behind 17 Church Street
AND
EASTER SERVICE
10 am
in the Church
To be followed by:
EASTER EGG HUNT
in the churchyard

**Whitsun 2010**

Saturday 22 May: Folk Evening in the Village Hall
Sunday 23 May: Whit Sunday singing and Morris procession, with a church service at St Mary’s

More information inside.

Please be aware that the Whitsun weekend is not the bank holiday weekend.
Following Faded Footsteps....Memories of Petersfield and Whaddon Schools

Petersfield School has been awarded a grant from the Big Lottery Fund for its history project: Following Faded Footsteps.

The children are going to make a film, with the help of a professional film maker, about the history of the school and the old village schools which closed when Petersfield opened in 1962. All children at the school are involved in the project and some of the older ones would like to interview past pupils. Did you go to Petersfield or Whaddon school? Have you got any memories you would like to share?

If so, we would love to hear from you. You can contact the school on 01223 207382 and we will organise things from there.

All money raised will go towards the restoration of the Village Hall

PIANO

Piano free to anyone in village who can collect it from the Village Hall

Contact Wendy Evans C 207703

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter will be 15th May 2010. Items of village interest are always welcome.

Contact: Joan Pascoe C. 208062 joanpascoe@aol.com

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Whitsun 2010

This year, Whit Sunday is 23 May. As usual, we will be celebrating in traditional Whaddon style by singing the Whitsun Song and performing Morris dancing at various points around the village. There will be a service at St Mary’s church at 12 noon, after which there will be more dancing at the Golf Centre.

On the night before, we will be holding a folk evening in the Village Hall, with music provided by a scratch band of local musicians. If you would like to join the band, just bring an instrument; or if you feel like singing a song, why not have go? There will also be traditional English dancing, not forgetting the village's own dance: Up the Middle and Down the Sides. And there will be the usual refreshments.

More information about where and when things will be happening around will be circulated nearer the time, but for now please make a note in your diaries of the dates.

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Helen Strudwick
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Email hms12@cam.ac.uk

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Whaddon Parish Council News—some recent items of news.

Finance: The Council is pleased to announce that the Precept for 2010–2011 is unchanged from 2009–2010. This year the total amount will again be £15,950. Full details of this are available on the village web site (http://www.whaddon.org/pcm/Precept_Calculations_Communication_2010.pdf). We have committed an amount to the trial of the bus service (see below), and we are setting aside money in the hope that we can contribute to some speed reduction measures in the wake of the village data on the speed of vehicles in Whaddon. Furthermore, as it is five years since the present Parish Plan was produced, we are advised that we should make an allowance for the costs of producing the next plan.

Many villagers have found the aircraft aerobatics regularly performed close to Whaddon to be intrusive with the associated noise to be at an unacceptable level. Research has suggested that most of the aircraft involved originate from Little Gransden airfield and to seek clarification of the position the Parish Council invited Councillor Lister Wilson, Chairman of the Little Gransden Aerodrome Local Consultative Committee (LGALCC), who is also County Councillor for the Bourn Division, to address the January PC meeting on the situation at the airfield. The LGALCC is a forum for both complaints and praise and indeed not everybody finds the aerobatic activity unwelcome. It appears that the airfield is privately owned with the owners being on most occasions the aerobatic pilots. There is a history of complaints but it appears that the airfield operates within SCDC planning permission and as far as we can see these complaints have achieved very little. Nevertheless, there is a complaints procedure involving SCDC and the airfield operator and we intend to become involved in this by formally reporting incidents and taking a closer interest in the work of the LGALCC. The Clerk has requested that a representative from Whaddon join the LGALCC, and this will be put to their next meeting in April; information about the agreed procedure for reporting occasions where the aerobatics are thought by parishioners to be a nuisance is described on the village web site (http://www.whaddon.org/aerobatics.html).

The Affordable Homes story continues. It is hoped that the Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association will submit plans for approval at the end of February, making a planning decision most likely in April or May. The PC has only recently been told that the Pilgrims have to reapply for funding for the scheme from government money available in 2010–11, as the withdrawal of the original planning application in August meant that the funding lapsed. The PC is assured that present cutbacks are not expected to have any serious effect on this, and the site is still planned as eight dwellings for rent.

Discussions about the proposed lease with the PC’s advisors are still delaying the set-up of a Charitable Trust for the Village Hall, but there are now signs that a way forward can be found. An application has been made on behalf of the PC to the SCDC Communities Grant Fund for the hall refurbishment project. It is hoped that the result will be known some time in March.

It has been brought to the PC's attention that a proposal has been made to add a small Camping/Caravan site to Whaddon Golf Centre. Those who live immediately adjacent to the site have received information on how to comment from the Caravanning and Camping Club. Villagers can also find out more by contacting the Golf Centre, or talking to a member of the Parish Council. Such sites are exempted from the normal planning process and so the PC has no statutory role in the matter.

The proposal for a trial Bus Service for Whaddon has been agreed by the PC, the County and the operator; it will be funded for a six month trial by money from the PC. This way we will be able to ascertain whether there
is a real demand for a service, and also deal with one of the few remaining outstanding matters from the 2006 Parish Plan. The thrice-daily service, which starts at Guilden Morden, will run from Bassingbourn to Whaddon via Mettle Hill, through the village and continuing back onto the A1198 via Whaddon Gap and thence to Royston. It is hoped it can start in April or thereabouts.

Mike Monks has written elsewhere in this Newsletter about Speedwatch. The Playground Committee has agreed to pass over the remaining funds they raised for the playground to the Parish Council so that it can use them for the maintenance and further enhancement of the area. For its part, the PC has agreed to ‘Ring fence’ this money so that it can only be used for this purpose.

Two administrative matters: having a full Council as indicated in the last Newsletter and we now have a new chairman and vice-chairman, Cllrs Strudwick and Peyton respectively; Mrs Peyton chairs the Planning Committee. This year we will be introducing an Annual Parish Meeting for villagers, which will take place on the 27th April in the Village Hall. An announcement will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Nigel Strudwick
(Phil Neale is on holiday)

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**Annual Parish Meeting**

27th April 2010, Whaddon Village Hall 8 pm

The purpose of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) is to give a forum for villagers to come along, hear reports on all the activities taking place in the village, and to ask questions on any subject they like. This is a new departure for Whaddon, and it will take over many of the items which in the past have (not quite correctly) formed part of the Parish Council AGM, which will now become a much shorter meeting.

Although the APM has to be chaired by the PC Chairman, it is not a meeting of the PC, but a meeting of the village, but it is hoped that as many Councillors as are able will attend. All parishioners are urged to attend, and we will be offering refreshments from about 7:30 pm.

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By the standards of many of our neighbouring villages, the past twelve months have been quiet and relatively crime free in Whaddon. The single incident in the village since the last Whaddon News involved a break-in at Bumpkins (formerly the chapel) in Church Street where entry was forced and a camera stolen. The matter is with the police. We are lucky that we do not face the problems of anti-social behaviour that still plague Melbourn, Bassingbourn and Meldreth, which is a blessing hearing in mind the lack of any substantive police presence in the South Cambridgeshire villages. It is, therefore, pleasing to report at the beginning of a new year that from a crime point of view Whaddon continues to be a safe and pleasant place to live.

Over the past few months the police, through the e-cops system, have asked us to remind everybody of issues they feel need to be kept in mind in the local area. First metal prices are on the rise again with farm vehicle batteries being specifically targeted. Rogue traders continue to favour rural villages and distraction burglary remains a problem with older residents being most frequently targeted. Burglary, which has been on the rise in Cambridgeshire, has been the focus of local CID efforts. One recent success has put an individual behind bars who admitted to over 30 burglaries and vehicle thefts.

You may be aware that Melbourn police station land has been sold and the site closed. The intention is to build a police site at Melbourn Village College although the timeframe has yet to be announced. Meanwhile, the mobile police station will be used as a working base in Melbourn and other villages. If you want to meet the PCSOs, Lindsay Gardiner will be at the Melbourn site every Friday 3.00-5.00 pm and John Coppard at Bassingbourn Village College at the same times.

Finally, welcome to Maria Mould who has replaced Tony Gardner as a coordinators for Lower Bridge Street/Ridgeway Close.

Please remember – dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk and for a non-emergency matter call 0345 456 4564. If you report an incident to the police would you also let your coordinator know so that we can keep in touch with incidents in the village. Mike Monks
SPEEDWATCH & SPEEDING IN WHADDON

The Whaddon Speedwatch team like all other local villages participating in the scheme have not deployed over the past two months. A combination of icy weather, dark mornings and evenings and potholes have, we felt, encouraged most motorists to observe the speed limit. However, with the days getting longer we plan to start using the equipment again in the near future.

Speedwatch started in Whaddon in late March 2009 and by the end of the year our results were as follows:

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The full results are shown on the village website under the “neighbourhood watch” menu listing.

For your interest and information the following local villages work with us and use the same piece of equipment: Arrington, Bassingbourn, Haslingfield, Harlton, Hatley, Great Chishill, Meldreth and Wimpole.

Speedwatch is not being used in Whaddon to irritate motorists – we have a clear objective: namely, to build a database of speeding in the village to help support a case for physical speed reduction measures and ultimately a change in the speed limit. However, faced with all the problems of local authority finances, we already see considerable difficulties in obtaining external funding and are considering at Parish Council level, what might be achieved in the near term. Meanwhile, Speedwatch will continue……………….

WANTED- VOLUNTEERS

If excessive speeding in Whaddon concerns you then don’t just complain – do something about it and join the Speedwatch team. We need two volunteers to help. We share the kit with other local villages but try to deploy in Whaddon for a maximum of one weekday each week during which we can be active for two one hour sessions. If you have free time during the week and would you like to join the team (training will be given), please contact Mike Monks on 208236.

BVC PTA - Second Hand Book Sale

Masses of good books at really great prices, homemade cakes and refreshments at Bassingbourn Village College Saturday 13th March from 10.00am-3pm

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There will be a Lent Study Course on Tuesday evenings during Lent (23rd Feb, and 2nd, 9th 16th and 23rd March). This will take place at 7:30pm and will be hosted by Iris Green, Town Farm, Church St, Whaddon. The same course will be run on other days of the week, and at other times of day, in Bassingbourn. The course uses prepared material and will be in the form of a discussion group.

For more information please contact the Donald McFadyen, Iris Green or either of the Church Wardens.

Mothering Sunday 14th March

CALLING ALL DADS
Please come along to the Church
Saturday 13th March 10 am to make posies for all the Mums & Grandmas

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Indian Cookery, Reiki, Yoga, Ballet for Children, Ballroom & Salsa, Badminton,  

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