WHADDON NEWS

WANT A TIDY VILLAGE?
All help gratefully received for:
‘weeding’ round the Village Hall on Sun 27th March
and a ‘litter pick’ on Sat 23rd April.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Mon 18 April
This is not a Parish Council Meeting but for villagers to come along, hear reports on activities taking place in the village, and to ask questions on any subject they like. Suggestions for topics are welcome.
Further details inside.

ANYONE FOR CRICKET?
You will have seen the posters—now further information on Roller Christening, Thursday nets and the first match!
Please support this new venture.
All details inside.

JAZZ IN THE CHURCH
1st April 8.00 pm
Please support this fund raising evening.

VILLAGE HALL
Latest update on Trust status, future plans and email address for comments and questions.

WHITSUN 2011
Saturday 11 June: Folk Evening in the Village Hall
Sunday 12 June: Morris dancing and Whaddon Whitsun singing.
More information inside.

WHADDON BUS SERVICE
Use it or lose it!
Please make use of the services provided in order that they continue.

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Making a song and dance about Whitsun

Yes, it's that time of year again (or it soon will be) when roving Morris men are seen in the streets of Whaddon and the sound of the Whitsun song can be heard echoing around the village. This year Whit Sunday falls on 12 June and there will be a procession starting at approximately 10.30 am from the east end of Meldreth Road and the south end of Bridge Street. Please come out and support the dancers by watching them and hear the village's very own song as it is sung once again.

If you feel like dancing yourself, or just want to have a fun evening, come along to the Village Hall the previous evening where a live band will be playing for ceilidh dancing, singing or just listening. Your welcome to join in or not, as you like. The evening will begin at 7.30 and tickets will be on sale from mid-May.

Look out for the flier coming through your door with more details soon, or contact Helen Strudwick for more information (tel. 207434; email hms12@cam.ac.uk). And in the meantime, make a note in your diaries:

Saturday 11 June, folk evening in the Village Hall from 7.30 pm
Sunday 12 June, Morris dancing and Whaddon Whitsun song singing from 10.30 am

GOLF CENTRE CHARITY DONATIONS

The Quiz Nights held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Whaddon Golf Centre have successfully raised money for charities – the winning team choosing the charity. During 2010, the following charities have benefited from the generosity of the team members and Whaddon Golf Centre.

January  Haiti Earthquake Disaster Appeal
February Haiti Earthquake Disaster Appeal
March  Floods in Cockermouth
April Marie Curie
September Whaddon Church Organ Fund
October Whaddon Church Tower
November Help the Heroes
December Jimmy’s Night shelter

VILLAGE HALL AVAILABLE TO HIRE

Special rates for those within the village - ideal for birthday parties and most functions

Contact Wendy Evans
108, Church Street.

Whaddon Litter Picking

Another litter-picking session has been suggested for Easter. Would anyone interested in helping to collect litter on Saturday 23rd April please contact either: Gabby van Poortvliet on 208450 or Nigel Strudwick on 207434.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter will be 14th May 2011. Items of village interest are always welcome.

Joan Pascoe C. 208062
joanpascoe@aol.com

FREE
Child's bed - free to a good home
Contact: Jenna 01223 208500

WEEDING & ROLLING!

27th March starting at 10 am 'a weeding' around the Hall and 'Roller christening' day for cricket pitch. (For more details see Cricket Item)
**March 2011**

**Update on Whaddon Village Hall**

The Village Hall Trust has now been set up and has the following members:

**Holding Trustees:**
Lee Ginger and Terry Allison

**Managing Trustees:**
Jenna Lewis – Chairman
Karen Coningsby – Secretary
Peter Haselden – Treasurer
Wendy Evans – Vice Chairman & Letting Officer
Carol Ginger – Publicity (Events Organiser)
Andrew Buchanan – Fund Raising (Large scale)
Deborah Townsend – Events Organising
Neil Gallery and Will Burchett

The application for charitable status has been made to the Charity Commission and we expect the first feedback by 15 March 2010. The Village Hall has received a grant for £25,000 from South Cambridgeshire District Council and we have considered how to start using this as soon as possible to progress the renovation. The Trust has decided that we will get in quotes to renovate the large window at the front of the Hall and make a start on this as soon as practical. In parallel, as soon as the charitable status is confirmed, Lee and Andrew will progress applications for more substantial fund raising through grants from national bodies such as the National Lottery Fund. In the meantime, local fund raising will be a secondary focus.

The village hall plans and planning permission have been approved previously, but as part of the continuing refinement of the details for its future use, the Trust will undertake further consultation with the village community ensuring that all key groups are consulted including: young families, retired people, young adults and village businesses. Please contribute to the questions when the consultation comes around. If you wish to email the village hall Trust on any matter then there is a new email address whaddonhalltrust@whaddon.org.

We also feel the village hall needs an external face-lift and would like to have a working party to do some weeding and clearing at the front of the hall in April when the weather is better. This with the window renovation should allow us to see an improvement in the village hall this year. We would like to thank everyone in the village who has contributed to the various activities to make plans and raise money for the hall. We believe that through the setting up of the Trust, we are now a big step closer to the renovation itself.

Karen Coningsby and Jenna Lewis
Secretary                      Chairman

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**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

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March 2011

ST MARY’S PARISH CHURCH

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Mothering Sunday
3 APRIL
10am
EVERYONE WELCOME
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EASTER DAY

SUNDAY 24 APRIL
SUNRISE SERVICE
6 am
In field behind 17 Church Street
AND
EASTER SERVICE
9.15 am
in the Church
To be followed by:
EASTER EGG HUNT
in the Churchyard

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POPPY APPEAL

It might seem strange to be mentioning the Poppy Appeal at this time of the year but it is actually appropriate as Whaddon has been awarded the Diplock Trophy for 2009/2010 as the village in the whole of Cambridgeshire that made the greatest year on year improvement in donations. As the Poppy Appeal for that year ran until 30 September 2010 the award has just been made. Interestingly, Whaddon last won the trophy in 2002 when Sandy Fisher was the village coordinator. My thanks go to Flo Bye, Henry Burgess and Ken Green as well as all who donated at the Remembrance Service at St Mary’s church in November 2009.

Mike Monks
Spring is here (almost) which means hot summer afternoons playing cricket on the Rec are just round the corner. But before we can look forward to wristy cuts and wrong-uns in Whaddon (not to mention Peter’s home brew) there are a few small details we need to attend to so this is the first of few newsletters intended to update, notify and generally ask for stuff.

First up, please have a look at the distribution list and let Peter Nussey, Peter Haselden or Nigel Cook know (cricket@whaddon.org ) if there is anyone who wants to play cricket that is not included. In terms of matches we think we are going to have to focus of adults this year, but fear not, we will organise something for the juniors this season if the demand is there, so we would like to know all and any interested.


Crustless cucumber sandwich and tea experts: Anne Rose, Karen Coningsby, Carol Ginger

Scorers : Helen Strudwick, David Grech (jointly, no squabbling)

Upcoming events:

Roller christening: 27th March after the Church service, so around 10.30 am, we will be christening the steamroller on the Rec (not really steam but hey ho). The roller is an elderly gentleman from the 50s, sporting some Turbo markers on its side, so pretty much the latest model available. All are welcome, especially children (you may even get to drive it).

Nets: 14th April and 28th April we have organised a few Thursday night nets, starting at 7.30 pm in Comberton (in their community sports centre). More info will follow on this nearer to the time, via e-mail to those interested. It is worth mentioning at this point do not worry about either kit or ability we are hoping to be able to provide a certain amount of the former and frankly nobody is going to be bothered about the latter.

First match: 8th May is the chosen date for an intra-village match, to christen the wicket, on the Rec (in addition to this, we may well have a run around on 1st May, just as a loosener, again after Church).

First real match: 18th June is our first (and only confirmed) fixture is against Fleet Street's finest the Independent newspaper.

More on fixtures will follow but if you know of anyone who would like a game please let us know (we aim to play on Sundays, twice a month, mostly at home). We will keep you posted on developments but effectively we are hoping for approx. 8 games this season and we want to try and ensure everyone gets a game.

There is of course a substantial cost to getting started which was why, when we met last year, we asked people what they felt an appropriate membership fee would be. The consensus was £25 for adults. Whist this is not a request for cheques (yet) it is our intention to ask for this as an optional contribution please if you think this is inappropriate let us know.

Please look out for exciting future developments including starting the roller, painting the boundary and making a scoreboard but for now all you need to do is:

- Confirm whether you are available for 8th May (don’t worry if not, there will be other games)
- Let us know if nets are of interest
- Confirm that you are happy with membership fee

Thanks,
Peter Haselden
Pete Nussey
Nigel Cook, captain
E-mail address: cricket@whaddon.org

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Revised plans for the Affordable Homes have been circulated and agreed across the PC. All plans and updates have been shared with the residents of Rose Cottage and Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association had said that they need to start the building work by 31st March 2011 to secure funding. Archeological contractors for the County Council have dug several trenches on the site and evidence of some medieval settlement and trackways have been identified together with some objects found. It was also noted that the water table was only about 60 cm below the land surface and this is not expected to affect the proposed plans.

The Council has received revised proposals for the planned infill of Barrington Quarry. The new plans describe reducing the hours during the day and at weekends when train movements of infill material and works will take place on the site. These new timings are much more acceptable and should reduce the impact of any noise, vibrations or disruption to residents close to the site. The Council agreed to write and support the proposal.

The final meeting of the Village Hall Management and Fundraising Committee Trustees (VHMFC) took place in November on the same evening as the first meeting of the VH Trust. The VHMFC will be disbanded at the PC Annual meeting in May 2011. The Trust has been set up and registered with the Charities Commission. The first money from grants has been received and it is planned to go ahead and replace the large window at the front of the hall which is in very bad repair.

Traveller sites proposals - two additional pitches for the Whaddon New Farm site had been approved. It was confirmed that these two pitches could result on more than one actual caravan or residence on each site. The proposal for a site at Spring Lane, Bassingbourn has been withdrawn. A new site has been proposed for the site of the old Sunday market on the A1198 at Kneesworth. These proposals may be affected by the new Localism Bill. This Bill is attempting to gain new freedoms and flexibilities for local government, new rights and powers for communities and individuals, and to make the planning system more democratic and efficient. It is therefore likely that any decisions on the new site proposal will take some time.

Speeding in Whaddon - Various ideas for signage to prevent cars speeding in Bridge Street was discussed. The biggest problem is where to position the signs and what type of support to use. Councillors agreed to survey the street scene and produce proposals for the positioning. The PC have submitted comments to CCC Highways regarding the proposed 50 mph speed limit between Whaddon Gap and Kneesworth. A 40 mph speed limit has been requested by the PC. It is unlikely that this can be achieved.

The PC Village Precept for 2011-2012 has been kept at last year’s level and was approved at the last PC meeting. The actual amount charged per householder will decrease in real terms as there are now more houses in the village to be divided into the sum total.

The Golf Centre had applied to the Camping and Caravanning Club (C&CC) requesting to move their certificated campsite to a new area to the left of the golf range. No clear commitment about the exact location has been possible so far. Some opposition to the moved site has been received because it is believed that the pitches will be visible from the churchyard and the old vicarage. The PC has asked the C&CC to hold their decision until the exact location of the site is clear, and to treat the application as a new site rather than an amendment to the existing site. Applications for certified sites do not have to follow usual planning regulations and the PC is not a statutory consultee.

Compiled by PJN
**Annual Parish Meeting**

The APM, first held last year, will take place on Monday 18 April. The meeting will start at 20:00, with refreshments available from 19:30. The APM is not a meeting of the Parish Council, although it will be led by the Chairman, but is a chance for villagers to meet, learn about and discuss matters relevant to the village. To that end, we’d like to know topics about which people would like to hear. If anyone has ideas, or wants to offer to talk to everyone, can they please submit ideas to Nigel Strudwick on 207434, or ncs3@cam.ac.uk. Reports will also be given by the main groups in the village.

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**List of Councillors**

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**Parish Plan**

A Parish Plan was successfully drawn up by a steering group of villagers in 2005–2006. It gave the Parish Council information to enable it to address the main concerns and wishes of villagers, most of which have been successfully carried out. Plans should be redone every five years, which means we should be doing one in 2011. It is essential that as wide a range of villagers as possible should form the steering group, and it must not be monopolised by the usual suspects! Could villagers who would like to be involved contact either Lee Ginger on 207688 or Chris Rose on 207174 to indicate their interest?

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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Unfortunately, having had a near crime-free record for 2010, the theft of a chainsaw and strimmer from a barn in Church Street at the end of January got 2011 off to a bad start. Nevertheless, we still retain a remarkably good record in comparison to nearby villages which is something to be proud of. The theft of lead from churches has reared its ugly head once more and the police have visited St Mary’s to provide an update on the situation. Please keep an eye open when you are passing the church for any unusual activity, especially as scaffolding is being erected, and let the churchwardens know: Karen Coningsby 01223 207514 or David Grech 01223 208938 or your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator listed below. Finally, in the last month a company has been calling older Whaddon residents selling security systems and seeking a home appointment. This is legal but, I would suggest, just like door-to-door selling, well worth avoiding.

You may have read in the media of the launch of a new national website providing more local information about crime and anti-social behaviour at street level. The online mapping facility allows users to view local figures for crime broken down into: burglary, robbery, vehicle crime, anti-social behaviour and other crimes. This is presented on a monthly basis by simply putting in your postcode. The site is: http://www.police.uk
You may also have read that it has had some initial teething problems; nevertheless, the site is a genuine attempt to keep people informed about local problems. It is also worth noting that some Whaddon postcodes can include Kneesworth Hospital and the western end of Meldreth.

The new Chief Constable, Mr Simon Parr, has used the web to inform the Cambridgeshire public on the changes he wants to make in the county much, of course, being driven by budget cuts but he also gives his own views on how policing should change. He has made four short films that can be viewed on You Tube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvZBSmdz988 or on the Cambs police website at: http://www.cambs.police.uk/about/chief/vodcast.asp. The first film focuses on the budget reductions and what that means for the constabulary; the second looks at collaboration and how he plans to deliver a balanced budget while delivering what the public needs from policing; the third focuses on performance and how he wants to transfer the fear of crime from the public to the criminal and finally the fourth film looks at public involvement and how he sees new way of the police doing business. Each film is 4-5 minutes long and is worth a little of your time IF you have a computer of course!

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| Local law enforcement: |  |
| Inspector Chris Savage (Sawston) | Sector Inspector |
| Sergeant Jon Capes (Cambourne) | Sector Sergeant |

| Neighbourhood Policing Team: |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| PC Clair List               | Neighbourhood Policing Constable |
| James Lynch                 | Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) |
| Lyndsay Gardiner            | Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) |
SPEEDWATCH & SPEEDING IN WHADDON

Faced with low temperatures, limited daylight and filthy number plates the Whaddon Speedwatch team, like most of the local villages, wisely decided to take a short sabbatical over the Winter months. However, we will be back in action very soon encouraging motorists to abide by the inappropriately high speed limit in the village. Over the last two years one in seven vehicles has been speeding, some in excess of 60mph. There is a meeting with the police on 7 March in which many of the issues that undermine the effectiveness of Speedwatch are to be discussed and hopefully resolved. Inadequate speed limits will certainly be raised.

On the subject of speed and with longer days and hopefully warmer weather, we can expect to see children playing in the streets, particularly in Bridge Street. It is worth remembering what the Parish Council had to say in the last Whaddon news:

“Concern has been expressed to the Parish Council by some residents about the risks to children playing in Bridge Street from vehicles which, while being driven within the 40mph speed limit, are exceeding what many would consider a safe and considerate speed. Of course, it is perfectly normal for children not only to play in the road but also to climb the trees and explore the ditches. This is what being young is all about; however, the children often show little regard for their safety and unfortunately many drivers exceed what common-sense should suggest is a safe speed on a narrow single lane road.

The Parish Council asks parents of these young children to stress the importance of road safety and respect for traffic. Also, all residents are asked not to exceed a safe and sensible 20-25mph and to encourage some of the worst offenders, namely, courier and trades vans to slow down.

Meanwhile, efforts continue to be made to have the speed limit reduced (we are not optimistic in the short term) and we will see if a road safety presentation from the police can be arranged for the children in the Village Hall.”

The police have been approached about a road safety presentation.
New bus times between Whaddon and Royston

GOING
- buses leave from the top of Bridge Street for Royston Tesco, Railway and Bus Stations at:

08h28 on Mondays to Saturdays – Bus 127
09h40 on Wednesdays only – Bus 15
10h08 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays – Bus 127

Fares to Royston from Whaddon on Bus 127 are £1.45 single, £2.60 return
( It’s free for over 60s with a Concessionary Bus Pass.)

COMING BACK
Tell the driver if you want to travel to Whaddon
- buses leave Royston Bus Station at:

12h30 on Wednesdays only – Bus 15
13h10 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays – Bus 127
17h10 on Mondays to Saturdays – Bus 127
All buses pick up at Royston Station and Tesco.

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It is vital that we use the buses because with so many cuts to services about to be made it will be very easy for the buses to be taken away from us if they aren’t used.
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CHILDREN’S HOSPICE ANTIQUES FAIR
Orwell Village Hall
Sunday 10th April
10 am—4.30 pm
Admission £1
(Early entry 9.30 am—£2)

BRIDGE CLUB
Bassingbourn Bridge Club are looking for new members.
Anyone interested please call Terry Allison on 01223 207710