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# Newsletter

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Joan Pascoe  C 208062  joanpascoe@aol.com

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2012 is an exciting year for Petersfield Church of England (Aided) Primary School in Orwell, as it marks our 50th anniversary birthday! The school has served Whaddon since it opened in 1962 when the children from Whaddon School (now the village hall) transferred there. The school has maintained strong links with the village ever since.

So, to mark this golden milestone, we plan to host a series of celebratory events all designed with pupils ‘past and present’ in mind and we want as many of you as possible to get involved. We aim to piece together a History Wall for Petersfield, depicting some of the school’s historic events over the last 50 years. We are inviting pupils, staff and parents, ‘past and present’, to share their stories, pictures or memories, so that we can build this unique exhibition and recreate history.

The History Wall will be exhibited towards the end of May at a special open day and tea party as part of the anniversary celebrations. The PTA are also celebrating this golden milestone with a Golden Ball on Saturday 19th May, which promises to be a night to remember. In addition, on the 22nd June, we will be joined by the Bishop of Ely who will hold a special service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew’s Orwell, after which, the children will recreate the opening parade through the village.

So if you or your children attended Petersfield Primary School, if you have a story to tell, a picture that depicts life at the school, or simply want to join school in these amazing celebrations, do get in touch. Mrs Amanda Tuck at the school would love to hear from you. Please contact the school on 01223 207382.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PETERSFIELD!

WHADDON MAKES WHOOPEEE!!

To celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

The entire village is invited to join in on Monday 4th of June for a whole of Whaddon Street Party. The Parish Council has funding available to ensure that the village residents have a happy celebratory day free of charge.

More details will follow in the form of a leaflet, which will be delivered, when plans are finalised. Anyone willing to help with planning and catering etc on the day please contact any village hall management committee member.

SO………..

PENCIL IN THE DATE:

Monday 4th June at 2 pm

JUBILEE OAK

We have our own Jubilee oak, planted a few months ago opposite the bus stop in Church Street. If anyone listens to the Archers you will have heard how much fuss they made of their Jubilee Oak! So THANKS to Malan Peyton for moving quickly to reserve one of the few on offer for South Cambridgeshire for our village. Thanks also to Andrew Grimmer tree officer for South Cambs. We may not see the benefit but hopefully the children in the village will remember when this was planted.

Wendy Evans
THE WHADDON WADDLE

Sunday 25th March at 11am
(Rain or Shine)

In aid of Sports Relief.

1 mile course around Whaddon, starting in Farmer Roger’s field opposite the Whaddon village sign post and finishing at the Village Hall for bacon butties and light refreshments...

Run/walk/crawl/fancy dress/three-legged/with dogs (on a lead)/with baby in buggy - fun for all of the family with all proceeds going to Sports Relief

If you would like to participate, please contact Andrea Cook 207066/ andieroach@yahoo.com. Sponsor forms are also available for those who would like an extra challenge!

Entry- Donations of £3 per adult, £2 under 18s (includes a bacon sandwich!) Payable on the day, please. Other refreshments will also be available to buy on the day in aid of Sports Relief.

Volunteers for marshalling and contributions for the cake stall would be gratefully received.

WHADDON GOLF CENTRE

Saturday 24th March marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Golf Range.

To celebrate this occasion, a 24 hour Golfing Marathon will be held from 6pm Friday 30th to 6pm Saturday 31st March.

All monies taken will be given to MAGPAS.

Donations towards a Raffle will be greatly appreciated.

Sponsorship forms will be available at the Clubhouse.

COMEDY NIGHT

with
Ian Keable

7-7.30pm
24th March
Village Hall
Chilli Supper
Bar & Raffle

Tickets £10 (sorry no under 14’s)
Contact: Carol C207688
Deborah C208038
Karen C207514

All proceeds to Village Hall Funds

SPEEDWATCH IN WHADDON

The Speedwatch team sensibly decided that cold, dark winter days coupled with dirty unreadable number plates provided an ideal opportunity to take a break; however, we will soon be back on the side of the road encouraging Top Gear fans to save their racing for a three mile runway and occasionally losing friends in the village who get one of those dreaded police letters.

Much more to the point, we REALLY need some more volunteers to join the team. Being available during the day is important as is a willingness to help out for no more than 90 minutes a week (and probably less). Although we regularly monitor Meldreth Road we do not have anyone from there in the team – perhaps we can change this. Sessions are noted for their camaraderie and, during quiet periods, for resolving most of the world’s problems. Please join us. Call Mike Monks on 208236 to take advantage of this frequently repeated offer.

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Change nowadays, is as inevitable as night following day. For us living in South Cambridgeshire, we seem to be about to enter a period of massive change to most parts of the district. New houses, new roads, new shops, new schools; it seems that we are about to be catapulted into the 21st century.

Whaddon will probably be affected far less than most in our area. Now some may say hallelujah! But, is there really nothing in our village that could be done better or improved?

That’s where you could help.

We need to produce a new Village Plan. The last one was completed in 2006 and most of the recommendations arising from it have been completed in the last 5 years.

The last plan resulted in the following improvements:
- Vastly improved children’s playground
- Safe turning area for school and other buses at top of Bridge Street
- Improved bus services
- Monitoring of traffic speeds in village
- Installation of accessible gates on footpaths
- More litterbins and litter picking
- Wider use of Newsletter for local businesses and information
- Village design statement

The plan should be updated regularly and we need to set ourselves some new challenges for the next 5 years. (We may just want to say no thanks to any great changes and quietly carry on as we are, of course.) So it is really important that our new plan reflects the views of all of us and we are looking for volunteers to join us in developing our plan in 2012. We want a good cross section of villagers on the team so that the plan represents all ages, all locations and all groups and clubs. It won’t take up too much of your time but is so important for the development of our community.

If you would be interested in getting involved, then please call either Lee Ginger 07850 252015 or Kate French 01223 208207.

Who knows, together we could get something new done that might turn out to be a change for the better!

More Hidden Gardens of Whaddon

A reminder that we are repeating our open gardens scheme - we have one more garden included this year.

There is still time if anyone else would like to participate. I think everyone who opened their gardens last time found it a positive experience and the end result was a very successful fund raising event with all monies going towards the restoration of our wonderful Victorian Village Hall.

The date of this event is Sunday 24th of June and we are anticipating a spectacular number of visitors with several gardening clubs already making block bookings.

I will be sending leaflets to all houses in the village nearer the time in the hope of winning your support.

Wendy G Evans 01223 207703

WHITSUN 2012

Saturday 26th May: Folk Evening in the Village Hall 7.30pm
Sunday 27th May: Street Procession 10.30am
Whitsun Church Service 12.00
Singing & Dancing at Golf Centre pm

More details to follow.

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.
01223 207703

ANTIQUES FAIR
Orwell Village Hall
In aid of Milton Children’s Hospice
Sunday 22nd April
10 am—4.00 pm
Admission £1
(Early entry 9.00 am—£2)
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JUST ASK US TO ORDER

Uniform and partnership inspector. Detective Inspector Ian Simmons joins us taking the lead on Crime. Together we create a strong team with a wide range of policing skills and experiences, I intend to maximise our skills for the good of our communities.

I know that I speak for my whole management team in saying that we are looking forward to getting out and meeting people and gaining a good understanding of the priorities of the people of South Cambridgeshire. I hope that we will soon meet at one of the many partnership meetings I attend. However, in the meantime if I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me or one of my team.”

Chief Inspector Darren Alderson
South Cambridgeshire Area Commander.

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In the last News I had to report a series of problems in the village that, frankly, were out of character and suggested that crime might be on the increase in Whaddon. I am very glad to say that this has not been the case and we have returned to the more normal crime-free period that characterises the village. However, there have been a few problems in local villages that are worth passing on as we could be victims at some time in the future. We have a number of horse owners in the village and theft of valuable riding equipment continues to plague the local area. Most recently, a large amount of horse tack was stolen from a utility room in a house in the High Street, Bassingbourn. Note, this was from a house and not stables suggesting that the thief had taken the time to reconnoitre the location.

On a more fundamental note, the economies that are being imposed on the police are leading to a comprehensive review of all aspects of policing in Cambridgeshire including sharing some roles with other local counties as well as force reductions of both uniform (particularly senior officers) and civilian staff. At a more local level, there has been some reorganization affecting the command structure above the neighbourhood team. You might like to see the following letter from Chief Inspector Darren Alderson at Cambourne which highlights the changes:

“I am writing to introduce myself as the new police Commander for South Cambridgeshire. I took up my position as of December 5th moving into, what is in fact a new role, which passes command of all police resource deployed in South Cambridgeshire to myself. I am delighted to be taking up the post as I have an affinity with the area having worked here on several occasions over my 22 years of policing career.

The wider Constabulary is undergoing some restructuring at this time. Chief Superintendent Rob Needle who I am sure you are very familiar with retires at the end of December; the restructuring will see Chief Superintendent Andy Hebb taking on responsibility for delivery of local policing across the entire county of Cambridgeshire.

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**Bridge Street Safety Signage Proposals** – Councilors have met with Karen Lund from the County Council and have considered what can be done in relation to signage. The council are pushing ahead to reduce the overall speed limit in the village to 30 mph and to pay for the repeater signs to be renovated and if missing to be replaced. A legal process has to be followed to make a change in speed limit as well as meeting the requirements for number of signs over a measured distance. Temporary safety signs encouraging drivers to slow down and be aware of children playing will also be erected at the positions decided following a recent survey.

**Broadband Speeds** – The PC noted the report concerning the Rural Community Broadband Fund. The RCBF was unlikely to be suitable but the PC will continue to work with ACRE and CCC to try to improve the broadband speeds in Whaddon. A scheme currently operational in Norfolk using church towers and a wireless network, was approached, but currently this scheme is only available in Norfolk.

**Affordable Homes** – A joint meeting with SCDC Planning has resolved the boundary issues and all types of boundary treatments desired by the PC have been obtained. The development will also be known as St Mary’s Close following consultation with the Parochial Church Council and formal approval by SCDC.

**2012-2013 Precept** – The council have considered all proposed income and expenditure for the next financial year and as agreed that the 2012/13 precept be set at £16,200 (2011/12 £15,950).

**A1198 Speed Limit Review** – the speed limit has been lowered to 50mph from just north of Whaddon Gap to Kneesworth. Some Cllrs expressed concern that there were now too many different speed limits within a short distance, potentially confusing motorists and this concern would be communicated to Highways.

The next monthly open Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 12th March 2012**, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**Compiled by PJN**

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My Love for Dogs provide friendly day boarding, day care and dog holiday services for Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire. We are a home dog boarding, dog walking and dog sitting business located in Steeple Morden. We are not kennels and can offer a home-from-home environment where your dog has the opportunity to socialise, exercise and gain stimulation from interaction with other dogs together with regular love from us. We also offer weekly day care and welcome puppies.

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Bridge Street Safety Signage Proposals – Councilors have met with Karen Lund from the County Council and have considered what can be done in relation to signage. The council are pushing ahead to reduce the overall speed limit in the village to 30 mph and to pay for the repeater signs to be renovated and if missing to be replaced. A legal process has to be followed to make a change in speed limit as well as meeting the requirements for number of signs over a measured distance. Temporary safety signs encouraging drivers to slow down and be aware of children playing will also be erected at the positions decided following a recent survey.

Broadband Speeds – The PC noted the report concerning the Rural Community Broadband Fund. The RCBF was unlikely to be suitable but the PC will continue to work with ACRE and CCC to try to improve the broadband speeds in Whaddon. A scheme currently operational in Norfolk using church towers and a wireless network, was approached, but currently this scheme is only available in Norfolk.

Affordable Homes – A joint meeting with SCDC Planning has resolved the boundary issues and all types of boundary treatments desired by the PC have been obtained. The development will also be known as St Mary’s Close following consultation with the Parochial Church Council and formal approval by SCDC.

2012-2013 Precept - The council have considered all proposed income and expenditure for the next financial year and as agreed that the 2012/13 precept be set at £16,200 (2011/12 £15,950).

A1198 Speed Limit Review – the speed limit has been lowered to 50mph from just north of Whaddon Gap to Kneesworth. Some Cllrs expressed concern that there were now too many different speed limits within a short distance, potentially confusing motorists and this concern would be communicated to Highways.

The next monthly open Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 12th March 2012, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Compiled by PJN

My Love for Dogs

My Love for Dogs provide friendly day boarding, day care and dog holiday services for Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire.

We are a home dog boarding, dog walking and dog sitting business located in Steeple Morden. We are not kennels and can offer a home-from-home environment where your dog has the opportunity to socialise, exercise and gain stimulation from interaction with other dogs together with regular love from us. We also offer weekly day care and welcome puppies.

My Love for Dogs ADORE dogs and pride ourselves on a friendlier, more caring approach to looking after them. We are licensed by South Cambridgeshire District Council and fully insured.

Call us on 01763 852970 for further details.
Do not read this if you want the village to be pickled in aspic!

Change nowadays, is as inevitable as night following day. For us living in South Cambridgeshire, we seem to be about to enter a period of massive change to most parts of the district. New houses, new roads, new shops, new schools; it seems that we are about to be catapulted into the 21st century.

Whaddon will probably be affected far less than most in our area. Now some may say hallelujah! But, is there really nothing in our village that could be done better or improved?

That’s where you could help.

We need to produce a new Village Plan. The last one was completed in 2006 and most of the recommendations arising from it have been completed in the last 5 years.

The last plan resulted in the following improvements:
- Vastly improved children’s playground
- Safe turning area for school and other buses at top of Bridge Street
- Improved bus services
- Monitoring of traffic speeds in village
- Installation of accessible gates on footpaths
- More litterbins and litter picking
- Wider use of Newsletter for local businesses and information
- Village design statement

The plan should be updated regularly and we need to set ourselves some new challenges for the next 5 years. (We may just want to say no thanks to any great changes and quietly carry on as we are, of course.)

So it is really important that our new plan reflects the views of all of us and we are looking for volunteers to join us in developing our plan in 2012. We want a good cross section of villagers on the team so that the plan represents all ages, all locations and all groups and clubs. It won’t take up too much of your time but is so important for the development of our community.

If you would be interested in getting involved, then please call either Lee Ginger 07850 252015 or Kate French 01223 208207.

Who knows, together we could get something new done that might turn out to be a change for the better!

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More Hidden Gardens of Whaddon

A reminder that we are repeating our open gardens scheme - we have one more garden included this year.

There is still time if anyone else would like to participate. I think everyone who opened their gardens last time found it a positive experience and the end result was a very successful fund raising event with all monies going towards the restoration of our wonderful Victorian Village Hall.

The date of this event is Sunday 24th of June and we are anticipating a spectacular number of visitors with several gardening clubs already making block bookings.

I will be sending leaflets to all houses in the village nearer the time in the hope of winning your support.

Wendy G Evans 01223 207703

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WHITSUN 2012

Saturday 26th May: Folk Evening in the Village Hall 7.30pm
Sunday 27th May: Street Procession 10.30am
               Whitsun Church Service 12.00
               Singing & Dancing at Golf Centre pm

More details to follow.

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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.
         01223 207703

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ANTIQUES FAIR

Orwell Village Hall
In aid of Milton Children’s Hospice

Sunday 22nd April
10 am—4.00 pm
Admission £1
(Early entry 9.00 am—£2)
In the last News I had to report a series of problems in the village that, frankly, were out of character and suggested that crime might be on the increase in Whaddon. I am very glad to say that this has not been the case and we have returned to the more normal crime-free period that characterises the village. However, there have been a few problems in local villages that are worth passing on as we could be victims at some time in the future. We have a number of horse owners in the village and theft of valuable riding equipment continues to plague the local area. Most recently, a large amount of horse tack was stolen from a utility room in a house in the High Street, Bassingbourn. Note, this was from a house and not stables suggesting that the thief had taken the time to reconnoitre the location.

On a more fundamental note, the economies that are being imposed on the police are leading to a comprehensive review of all aspects of policing in Cambridgeshire including sharing some roles with other local counties as well as force reductions of both uniform (particularly senior officers) and civilian staff. At a more local level, there has been some reorganization affecting the command structure above the neighbourhood team. You might like to see the following letter from Chief Inspector Darren Alderson at Cambourne which highlights the changes:

“I am writing to introduce myself as the new police Commander for South Cambridgeshire. I took up my position as of December 5th moving into, what is in fact a new role, which passes command of all police resource deployed in South Cambridgeshire to myself. I am delighted to be taking up the post as I have an affinity with the area having worked here on several occasions over my 22 years of policing career.

The wider Constabulary is undergoing some restructuring at this time. Chief Superintendent Rob Needle who I am sure you are very familiar with retires at the end of December; the restructuring will see Chief Superintendent Andy Hebb taking on responsibility for delivery of local policing across the entire county of Cambridgeshire.

It is a timely opportunity for me to take a moment to also introduce my command team; I am very pleased that Inspector Chris Savage has remained with us, taking the role of

ST MARY’S PARISH CHURCH

CALLING ALL DADS
Please come along to the Church
Saturday 17 March 10 am
to make posies for all the Mums & Grandmas for Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday
18 MARCH
10am
EVERYONE WELCOME

EASTER DAY
SUNDAY 8 APRIL
SUNRISE SERVICE
6.15 am
in field behind 17 Church Street
AND
FAMILY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
9.15 am
in the Church
To be followed by:
EASTER EGG HUNT
THE WHADDON WADDLE
Sunday 25th March at 11am
(Rain or Shine)
In aid of Sports Relief.

1 mile course around Whaddon, starting in Farmer Roger’s field opposite the Whaddon village sign post and finishing at the Village Hall for bacon butties and light refreshments…

Run/walk/crawl!/fancy dress/three-legged/with dogs (on a lead)/with baby in buggy- fun for all of the family with all proceeds going to Sports Relief

If you would like to participate, please contact Andrea Cook 207066/ andieroach@yahoo.com. Sponsor forms are also available for those who would like an extra challenge!

Entry- Donations of £3 per adult, £2 under 18s (includes a bacon sandwich!) Payable on the day, please.
Other refreshments will also be available to buy on the day in aid of Sports Relief.

Volunteers for marshalling and contributions for the cake stall would be gratefully received.

WHADDON GOLF CENTRE
Saturday 24th March marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Golf Range.
To celebrate this occasion, a 24 hour Golfing Marathon will be held from 6pm Friday 30th to 6pm Saturday 31st March.
All monies taken will be given to MAGPAS.

COMEDY NIGHT
with Ian Keable
7-7.30pm
24th March
Village Hall
Chilli Supper
Bar & Raffle

Tickets £10 (sorry no under 14’s)
Contact: Carol C207688
Deborah C208038
Karen C207514

All proceeds to Village Hall Funds

SPEEDWATCH IN WHADDON
The Speedwatch team sensibly decided that cold, dark winter days coupled with dirty unreadable number plates provided an ideal opportunity to take a break; however, we will soon be back on the side of the road encouraging Top Gear fans to save their racing for a three mile runway and occasionally losing friends in the village who get one of those dreaded police letters.

Much more to the point, we REALLY need some more volunteers to join the team. Being available during the day is important as is a willingness to help out for no more than 90 minutes a week (and probably less). Although we regularly monitor Meldreth Road we do not have anyone from there in the team – perhaps we can change this. Sessions are noted for their camaraderie and, during quiet periods, for resolving most of the world’s problems. Please join us. Call Mike Monks on 208236 to take advantage of this frequently repeated offer.

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2012 is an exciting year for Petersfield Church of England (Aided) Primary School in Orwell, as it marks our 50th anniversary birthday! The school has served Whaddon since it opened in 1962 when the children from Whaddon School (now the village hall) transferred there. The school has maintained strong links with the village ever since.

So, to mark this golden milestone, we plan to host a series of celebratory events all designed with pupils ‘past and present’ in mind and we want as many of you as possible to get involved. We aim to piece together a History Wall for Petersfield, depicting some of the school’s historic events over the last 50 years. We are inviting pupils, staff and parents, ‘past and present’, to share their stories, pictures or memories, so that we can build this unique exhibition and recreate history.

The History Wall will be exhibited towards the end of May at a special open day and tea party as part of the anniversary celebrations. The PTA are also celebrating this golden milestone with a Golden Ball on Saturday 19th May, which promises to be a night to remember. In addition, on the 22nd June, we will be joined by the Bishop of Ely who will hold a special service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew’s Orwell, after which, the children will recreate the opening parade through the village.

So if you or your children attended Petersfield Primary School, if you have a story to tell, a picture that depicts life at the school, or simply want to join school in these amazing celebrations, do get in touch. Mrs Amanda Tuck at the school would love to hear from you. Please contact the school on 01223 207382.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY PETERSFIELD!**

WHADDON MAKES WHOOPEE!!

To celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

The entire village is invited to join in on Monday 4th of June for a whole of Whaddon Street Party. The Parish Council has funding available to ensure that the village residents have a happy celebratory day free of charge.

More details will follow in the form of a leaflet, which will be delivered, when plans are finalised. Anyone willing to help with planning and catering etc on the day please contact any village hall management committee member.

SO………

**PENCIL IN THE DATE:**

Monday 4th June at 2 pm

**JUBILEE OAK**

We have our own Jubilee oak, planted a few months ago opposite the bus stop in Church Street. If anyone listens to the Archers you will have heard how much fuss they made of their Jubilee Oak! So THANKS to Malan Peyton for moving quickly to reserve one of the few on offer for South Cambridgeshire for our village. Thanks also to Andrew Grimmer tree officer for South Cambs. We may not see the benefit but hopefully the children in the village will remember when this was planted.

Wendy Evans
NEWSLETTER

This edition of the Whaddon News heralds the beginning of changes in the appearance of the Newsletter. The new format will evolve over the next few issues. I am aware that some readers have sent articles to be printed or have made suggestions. These will be included over the next few issues.

The deadline for the next newsletter is 6th May. Once again items of village interest are always welcome.

Joan Pascoe  C 208062
joanpascoe@aol.com
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