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NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next newsletter is 11th May. Once again items of village interest are always welcome.

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**Whaddon Whitsun Weekend - 14 and 15 May 2016**

This year Whitsun (also known as Pentecost) falls on **Sunday 15 May**, and we will be celebrating in the traditional Whaddon way. For those unfamiliar with this, please see Nigel Strudwick’s article on Archives in this edition of the Newsletter, and there is a lot more information on the village website too: http://www.whaddon.org/whaddon_whitsun. There you can also read an article written about the revival of the tradition in 2005.

On **Saturday 14 May**, there will be a folk evening, with ceilidh dancing in the village hall from 7.30 pm. For tickets, which include drinks and food, please contact whitsun@whaddon.org, or telephone Helen Strudwick on 207434.

On **Sunday 15 May**, there will be dancing around the village with various Morris sides. They all give their time for free to help us celebrate, so please come out and support them by watching. At 12 noon a service for Pentecost will be held in St Mary’s Church. Afterwards, there will be more dancing at the Golf Centre.

More information about the route and timings of dancing around the village will be posted on the village website in the near future: http://www.whaddon.org/whaddon_whitsun and on the village and Whitsun Facebook pages. We hope to see you over the course of the weekend.

**Please note:** this is NOT the Spring Bank Holiday weekend!

Helen Strudwick

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**Whaddon Village Hall Quiz Night**

27th February 2016
7.30pm for 8pm
Teams of 4-6
Chilli supper £10

Teams to Karen 207514 or Deborah 208038 asap.

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**Citizens Advice:**

Bassingbourn Outreach

There is a monthly drop-in advice session at the Bassingbourn Book Café at The Limes Community Centre in Bassingbourn. We will be running the sessions on the second Thursday of the month between 2.00 – 3.30 pm.
The Whaddon Web Site (http://www.whaddon.org/) has now been going for ten years. It has often been praised as better than the average village site, and is kept pretty much up to date.

I think it is time now for a change to the look and feel of the site and so one of my tasks for this year is to redesign it while keeping its usefulness. I am very conscious that smartphones did not seriously come into widespread use until well after the site was first designed, and that the present design does not work particularly well with the small screens on mobile phones. Thus one of the main aims will be to make it adapt to different screen sizes.

But I also want to update the contents. I have always said that my job as web master is to design and administer the site, but not to write it! It’s time for some new pages to add to all those basic ones we have had over the years. So, new pages will be coming for the Mainly Gardening Club, and also for Archives (see my article elsewhere in the Newsletter), but there must be many other things we could cover.

Thus I am looking for ideas for new pages AND looking for people prepared to spare a little time to write the basic text and suggest or provide images. I can then take that material and put it into the right format for the site.

The web site is an important resource for the village that I think should be exploited far more than it already is. I look forward to hearing from you!

Nigel Strudwick
ncs3@cam.ac.uk

POPPY APPEAL

The Poppy Appeal raised £567.52 in Whaddon. This includes the house to house collections by Janet Leech, Flo Bye, Henry Burgess and my other half, as well as the poppy tray in the golf centre and the collection at the Remembrance Sunday service in St Mary's church. My thanks to all involved.

Bearing in mind that we are a small village the amount you donated shows we are also a generous village. On behalf of the British Legion, whose work never stops, can I thank everybody who gave in the various collections around the village.

Mike Monks
Whaddon Poppy Appeal coordinator
Throughout March we’re raising awareness of the fire risks associated with smoking and we’d like you to join in.

We often find smoking is one of many factors making someone more at risk of fire, for example, when combined with poor mobility, health problems or being elderly, it increases someone’s chance of having a fire.

Here are some tips to take on board or give to friends and family that smoke:

- Never leave a lit cigarette or pipe unattended.
- Always use a proper ashtray and make sure the contents are cold before you tip it in the bin
- Never smoke in bed and avoid smoking in a chair if you are likely to fall asleep

Most importantly, fit a working smoke alarm and test it regularly. Don’t forget to also test the smoke alarms of those you love. If you have an elderly or vulnerable relative, friend or neighbour, pop by and make sure they have a working smoke alarm.

If you think someone is vulnerable and could be at a higher risk if a fire broke out in their home, then please call us on 0800 917 9994 and we can provide advice and support.

Handyperson Needed for Whaddon

The Parish Council needs a Village Handyperson to work an average of two hours per week. Tasks would include regular annual maintenance work such as the upkeep of bus shelters, notice boards and our phone box library (not the books!) as well as regular litter picking, path clearing and occasional ad-hoc jobs.

If you are good at practical work, want to keep Whaddon looking good and have a little spare time available this could be ideal for you.

You’ll work an average of two hours per week generally at times to suit you! For that we’ll pay you £10 per hour (which could amount to over £80 per month) and also reimburse you for any materials you use. This is a self-employed position and you will need to provide your own tools and invoice the Parish Council for the work you have done.

If you are interested please contact either Gabby – Clerk to the Parish Council (Tel 208450; email whaddonpcclerk@yahoo.co.uk) or Lee – Chair of the Parish Council (Tel 208077) for further information.

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We continue to be very successful in attracting hall lettings with many enquiries for the months ahead. It is worth remembering that if you live in the village you will get a discounted rate of £6 per hour as against the £10 paid by outside occupants. The hall will be closed between the 16th to the 19th of February to enable a new floor to be laid. The suppliers of the floor, who were Karndean, have accepted that the floor was faulty and have supplied a new floor which will be laid between those dates.

The work to enable us to have a tarmac car park will be carried out in March. It is quite possible that we will only be able to do a partial resurfacing as we have not been successful in raising the entire £30,000 needed for the job. However we will ensure that we get the maximum number of spaces and then at least in the summer we will not have the problem of cars parking on the road or on the grass surface of the playing field.

Although I shall be leaving the village this year I am still taking bookings at the moment.

Wendy Evans

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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Community Transport Scheme, Royston Area

The Royston & District Community Transport Scheme covers Royston and the surrounding area (including the South Cambridgeshire parishes). It offers a community car scheme for medical and social purposes. Also available is wheelchair accessible transport using their MPV vehicle, plus a 9 and a 16 seater minibus for groups or clubs. The service is available to anyone who cannot use public transport for reasons of age, impaired mobility or lack of public transport. There is a small charge for using this scheme.

If you think that these services might be able to assist you please contact Royston and District Community Transport using the contact details below. Similarly, if you know someone living in our community who you think could benefit from this service perhaps you could discuss it with them?

Finally, a supply of volunteers is needed so that the Car Scheme can continue to meet demand for Community Transport requests and provide vital support to many local residents. Why not contact the Scheme to see if you can assist them?

Contact Number: 01763 245228 (telephone, fax & SMS text number)
E-mail: info@roytrans.co.uk
If you are not receiving Whaddon e-mails and would like to be included please let me know on: whaddonnhw@gmail.com

Occasionally I can start this quarterly piece with the good news that Whaddon has been crime-free. Not so this time as in December we had two vans parked overnight broken into. In Church Street electrical equipment was stolen and in Meldreth Road thieves succeeded in breaking into the van but may have been disturbed as items from inside the van were left at the side of the road. In addition, there was a burglary at one of the businesses on the A1198 within Whaddon Parish. That said, we remain better placed than most of the villages in the area.

Beyond these incidents police reports have two themes over the past few months: fraud in many forms, mostly seeking to exploit older citizens, and damage overnight to parked vehicles. Fraud concentrates on extracting money or bank details using an amazingly wide range of tactics: how about being in the wrong council tax bracket and paying an administration fee to arrange a refund, or fraudsters posing as police officers telling the victim that they have been the subject of a bank fraud and successfully extracting the victim’s bank card and PIN. Meanwhile, damage to parked vehicles is an unpleasant and expensive form of vandalism and all too frequent in adjacent villages. We are very fortunate in Whaddon to rarely experience vandals – the last occasion was some time ago and did not involve any villagers but, as with most community problems, we need to stay aware.

Meanwhile, the alliance between Cambridgeshire Police, Bedfordshire Police and Hertfordshire Constabulary continues apace with agreement on such matters as 999 and 101 services as well as firearms licensing and HR functions. They have also joined 34 police and emergency services in a vehicle procurement project saving more than £7 millions. For my part, I wonder why this wasn’t done years ago but then budget cuts can, occasionally, have a positive influence.

And finally, lower oil prices may have made your domestic oil tank less of an attraction to thieves but it is still going on so beware.

Mike Monks

MAINLY GARDENING CLUB PROGRAMME FOR 2016

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<td>Vegetable varieties today</td>
<td>Mike Day (C)</td>
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<td>Swiss Garden AM and Jordan’s Mill PM (C)</td>
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<td>Bulbs for every season</td>
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<td>Possibly hedgehogs—Shepreth</td>
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<td>Christmas Party</td>
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Note: Events are planned for the third Wednesday of each month unless highlighted above by *. © indicates the event is confirmed.

Remember – dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk and for a non-emergency matter call 101. If you report an incident to the police please let your neighbourhood watch coordinator know.

Mike Monks

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EASTER DAY
SUNDAY 27 MARCH

SUNRISE SERVICE
6.45am
in field behind
17 Church Street

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
9.30 am
in the Church
to be followed by:
EASTER EGG HUNT
in the Churchyard

Mothering Sunday
6th March
9.30am
Please come and help
make Posies for all Mums
on Saturday 5th at
10.30am in the Church

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<td>Field 17 Church St Sunrise Service</td>
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<td>St Mary’s Whaddon Holy Communion followed by Easter Egg Hunt</td>
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CHRISTMAS FOR GOSPEL

Carols around the Village made a collection of £176. Thanks to everyone who came carol singing and to those who gave generously. A big thank you to Lorna and Richard Green.

CHURCH FETE

2pm 16th July
Preceded by the usual ploughman’s lunch at 12.30
More details to follow

Eternit Housing proposal scheme

There is a proposal to build 170 homes on land owned by Eternit in Whaddon Road, Meldreth. We have invited the developers to attend the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 14th March to present the proposal. Please attend to see for yourselves what they have to say.

There is also to be a public exhibition in Meldreth Village Hall on Saturday 27th February.

All minutes of meetings are on the village website www.whaddon.org and on the notice board at the Village Hall in Church Street.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 14th March 2016 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR SPEEDWATCH

The Whaddon Speedwatch team is short of volunteers and with one of our most valued members soon to is leave the village we need reinforcements. Whaddon was the first village in South Cambs to use the system back in early 2009 and some in our team have been doing it ever since. The data provided significantly helped our case for a village-wide reduction in the speed limit to 30mph and despite the inevitable racer, average speeds of those exceeding the limit in the village have dropped by some 10mph. The message is to educate not fine or dole out points on licenses. As operating Speedwatch requires three people we need more volunteers or Speedwatch will come to an end; put simply, it is unfair to rely on the same people year after year.

The commitment is certainly not arduous but does require some availability during weekdays in the morning and late afternoon or occasionally at weekends. Training will be given and joining the team will involve no more than 3 hours a month during which you will monitor vehicles using the Speedwatch kit and record those at 35mph or over. This data is then passed to the police for action. We operate as a team of three for one hour sessions, normally at the rush hour periods on weekdays. Please contact me on 208236 if you can spare a few hours a month.

Mike Monks
Annual Parish Council precept for 2016/17
This is the part of the Council Tax the Parish Council charges to ‘run’ the village. We’re pleased to say that we’ve kept this at £16,960 for the next financial year, the same as the current year. There will however, be a small reduction for each household contribution because there are a few more dwellings in the village.

Cable work through Whaddon
We’ve had a number of complaints about the condition of the footpaths and highway in Bridge Street and other places due to the works to install a cable for the solar park at Wendy. It seems that there have been many problems installing this cable which has caused the work to take far longer than anticipated. This has been bought to the attention of County Farm Estates, Cambs. County Council Highways and our County Councillor. Cllr Dent has been very supportive and CCC Highways had taken some action to ensure that footpaths were not obstructed.

However, as the contractors do not work for County Farm Estates but for Vine Farm in Wendy, this makes it more difficult to take action. We are liaising with the District Council Enforcement Officer to ensure that the contractors clean up the mess properly when they have finished.

Local Government Boundary Commission reviews of Cambridgeshire
Two reviews are currently underway. First is the County Council electoral ward boundaries, which has just finished with Whaddon being grouped with Bassingbourn, Meldreth and Melbourn. The other is a similar review into South Cambs District Council ward boundaries and has just begun. The PC has made a strong case for Whaddon to continue to be grouped with Bassingbourn. The public consultation phase will take place in the next few months.

Speedwatch
Mike Monks reported to the February meeting that the Speedwatch team has become very depleted again and he is concerned for its future continuation. If anyone has a couple of hours to spare each month to devote to this very important cause, please could they contact Mike on 208236.

First World War Commemorative tree
The tree has finally been delivered and will be planted in the grass area at Ridgeway Close, possibly by the time you have read this report.

Village Handyperson
You may have seen an advert in this newsletter for a handyperson who will undertake various tasks around the village, including regular litter picking. If you are interested, please contact Gabby on 208450.

Alfred Palmer’s Trust
We are delighted that three people have expressed an interest in becoming Trustees of this local charity, which exists to distribute modest funds (originally sacks of coal) to widows of the village at First World War.

Dews Coaches Bike Bus Explorer A & B
The Bike Bus Explorer Service between Cambridge and Gamlingay, which operates on Sundays and some Bank Holidays, is being suspended. The last day of operation will be Sunday 27th March 2016.
New archival material

Recently a number of interesting documents have come to my attention. A number of copies of papers relating to the setting up of the Palmer Trust were sent to a Parish Councillor, and I hope to start a new web page for Archives so that material like this can at last be easily viewed online.

More recently, our attention has been drawn to seventy or so pages of handwritten notes compiled at some time in the 1970s and early 1980s by certain older villagers on what life was like in Whaddon earlier in the 20th century, particularly before World War I. Finding these was exciting, as I think they were unknown to anyone currently in the village. Many of you may have seen my email plea for help in getting these documents scanned. Due to everyone’s offers, that was achieved pretty quickly, and now it remains to have the sometimes tricky handwriting transcribed into electronic text. Several people so far have offered to help, and if anyone else wants to do a few pages, do let me know and I’ll be getting it organised soon.

There is some great stuff in there, and those villagers who have had the chance to look them over have been fascinated. Descriptions of village customs was one (did most of you know that a Plough Monday was celebrated here?), and among others, one that stood out to me was a group of pages about villagers of that time, with their names, nicknames, and all sorts of interesting comments on them. I really hope that a lot of this information, once transcribed and edited, can be used as the basis of a new set of historical articles for this Newsletter, and then placed on the web site.

I wanted to leave you with a sample to whet your appetite. On 14 and 15 May this year, we are celebrating Whitsun as only Whaddon does, and a couple of pages in these papers were about the old custom. The core of this information was well-known, but there were a few interesting details, and so the transcribed text is given after this article. We had guessed that the custom died out around the end of the reign of Queen Victoria, but these documents seem to confirm that. The story about the headteacher of the school is fun, and there is more information than was available before about the festivities after the singing of the song on Whit Monday.

I very much hope you find this as interesting as I do.

Nigel Strudwick
ncs3@cam.ac.uk

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**WHITSUNTIDE**

By Miss K.R. Jarman and Miss G. Pearce

Text in [ ] is in a different hand from the rest.

Whitsuntide at Whaddon in olden days and as late as the end of the 19th century was celebrated by the feast and singing of the Whitsun song. On Whit-Saturday the Whitsun singers (two men of the village chosen to sing the song) stuck in the thatch of each house a branch of “royal oak”, which had been cut from trees in the “view” [– the Avenue].

This was a sign that the singers would be around on Whit-Monday. On one occasion, a newly appointed headteacher, living in the schoolhouse, and experiencing her first Whitsun at Whaddon, was very annoyed on finding on Whit Sunday morning a branch of oak in her thatch and thought someone had played a prank on her. It was duly explained to her by kindly neighbours that this was an old village custom and then all was well.

On Whit-Monday the singers paraded the village singing the song at intervals. They wore high hats adorned with coloured ribbons and carried the “royal branch of oak”. The last two singers to carry out this tradition were Alf and Jack Smith and prior to them Charlie Oliver and William Reed. The last performance of the song was given at the coronation celebrations in 1937 by Alf and Jack Smith.

The fun of the fair took place later on Whit Monday evening ending with dancing in the Long Room. [This was the clubroom, adjoining the Home public house where the coprolite workers used to sleep. This later became the Wesleyan Methodist.] One feature of the Feast was the traditional rock made at the last by the East family. When Mrs Ann East passed away, the recipe died with her, so no more rock for Whaddon Feast was ever made. This house the chapel and some of adjoining cottages would burn down September 1933.

Separate section, different handwriting:

It is said that Mrs Emma Law from Church End wore out more than one pair of shoes on a Whit Monday night as she was so fond of dancing. Stephen Jacklin from church end was the fiddler on these occasions. They only did one dance and it was always called “up the middle and down the sides” to the tune of “we won't go home till morning” and was similar to the country dance of that name.

Dr Russell Wortley from Little Downham near Ely and an expert on country dancing has recently tried to revive it (5 March 1979).