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March 2018
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd March Eat for Heat II
11th March Mothering Sunday
12th March Parish Council
14th March Coffee Morning
14th March Charity Quiz
17th March Village Hall Quiz
21st March Gardening Club
28th March Coffee Morning
1st April Easter Sunday
9th April Parish Council
11th April Coffee Morning
18th April Gardening Club
25th April Coffee Morning
9th May Coffee Morning
14th May Parish Council
16th May Gardening Club
19th May Folk Evening
20th May Whit Sunday Events
23rd May Coffee Morning
11th June Parish Council
13th June Coffee Morning
20th June Gardening Club
27th June Coffee Morning
14th July Church Fete

NEWSLETTER
The deadline for the next newsletter is 10th May.
Future deadlines:
- August 13th
- November 12th
Once again items of village interest are always welcome.
Joan Pascoe C208062 joanpascoe@aol.com

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Every 3rd Tuesday 10.00 - 10.30 Meldreth Road
Tues 20 March
Tues 17 April
Tues 15 May

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Rachel Carr Community Safety Officer

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Position Vacant Sector Sergeant
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Lyndsay Gardiner Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Bin Collection Dates

| Wed 7 March | Blue/Green | Wed 25 April | Black |
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| Wed 18 April | Blue/Green | Wed 6th June | Black |
SUSAN VAN de VEN
Cambridgeshire County Councillor

Monthly Advice Surgeries:
Susan van de Ven will be holding two drop-in advice surgeries a month for anyone who has a question or concern.
1st Monday of the month The Hub, Melbourn, 3-4p.m.
3rd Monday of the month The Limes, Bassingbourn, 3-4p.m.
Alternatively if there are issues people would like to discuss at other times you can contact Susan on 07905325574 or susan@sclibdems.org.uk

Monthly Newsletter:
Susan writes a monthly e-newsletter on issues affecting our area – please do let her know if you’d like to receive it, or would like anything to be included in it.

Susan van de Ven
County Councillor for Bassingbourn, Melbourn, Meldreth and Whaddon

N. HERTS AND DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Our area is served by ’North Herts and District’ CAB, an independent charity that provides advice on basic rights and services, like housing and benefits.
A free drop-in service is held every 1st and 3rd Thursdays (9.30 am-12 noon), Melbourn Community Hub, and every Monday and Wednesday mornings (9.30 am-12 noon) at the Citizens Advice North Hertfordshire offices at Royston Town Hall, Royston, SG8 7DA.
The CAB reports an increase in people requiring advice and support, but also an increase in people offering their services as volunteers - in a whole variety of roles.
Any questions, please ring the CAB Monday-Friday, 10-4, Tel 03444 111 444.

Heidi Allen MP
If you would like to contact Heidi about an issue or book a surgery appointment email: heidi.alen.mp@parliament.uk Tel: 01954 212707
The next local surgeries:

Saturday 3rd March 2018
Drop-in - No appointment needed
10.00am - 12.00 noon
Caldicote Primary School
Highfields Road
Caldicote
Cambridge
CB23 7NX

Thursday 29th March 2018
By Appointment only
3.00pm - 5.00pm
Constituency Office
82A High Street
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Tuesday 8.00 - 9.00pm Table Tennis
Wednesday 10.30 - 12.00 Coffee morning (2nd & 4th Wed )
7.30 - 9.30pm Garden club (3rd Wed each month)
Thursday 6.30 - 7.30pm Pilates
7.30 - 8.30pm Pilates
Friday 6.30 - 8.00pm Dog training
Saturday 8.30 - 11.00am Dog training
Sunday 8.30 - 11.00am Dog training

6 week blocks

Quiz Night
Whaddon Village Hall
17th March 2018
7.30pm for 8pm
Teams of 4-6
Chilli supper
£10
Please bring your own drink
Please can you contact Karen 207514 or Amanda 207196 or any trust member or whaddonvhrgt@gmail.com

CAMBRIDGE NEWS
The Cambridge News is no longer being delivered in Whaddon. You can order the Cambridge News for collection from the Golf Centre along with your daily paper. Please pop in or give the Golf Centre a ring to order. C 207325

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WHITSUN 2018
The time for Whaddon’s unique celebration of Whitsun/Pentecost is approaching. As ever, Whitsun is tied to Easter, and is NOT the same as the late May Bank Holiday.

Whit Sunday 2018 is Sunday 20 May
Those new to Whaddon might like to read about the history and customs associated with Whitsun (and about past events) on the village web site, via http://www.whaddon.org/whitsun
As usual we plan to have events on the Saturday and the Sunday.

Saturday 19 May 2018
A folk evening with food, drink, music and dancing is planned as we have done most years since 2005. It will take place in the Village Hall from 19:30 to 23:30, and all will be welcome. Entry will be by ticket only, and further information will be made available about the costs and availability of tickets in the near future. Anyone with any queries about it already should contact us on whitsun@whaddon.org

Sunday 20 May 2018
There will be processions and Morris dancing around the village at various locations between 10:30 and 12 noon, all leading to the Whitsun/Pentecost service in St Mary’s at noon. Morris sides are still being recruited for the event, and to have an idea of where there was dancing last year, see the web site.
After church, everyone will adjourn to the Golf Centre, where there will be more celebrations and dancing until approximately 15:00.

Nigel Strudwick
Helen Strudwick

Children’s Society
Thank you to everyone who continues to have a Children’s Society box. Last year, throughout the village, we collected £190.
The Children’s Society help disadvantaged children in the UK. Helping them is really easy. You take a collection box for the year and just put your spare change in it, as and when you can. At the end of the year, I collect the box from you, count up all the change and send it off to the Children’s Society.
If you would like to take a box this year, then please let me know.
Many thanks, Kate French 208207

MAINLY GARDENING CLUB PROGRAMME FOR 2018
(Normally third Wednesday of each month in the village hall)

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The Mainly Gardening Club programme is well underway with an excellent start in January by Jenny and David Grech talking on Tanzania which was where David was born. As always with the Grechs the talk was amply illustrated with both vivid photographs and David’s eye catching ink sketches.

We moved on in late February with Nigel Strudwick’s “Everything You Didn’t want to know ….. About Morris Dancing”. For those new to the village and the celebrations at Whitsun, Nigel’s talk threw some light on an activity that probably leaves more questions than answers in the spectators’ mind.

In March, we have amusing advice for reluctant gardeners by the author Brian Carline in his talk: Soil, Sweat and Tears. Unfortunately our April speaker has had to postpone so that she can attend her daughter’s wedding in America – a not unreasonable reason. In May Michael Peyton, using his well-known influence in high places, will bring along the former St Paul’s master carver Tony Webb. Tony is considered to be one of the world’s finest carvers in wood and stone and is noted for restoring Grinling Gibbons works. You will also see from the programme that we will break out of Whaddon in a few months’ time and hope to go to the Cambridge Gliding Club in June and visit Clare College Fellows’ Garden in July.

Now is a good time to break out of those winter blues by joining us in the warm village hall. Besides an interesting speaker you will meet other villagers, some who are new to Whaddon and some who were born here. We meet at 7.30pm for refreshments with the speaker starting around 8.00pm. We look forward to seeing you.

Non-emergency situations can now be reported to the police online if people would rather do so than call 101.

In October last year Cambridgeshire Constabulary re-launched their website with added functionality to report non-emergencies via specially designed forms or a live webchat. The live webchat option enables people to communicate directly with a member of staff in the control room, just as would be the case when calling 101. Online forms are processed in the same way as a call and the person reporting can expect a response within 24 hours. Due to the high level of demand there are often queues when calling 101. Reporting online is quick, easy and free of charge.

Superintendent James Sutherland said: “In the digital age people are doing more and more online. I’m pleased that our website now has increased capability to allow people to contact us in this way.”

To view the online reporting section of the constabulary’s website visit www.cambs.police.uk/report. The live webchat function is available by clicking on the green icon on the bottom right of the page.
Many thanks to the 93 of you who completed the questionnaire which we circulated last summer. This has given some valuable data which helps the PCC with planning and decisions. I promised some feedback from the findings:

Seventy percent of respondents said they go to a church at least sometimes, and of those who attend services at St Mary’s 10-15 go regularly on Sundays, with an average of 50 at special services such as Christmas and Remembrance Sunday.

Suggestions for changing the time or day of the week of regular services made no difference to intention to attend.

A third of respondents had children living at home, and there were 17 with children (aged from 0 to 17 years) who would be interested in bringing them to activities with Christian content designed for their age group. The small numbers in each age group make providing this something of a challenge.

An overwhelming finding of the survey was that ninety percent of respondents said that St Mary’s was either very or quite important to them, and many expressed a willingness to help in a variety of different ways. In freehand comments at the end of the survey many expressed the importance of St Mary’s being an integral part of the village, valued by villagers in different ways from worship to the historic building, social and community events and just knowing that the church was there.

Jenny Grech (Whaddon PCC Treasurer)

Got extra waste or recycling?
South Cambs have the following advice for recycling which will not fit in the blue bin. They will collect one transparent sack with recycling and one bundle of cardboard broken down to a size which would fit in the bin if there was space (please tape or tie together).

- Place other recycling in one transparent sack. Black sacks and more than one sack will not be collected. Transparent sacks are available online and in supermarkets.
- Put any glass inside the blue bin for safety reasons.
- Please DON’T leave cardboard out in the rain. Soggy cardboard gets stuck to other materials making it hard to recycle.

These guidelines have been introduced because new collection vehicles with higher openings have been sourced. The higher openings are safer for staff, help to prevent litter blowing out of the lorry, and make it easier to dislodge large items that sometimes get stuck inside the bins. Crews will empty your blue bin and then refill it with your extra recycling and tip it again, rather than throw it in separately.

It may not always be possible to collect additional recycling if there is a high volume on your round or if there are traffic delays which jeopardise the completion of bin collections.

Extra waste cannot be left outside the green or black bin. However, if you regularly have extra waste or recycling South Cambs may provide an extra blue or green bin at no charge to encourage recycling. Extra black bins can be requested but you have to pay for them. For extra bins contact: www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling or Tel: 03450 450 063

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH IN WHADDON

Team Co-ordinator: Randall Scott

I would like to begin with an huge vote of thanks to Mike Monks for all of the work he carried out on behalf of the Whaddon Speedwatch Community over the last 9 years. Mike was instrumental in setting up and managing the team in 2009 as one of the founders of the Whaddon group and the first group in Cambridgeshire. He set the standard for the Whaddon Team and several other teams that subsequently followed Whaddon’s lead.

Mike and Rita moved out of the village in December last, relinquishing the reins of several local activities. I hope that I can follow in his more than capable footsteps where Speedwatch is concerned! We wish them well in their new venture.

Now that the days are starting earlier and ending later it is time to begin the 2018 educational season of speedwatch in the village. Should anyone wish either to ask a question or raise a query I can be contacted via e-mail at csw@whaddon.org. You might like to visit the community speedwatch page on the village website for further details.

We need some more volunteers

If you are home during weekdays and can spare a couple of hours a month either in the morning or in the afternoon, how about volunteering to join the Speedwatch team. We draw on a small cadre of people who want to help counter the issue of speeding in the village. You have probably seen members of the team, normally three people, standing by the side of the road monitoring vehicles and recording details of those that are exceeding the speed limit. It is not an onerous task and the company can make it quite enjoyable. Besides, there is some satisfaction in reminding drivers that Whaddon takes speeding seriously. So what’s involved?

a) If you have some spare time during the week, usually in the early to mid-morning and mid to late afternoon then you would be very welcome. Team members are contacted each month to suggest a possible schedule and find out availability. Whaddon owns one quarter of the kit we use;

b) Training is provided by the police at Cambourne and takes a couple of hours on one Saturday morning;

c) Just contact me on: csw@whaddon.org. No more than 2-3 hours each month is required but having email is important;

Nothing could be easier so come and join us. Randall Scott

Notice of Revision of Church Electoral Roll for St Mary’s, Whaddon

The church electoral roll will be updated prior to the Annual PCC meeting. The revision period is between 24th March and 9th April, and information will be published in notices to be displayed in the church for anyone wishing to be added to the electoral roll. If you know of anyone who might like to be added to it, please email Nick Lewis nickphotos@icloud.com

St Mary's wine tasting a great success!

On behalf of St Mary's I would like to thank all who supported the wine tasting fund-raising event. We have now had all the money in and, after expenses the evening made a mammoth £665.85, of which £255 came from the auction - so I would particularly like to thank those who donated the bottles and those who bid so generously for them.

David Grech
Church Warden, St Marys
Over the last few months there have been a number of fund-raising events in aid of the new heating for St Mary’s Church and the PCC would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole community of Whaddon for their on-going support for this project. We are pleased to report that, through your generosity, we have now been able to complete Phase I of the project. This has entailed stripping out the three old radiators and above floor pipework in the Chancel (at the east end of the church), and installing four new radiators and new pipework on a separate circuit connected direct to the boiler house. In the boiler house all the old pipework has again been stripped out and the boiler (which was installed in 2004) has been fully serviced and connected to a new manifold with the capacity for three circuits (two of which will be installed as part of Phase II). The boiler house has also been rewired to bring it in line with current regulations and a new control panel installed, which following completion of the whole project will enable each of the three circuits to be controlled separately.

We will shortly be installing a heavy curtain on the Rood Screen between the Chancel and the main body of the church to help retain the heat within the Chancel, where most of our regular Sunday services are held. For larger services (Christmas, Remembrance Sunday etc) this curtain will be pulled back so that the church becomes a single space for worship.

We can now start moving our attention on to Phase II of the project, and the installation of new heating to the main body of the church. This will require further fund raising and, over the coming months, we will be putting on more events that we hope will also be enjoyable for those taking part. In addition we shall be preparing a number of grant applications to help meet the cost of the work.

David Grech and Karen Coningsby
Church Wardens, St Mary’s Whaddon

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Hello to you all. I would like to say on behalf of all the coordinators a big thank you to Mike Monks who has been running Whaddon NHW since it was relaunched in 2003. Mike has recently moved after more than 20 years to another village nearby.

He has passed the mantle to me, Malan Peyton, to take over the day-to-day running. I live, for those of you who don’t know, at Ermine Farm in Dyers Green at the end of Bridge Street. My contact details and those of the other area coordinators are listed in the rear of the Whaddon News and on the village website www.whaddon.org

Since Christmas we have had no reported crime in the village, although there has been low level crime reported in some other villages nearby. Our village has been in the past the target of crime, particularly shed and outbuildings being broken into. This is hard to prevent as most of us have gardens adjacent to open countryside and vulnerable from the rear. It is worth having good locks and lighting on your outbuildings, even an alarm system.

On the village website you will find information about WNHW and also links to other email systems to enable you to receive alerts directly from the Police about crimes in the local policing area.

For those of you who are new to the village, or who are not on our village email system, you are very welcome to join. Another of our residents has taken over the running of the email system, Dr Nigel Strudwick of Town Farm Close. Please contact him on whaddonnhw@gmail.com to add yourselves.

The email system has been an excellent method of disseminating news around the village, both village wide events and also any problems within the village, lost cats, keys etc.

If you want to keep up with anything happening in the village, do go to the village website where you will find a calendar of events and other information.

Malan Peyton parishcouncilmatters@gmail.com or 01223-207358

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.
Parish Clerk

After 10 very successful years, Gabby Van Poortvliet, the Clerk to Whaddon Parish Council, has decided to vacate the post to try her hand at other things. The Parish Council advertised the position and interviewed for a new clerk and I am delighted to announce that Angela Culver, who lives in Bridge Street, has been appointed. There will be a transitional period while Angela is trained and gets up to speed but we shall be publicising her contact details in due course.

Replacement Village sign

We are now talking to various sign manufacturers to see what the most cost-effective way is to produce the new design.

Mobile Vehicle Activated System (MVAS)

This should be delivered imminently.

2018-19 Annual Precept

A Precept of £17,478 was recommended (2017/18 £17, 530), being Parish Administration costs of £14,058, additional expenditure of £4,100, less anticipated income of £14,058, additional expenditure of £680. The additional expenditure was £1,600 to a reserve for Village Hall and Playground capital and renovation projects, £500 for the Village Sign (new post and installation), £600 donation to fencing for the toddler play area and £1,400 to a reserve for highways, footpaths and verges. The cost per household (Band D equivalent) would be £80.92, based on 216 homes, up 1% from last year (2017/18 £80.08, based on 218.9 homes).

Future of permissive footpaths in and around the village

Roger Huffer, of Leyhill Farm addressed the meeting. He said that the existing Permissive Path agreement ends on 31st March 2018 and that there was no further funding available for permissive paths. They had been enjoyed by villagers for many years but there are positive and negative implications from a landlord’s perspective. Negative implications include fly tipping and damage to crops by dogs. Roger will be meeting his landlord, County Farms, to discuss the paths. Currently there were just over 5km of permissive paths across his farm. Roger proposes removing some of the existing paths and reducing the width of the remaining paths from 6 metres to 2 metres, paths to be retained would include the ones from Bridge Street to Whaddon Gap Car Park, through Pickering Woods and out onto the Harcamlow Way. Also, from Whaddon Gap Car Park, along the back of Cardiff Place and joining up with the footpath. He also said that he would like the path to the Harcamlow Way adopted as a formal footpath to protect it for the village in future. The Parish Council agreed in principle, to work with Roger to ensure the continuation of these paths.

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 is on Monday 12th March 2018 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

Verges and parking in Bridge Street

I have had many complaints from residents about the Bridge Street verges, which are now in a shocking state because of unbelievably inconsiderate parking coupled with the very heavy winter rainfall. And it seems the problem is getting worse!

Traffic in Bridge Street has increased significantly in recent years, with a huge increase in delivery and removal vans and trucks coupled with an unprecedented amount of building work being carried out.

If a delivery vehicle is impeded the driver will simply drive onto the sodden verge with the resultant damage. All these drivers are on very tight schedules and have huge time pressures to complete their rounds.

It is essential that parking is carried out so that there is a clear path through for all road users, so please take a personal interest in where you, your visitors, delivery drivers and contractors park their vehicles so that the flow of traffic is not obstructed. Emergency vehicles especially need a clear path and losing vital seconds clearing a badly parked vehicle could have disastrous consequences for someone in dire need.

I am asking, therefore, for everyone’s help to eradicate this problem. It will take much work to repair the verges (which are the ultimate responsibility of County Highways, not the Parish Council). We have discussed this issue and we prepared to help provide some materials to repair and organise the work but it will largely be down to villagers to spend time doing the work. There is no magic solution or team of council workers to call upon.

Lee Ginger, Chairman, Whaddon Parish Council

Whaddon Golf Centre

Lorna and Richard would like to thank all who have contributed to our fundraising events at the Golf Centre. We are very pleased to have been able to host several charity events, which have been great social occasions as well as raising money for charity.

The Christmas sing a long was great fun and raised £240 for the church.

On 3 March we are looking forward to Eat for Heat II. Janet Leech is cooking a selection of curries, which we are sure will be great.

Our monthly quizzes have donated money to several charities both local and national. The next quiz will be on 14 March.

Did you know that the Golf Centre has more than Golf? The clubhouse offers hot drinks, light snacks and a licenced bar, which is open to all. Wednesday and Friday evenings have a pub feel with Pool and Darts. Friday evenings sees local villagers popping in to end the week with a drink, chat and catch up on local village news. The more the merrier.

Again thank you on behalf of all the charities and we hope to see you at the Golf Centre soon.

Lorna and Richard.

Whaddon Parish Council News – some of our discussions and decisions from our meeting in January.
TIMES PAST

We all live in a village with a very long and interesting history but it is probably true to say that we do not appreciate this; we go about our everyday lives driving through the village little realising that it has appeared in documents dating back at least 1000 years.

ST MARY’S CHURCH

No description of the village could be complete without mentioning the church. There it has stood in its different adaptions overlooking the comings and goings of the residents for well over 800 years and has been the pivot around which life has resolved. A newsletter is no place for a full and detailed description of its architectural qualities both inside and out as its appearance speaks for itself and it can be visited easily. However, throughout the centuries many facts have been associated with it and events have taken place: it is these which will appear in the newsletter.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL IS SET UP

In 1797 Robert Allen Hurlock was appointed vicar and he served Whaddon for 55 years until his death aged 81 years in 1852. He also held Shepreth but lived in Whaddon serving the churches alternately on Sunday morning and afternoon. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1845 aged 77 years and their grave is to be found on the north side of the church adjacent to the road.

He was keen to set up a Sunday School in 1835 and duly applied to the Dean and Chapter of Windsor for help in setting up such a school. He said that children in the village were attending a Sunday School in a different parish and he was afraid that future generations would be influenced by the Dissenters or Nonconformists and therefore be lost to the established church. A contribution of £2 per annum for the purpose was allowed.

Sunday Schools had become popular at the end of the 18th century. They were set up to counter illiteracy and ill-discipline amongst children. The idea swiftly became popular and gained the backing of the upper classes and philanthropists and by the mid-nineteenth century about one and a half million children were attending Sunday Schools.

A further communication in 1841 with Windsor was from his curate Arthur Thomas, whom he employed from 1840. He wished to set up a clothing club in connection with the Sunday School and wanted the £2 to be raised to £3. He was of the opinion that “the people of the parish are generally very poor and many of the children are unable to derive any benefit from the Sunday School from want of clothing”

RULES

Whaddon Sunday School Clothing Club

1. Each Child to pay One Penny every Sunday
2. One Halfpenny out of the School Funds to be added to each Penny
3. Only articles of useful Clothing, and subject to the approval of the Minister, to be bought by the Parents of the Children.
4. A Person to attend at Whaddon to sell the Clothing some day in the second week in November.
5. Each child to give its own Penny at the time its name is called.
6. No child to be allowed to pay up Arrears, unless its absence has been caused by Sickness or by the permission of the Minister.
7. The pence to be taken always in the Afternoon after Divine Service or School.
8. No penny will be taken from any Child who absents itself from Divine Service.
9. If the parents have any Complaint to make, they must make it to the Minister only, and it will be attended to.
10. No child admitted to School under Five years of age.

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1d. paid every Sunday makes 4s. 4d. at the end of the year
½d. added to each 1d. makes 2s. 2d. at the end of the year.

So a child who pays 1d. every Sunday will have 6s. 6d. to spend on clothes at the end of the year.

WINDSOR CASTLE

How many people know of the connection between Whaddon and Windsor Castle? The lands of the rectory at Whaddon were given to the Priory of Lewes, which was the property of French Benedictine monks, in the mid-twelfth century by the family of Hardwin de Scalers (one of the largest landowners in the village, and indeed the county, when the Domesday book was compiled in 1086). The lands remained in the hands of the Priory until 1351 when they were made over to King Edward III in return for the privilege of being treated as an English and not an alien Priory. This meant that it would not have had its lands seized when the King was at war with France.

For over 500 years, from 1351, the lands remained with the Deans and Canons of Windsor. This meant that they were the managers of the parish; they leased out land and appointed vicars. When the task of administering their estates became too onerous and uneconomical, the estate was turned over to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 1867.

During this period of time many records concerning Whaddon were collected and are now stored in the archives at the castle. These contain many types of records such as leases, details of acreage, valuations and items of correspondence concerning matters of money and maintenance.

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