**USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

**Citizens Advice:**
- Cambridge: 03448 487979
- Royston: 03444 111444

**Councillors:**
- County: Susan van de Ven: 07905 325574
- District: Jose Hales: 01763 221058
- Phillipa Hart: 01763 261255

**Doctors:**
- Orchard Surgery, Melbourn: 01763 260220
- The Health Centre, Royston: 01763 242981
- Market Hill Surgery, Royston: 01763 848244
- Roysia Surgery, Royston: 01763 243166

**Hospital:**
- Addenbrooke’s Hospital: 01223 245151

**Police:**
- Non emergency Number: 101

**Samaritans:**
- 01223 364455 (charges)
- 116 123 (free)

**Transport:**
- National Rail Enquiries: 03457 484950
- Stagecoach East: 01223 433250
- National Express Coaches: 0871 781 8181

**Utilities:**
- Anglian Water: 03457 145145
- Cambridge Water Company: 01223 706050
- Electricity Emergency & Supply Loss: 08007 838838

**Vets:**
- Melbourne Veterinary Surgery: 01763 262696
- Royston Veterinary Surgery: 01763 242221

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- Half page advert for one year (4 issues): £40.00

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Contact Angela Bridges, the Parish Clerk:
whaddonparishclerk@outlook.com
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NEWSLETTER
The deadline for the next newsletter is May 13th
Once again items of village interest are always welcome.
Joan Pascoe C208062 joanpascoe@aol.com

Mobile Library
Every 3rd Tuesday
10.00 - 10.30 Meldreth Road
Tuesday 19 March
Tuesday 16 April
Tuesday 21 May

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM

Malan Peyton Whaddon Village Coordinator Ermine Farm, Dyers Green C 207358

Coordinators:
Karen Coningsby Meldreth Road/Church Corner 17 Church Street C 207514
Carole Aldred Church Street/Town Farm Close/ St Mary’s Close 104 Church Street C 208147
Maria Mould Lower Bridge Street/Ridgeway Close 39 Bridge Street C 207231
Helen Smith Upper Bridge Street 9 Bridge Street C 207631
Malan Peyton Dyers Green Ermine Farm, Dyers Green C 207358

Local Enforcement:
Neighbourhood Policing Team (Cambourne):
www.cambs.police.uk/LocalPolicing/SouthCambs/Cambourne/
John Coppard Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
Lyndsay Gardiner Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
James Lynch Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk.
For a non-emergency matter dial 101.
SUSAN VAN de VEN Cambridgeshire County Councillor

Monthly Advice Surgeries:
Susan van de Ven holds two drop-in advice surgeries a month for anyone who has a question or concern.
1st Monday of the month The Hub, Melbourn, 3-4pm
3rd Monday of the month The Limes, Bassingbourn, 3-4pm
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 Monday (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.
Any questions, please ring the CAB Monday-Friday, 10-4, Tel 03444 111 444.

FUTURE FILM NIGHTS
7.30pm in the Village Hall
Fri 29th March Mamma Mia
Sat 13th April Life of Brian
Tickets £5 per person
Refreshments available
Fancy dress encouraged
Tickets Available from the Golf Range or Anita Birch 68 Bridge Street
Anitabirch1@hotmail.co.uk

STYLE & CONFIDENCE
27th March
7pm til 9pm
Style and Confidence Session with Cat Strawbridge
More details will come via village email system.

Whaddon Golf Centre
Real Ale Festival
Fri 7th, Sat 8th and Sun 9th June
Morris dancing and barbecue on Sunday.
Great fun day for all the family.

Whaddon Neighbourhood Watch and Whaddon Parish Council
There will be a Crime Prevention Event at Whaddon Village Hall on Wednesday 17th April from 5.00pm until 7.30pm
This will be in conjunction with Cambridgeshire Police. Come along for advice and to meet members of your local Policing team including your Crime Reduction Officer

PC Repairs
Advice & Installation of Home Networks
Help with Selecting a Computer
Fault Finding

Brian Girling 01223 208529 (Wimpole)
E-mail bg@moncrst.co.uk
We can also provide the following services:
Design of brochures, posters, business cards etc.
A4/A3 laminating • A4 Comb-Binding
Small print runs on A6 to A3 media

Village Hall hire
Special rates for those within the village - ideal for birthday parties and most functions.
Village Rate: £7 per hour
Non-village Rate: £11 per hour
Please contact: whaddonvhrgt@gmail.com
Normal Sunday Services
(all services at 9.30am)
1st Sunday Morning Prayer - Churchwardens
2nd Sunday Morning Worship
3rd Sunday Morning Prayer - Churchwardens
4th Sunday Holy Communion
5th Sunday Joint Service

SERVICES
6th March 8.00pm Bassingbourn Ash Wednesday
31st March 9.30am St Mary’s Whaddon Mothering Sunday. Family Service with distribution of posies
14th April 9.30am St Mary’s Whaddon Palm Sunday
18th April 8.00pm Bassingbourn Maunday Thursday
21st April 5.45am Venue TBC Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
9.30am St Mary’s Whaddon Family Communion Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt in the church yard.

MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES
All children and Dads are welcome to help make posies on Saturday 30th March at 10.30am in the church.

CHURCH FETE
13th July 2019
12.30pm for luncheon
2pm opening of Fete.

HOMESTART AQUATHON
Calling all swimmers for the Home-Start and South Cambridgeshire Aquathon

This year Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire is trying to make their annual Aquathon the biggest one yet and are calling on local clubs and organisations to help them make an ever bigger splash this year. The annual event, which has traditionally been held in partnership with local schools, is now being opened up to other local organisations keen to kick start their fundraising.

This joint fundraiser is the perfect opportunity for local organisations to raise funds, and all without the hassle as Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire do all the heavy lifting. The event, which will be held on the evening of Sunday 19th May at the Royston Leisure Centre is organised entirely by local family support charity Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire.

Participants are invited to contribute teams of six for a fun 55 minute relay swim, and the great news is that participants can walk away with 50% of the sponsorship they raise, while the remaining 50% goes to support Home-Start’s vital work with local families in crisis. It’s a win win for local people wanting to raise funds for a club or charity close to their hearts – with the added bonus of supporting local families in need.

With everyone from little nippers to grandparents welcome to take part, it has the potential to be a golden fundraising opportunity for a wide range of organisations – schools, Scouts, Guides, local sports clubs just to name a few.

Places at the Aquathon are limited, so if you would like to get involved and raise money for your club, whilst also supporting local families, contact Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire for an application form.

Home-Start Royston and South Cambridgeshire
01763 262262
admin@hsrsc.org.uk

RAIL USER GROUP
The Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Rail User Group AGM is March 26, 7.30PM, Foxton Village Hall. The agenda will be posted here - http://meldrethsheprethfoxtorail.org.uk/
Heidi Allen MP
If you would like to contact Heidi about an issue or book a surgery appointment email: heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk Tel: 01954 212707

The next local surgeries:

**Friday 1st March 2019**
By appointment only
3.00pm - 5.00pm
Melbourn
Venue: Melbourn Community Hub
SG8 6DZ

**Saturday 6th April 2019**
Drop-in - No appointment needed
10.30am - 12.30pm
Abbeyfield
Girton Green
Welbrook Way
Girton
CB3 0GQ

**Thursday 2nd May 2019**
By appointment only
3.00pm - 5.00pm
Venue: Broadway House,
149-151 St Neots Road, Hardwick
CB23 7QJ

**Saturday 8th June 2019**
Drop-in - No appointment needed
10.30am - 12.30pm
Gamlingay
Venue: TBC

**To book an appointment please call 01223 830037**

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St Mary’s Church - Heating Fund

Fundraising continues for the next phase of replacing the heating in the church. In January a third ‘Eat for Heat’ meal raised a magnificent £635. Thanks to everyone who came along and enjoyed themselves, including the cooks. Also, many thanks to Janet Leech who masterminded the evening, ably assisted by Gill, and to Lorna, Richard and family who let us use Whaddon Golf Centre and worked hard to make the evening a success.

Plans for phase two of the heating project (heating to the nave and aisles) have now received the support of the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and the formal Faculty Application will shortly be submitted to the Chancellor’s Office in London.

Jenny and David Grech
On behalf of Whaddon PCC

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Christmas Sing-a-long

Thank you to all who supported the Golf Centre Christmas sing-a-long. It was a good fun evening and through donations, mulled wine, mince pies and a raffle we raised £233.10 for the heating fund at St Mary’s church in Whaddon. Once again thank you for your support.

Lorna and Richard.
WHADDON CRICKET CLUB

MATCHES & RESULTS for 2018

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WHITSUN WEEKEND

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.

Whaddon Whitsun Weekend 2019

This year, Whitsun Weekend will fall on 8 and 9 June. Please make a note in your diary of the dates below and also note that this is not the same as the Spring Bank Holiday weekend.

Saturday 8th June

Folk Evening in the Village Hall

Come and enjoy some ceilidh dancing, with food and drink provided.

A good time to socialise and to learn about the village’s own traditional Whitsun celebrations.

Sunday 9th June

Dancing around the village from 10.30 onwards.

12.30 Service for Pentecost at St Mary’s Church

After church, dancing at the Golf Centre

Helen Strudwick

The name Whaddon

In old documents the name Whaddon has appeared in many different spellings such as the ones below.

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Assize Roll 83 - Henry III 1268

The jury present that Roger de Leyburn immediately after the battle of Evesham seized the land in Qwadone which had belonged to Thomas de Qwadone, who died in arms against the King in the battle of Lewes. And Henry de Qwadone, brother and heir of Thomas, took at the Feast of St Michael next following 5s. rent. And afterwards the King gave that land to the aforesaid Roger.

DREADFUL WEATHER

The great snowstorm of 1836 was particularly memorable for the suddenness and its extent. It commenced to snow on the night of Christmas Eve (Saturday), all day Sunday and the next day. No snow storm in Britain for the previous 100 years equalled it in violence and extent. On the evening of the 26th, after it had been snowing for 48 hours, the wind increased to hurricane, and in the night the fall of snow was from four to six feet, while the drifts were from 20 to 30 feet in depth. All communications were cut off for a week. Because of the season many more stage coaches were on the road than usual and many a Christmas party were without its guest. Coaches were snowed up everywhere and had many passengers not been accommodated in private houses and inns, many would have perished. The Edinburgh Mail, Boston Mail and Stamford Coach on their way to London were all stranded in the vicinity of Whaddon. It is interesting to note that the remarkable storm was followed by a serious outbreak of influenza.
In Anglo-Saxon times Whaddon was part of Armingford Hundred. As the area lies on both sides of Ermine Street it is thought to derive its name from the Earnings who occupied the area at that time.

During the 10th century England was divided into shires and these shires, which existed until 1974, were broken down into sub-divisions called hundreds. In theory it contained a hundred hides. (A hide in Cambridgeshire was assessed at about 120 acres). Armingford Hundred comprised ten bills - Melbourn, Meldreth and Whaddon probably including Kneesworth, assessed at 30 hides, Bassingbourn, Abington and Litlington at 20 hides, Wendy and Shingay at 5 hides each and the Mordens at 15 hides together. Croydon 10, Clapton 5, Tadlow 5 and East Hatley 5 had probably been included to make a total of 100 hides.

Also during the tenth century royal authority was increasing and many laws and charters were introduced into the administration of the country at meetings of the Royal Council, which from the reign of King Athelstan (924-39) was a well established institution comprising nobles, bishops and other men of influence in their own localities. In addition the hundreds had their own courts for settling local affairs called a 'moot' court in which presided someone appointed by the King who along with those who lived in the area meted out justice. It is believed that the court for Armingford Hundred may have met at Mutlow, later Mettle Hill, between Meldreth and Kneesworth.

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By the thirteenth century these courts had become six-monthly assize courts and they dealt with civil and criminal cases. Each hundred had to send twelve jury men to report to the Royal judges what had happened since the judge's last visit. These jury were always named in the ensuing records which were written on long sheets of parchment about two to three feet long. When finished another was stitched to it and the final roll could eventually be 15 feet long.

Some rolls for the assizes in Cambridgeshire have survived and can be found in the Public Record Office in Kew. The following assize cases are recorded for Whaddon in Rolls 82 and 83.

Assize Roll 82 - Henry III 1260

The jurors present that John de Wangford, Steward of the Earl of Richmond, arrested Richard Baldry of Whaddon and Matilda his wife. They were imprisoned for 6 days at Whaddon then escaped. The jury say that they suspect them only of stealing bread during the great famine. Therefore they may return if they wish.

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The inaugural Whaddon Village Film Night took place on 23rd February with a screening of The Blues Brothers, and was a resounding success. The event was attended by over 35 film goers, many of whom took the opportunity to dress up as Jake and Elwood Blues, as well as nuns and other questionable characters from the film. The main event came with trailers and retro cinema adverts to keep everyone entertained, and with a well stocked bar, hotdogs, popcorn and a prize raffle the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all that supported the event. The evening raised over £300 for the upkeep of the hall and recreation ground.

The next screening will be Mamma Mia on Friday 29th March, and will be an ideal chance to not only see the film, but also to put on those 70s sequins and flares and join in the sing-a-long with lyric subtitles. Alternatively, wear your sandals and false beards and bring a gourd to the screening of The Life of Brian on Saturday 13th April. Come and join the party and support your local village hall, tickets available from Whaddon Golf Centre and AnitaBirch@hotmail.co.uk.
Whaddon Parish Council News – some of the issues discussed at our meetings in January and February

**Phone box to return!**
Our insurance claim for the wrecked telephone box has been settled in full and we have started the process of purchasing a replacement. It may take a little time as we are looking at several options. When we have settled on a particular box it will have to be delivered, installed and prepared for further service as the village library. In the meantime, don’t forget that a temporary library has been set up at the Whaddon Golf Centre. Also, I mentioned last time that some people have suggested to me that the new box could be sited in a different location from the top of Bridge Street. If you have any thoughts on this the Parish Council would like to know.

For the record, the original box was thought to have been located at the top of Bridge Street since the 1950s and was very much part of the Whaddon street scene.

**2019-20 Annual Precept**
A Precept of £17,478 was recommended, the same as in 2018/19. Parish Administration costs of £12,940, additional expenditure of £5,443, less anticipated income of £905. The additional expenditure is £2,500 to a reserve for Village Hall and Playground capital and renovation projects, £1,500 for new recreation ground railings £1,443 to a reserve for highways, footpaths and verges. The cost per household (Band D equivalent) would be £79.30, (based on 220.4 homes), down 2% from last year (2018/19 £80.92, based on 216 homes).

**East West railway**
By the time this Whaddon News is published the public consultation will be almost finished. As three out of the five possible routes may affect Whaddon I hope that many villagers attended one of the two local consultation events at Bassingbourn and Orwell or viewed the proposals on-line and have express their views and opinions. The official closure date of the consultation is Monday 11th March by which time the Parish Council will have submitted its response.

**Replacement Village sign**
We plan to fix the new sign in position by the end of March.

**Village litter pick**
Information has been received concerning the Great British Spring Clean, 22 March 2019 – 23 April. In the spirit of this event, the Parish Council will arrange another village wide litter pick in early Spring, following on from the success of last year’s event!

**Highways matters**
Pleased to see that our Local Highways team have been repairing pot holes but it is so important that we report any new ones on the County Council’s website -

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**WHADDON WEDNESDAY PROGRAMME FOR 2019**
(Third Wednesday of each month)

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**Register your appliances**
Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service is encouraging residents to register their appliances for a safer 2019.

All you have to do is visit registermyappliance.org.uk, and register large appliances bought in the last 12 years.

Registering appliances can instantly improve safety in the home as it ensures that householders can be contacted swiftly if a safety repair is ever needed or if an item is recalled by the manufacturer.

With many households relying on appliances every day to handle essential chores, chill food and cook for their families, this quick task can give you peace of mind.

As an incentive to encourage owners to register their appliances, many of the leading brands on registermyappliance.org.uk are offering to enter registrants into free draws for a range of desirable prizes. Appliances being registered don’t have to be in warranty, or brand new to be applicable.
Whaddon Wednesdays  
(formerly Whaddon Mainly Gardening Club)

Under our new banner of Whaddon Wednesdays we have continued to look for a diverse programme of interesting subjects and speakers, always underpinned by gardening topics. Since the last Whaddon News we have had Richard Revels, FRPS, an internationally known wildlife photographer, who, not surprisingly, gave a beautifully illustrated talk on wildlife in the Falkland Islands. We concluded the year with a well-attended Christmas party.

We started 2019 in January with the “Willow Lady”, Sandra Barker, who very ably demonstrated the beauty and flexibility of willow. Her passion for her subject was clear as was her skill. In late February, before you read this piece, our own Jan Gibson will have talked to us on “Planning Beds and Borders”. Dare I say that this couldn’t be better timed with the early spring that we (at the time of writing) are enjoying.

On Wednesday 20 March we are fortunate in having a speaker from the East of England Air Ambulance who will talk on “The History and Current Work of the Air Ambulance”. This is a very topical and important subject for a rural location like Whaddon and one that is receiving plenty of public attention at this time. We hope to see plenty of villagers coming along.

Wednesday 17 April will see Malan and Michael Peyton talking on “Practical Day to Day Bee Keeping”. Little do you know that down at Ermine Farm at the bottom of Bridge Street they are busy helping to save the planet by encouraging the bee population in Whaddon while enjoying some delicious honey. For a complete change, on 15 May, Helen Gibson (no relation to Jan) will be talking on Timber-Framed Buildings in Hertfordshire and Essex.

We are hoping to make a visit to a Cambridge college Fellows’ Garden in the early Summer—which one will be revealed in due course and in September, after our Summer break, steam engine restoration is the topic when Stephen Lacey, an active enthusiast at the Nene Valley Railway, will divulge the secrets of bringing back to life: 92 Squadron, A Battle of Britain Class Locomotive - The Story of Her Restoration.

From the above, you will see that the Club is very active with a varied programme that we hope will appeal to many tastes. Details of each event will be publicised via the village email system and the website. Everybody is most welcome and although we do have a number of regular attendees it would be a great pleasure to see other residents from the village join us. With the worst of winter behind us try to come along to one of our meetings; you would be most welcome. MM

www.highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk to ensure that the team repair them quickly. Unfortunately, their budget for the next financial year does not extend to any resurfacing work in Whaddon so we shall still have to report pot holes as soon as they appear.

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Mental Health: Support in my Community and How to Find It

All welcome at the Melbourn Hub, March 13, 7:30-9pm:

The goal of this meeting will be to increase awareness of existing mental health support networks in our community, whether to help you or someone you know, and to become generally better acquainted with what’s going on locally. We’ll hear from Mind, Allyance school counselling which serves a multitude of schools in our area, and the Citizens Advice Bureau.
Whaddon Footpaths

The map on the left shows both the Public and the Permissive paths and bridleways in Whaddon (apologies for quality but it’s the best that we can reproduce with the one-colour newsletter printing!). The Public footpaths are official rights of way and have been maintained by Cambridge County Council until this year. After the problems experienced in 2018, Whaddon Parish Council has now decided to take over the management of the cutting of these paths from spring 2019.

The Permissive paths run across land farmed by local farmer, Roger Huffer, who has recently revised the scheme for these paths across his farm. Broadly they remain the same, although some paths have been reduced in width. Roger has said that the permissive paths would now remain as such for at least the next twelve years. They are not an automatic right of way and some areas may be temporarily shut for short periods for farming and maintenance purposes. The Parish Council and villagers are indebted to Roger for his work in keeping these paths open, which are regularly enjoyed by large numbers of residents of the village and further afield.

We must emphasise though, that all walkers must stick to the paths and that dog walkers must control their animals in a responsible way as there has been some damage to crops recently. Dog walkers are also asked to clear up any dog fouling and any litter should be taken home.