



Whaddon News



MAY 1993

WHADDON VILLAGE HALL SUMMER FETE at 2 pm 5 JUNE

THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS WOULD BE
GREATLY APPRECIATED. IF YOU ARE ABLE
TO GIVE PLEASE RING 207659 / 207710

CAKES *TOMBOLA PRIZES* *RAFFLE PRIZES*
PLANTS *HELP ON THE DAY*



WHADDON CHURCH FETE, PRODUCE SHOW AND GARDEN PARTY

*in the Old Vicarage by kind
permission of*

Lord and Lady Whaddon

Saturday 24th July at 2.00pm

to be opened by Baroness Trumpington

BARBECUE

Saturday 31st July

Admission by advance ticket only

Available from all Committee Members



The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 22nd March.

At this meeting the Chairman, Mr Bradley, gave his report, an extract of which is included here.

The Parish Council has met six times during the year with several special meetings to address a number of key matters. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Clerk, Aileen Bishop, together with all Parish Councillors, for their support and commitment during what has been a busy year. The Council is also fortunate to have regular and valuable support from Mary Course and Mrs Fiddy to ensure the Parish has visibility at both the District and County.

In looking back over the year the Council has spent a significant amount of time dealing with some very sensitive planning applications and problems with either having too much water or too little water in the village stream. I hope that we now have a better understanding with County planning authorities following a very productive meeting with the Director, Mr Hussell. I don't feel so confident about the stream. It would seem our best achievement will be to contain the situation as and when problems occur. The residents most affected by the stream have been very supportive, and the Parish Council are indeed grateful for all the hard work carried out in clearing the stream of blockages.

The Parish Council have a number of key objectives in the next financial year, in addition to actioning and attending to normal business. These are:

- a) repair to all damaged footpaths.
- b) Major improvement programme to the Village Hall.
- c) Upgrade and installation of new playground equipment.
- d) Agreement and erection of Village Sign.
- e) Win the Best Kept Village competition
- f) Agree a containment programme with District Council and NRA in respect of Village Stream.

In conclusion, I wish to confirm that your Council members will endeavour to represent you effectively throughout the coming year. However we cannot do it without your involvement, so please support the Village events, and if you have concerns please let us know.

Thank you.

Fred Bradley
Chairman

STOP PRESS!

At the Parish Council meeting on Monday 17th May: Mr Bradley is meeting with County Council officials from Traffic, Highways and the Police on Friday 28th May to discuss road safety, speeding and car theft.

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Gillian Marshall

As was reported in the last newsletter, Gillian died on 21.2.93 after a 17 year battle with cancer. Before her marriage Gillian gained a PhD in Mycology and worked at the National Institute of Agriculture and Botany in Cambridge.

Gillian lived in Bridge Street at The Grange with her husband DENIS and children Peter, Katherine, William and Mary from 1970-1986. For a few years Gillian opened up their house to paying guests and advertised internationally. An Australian television programme was made extolling the delights of days spent in the lovely listed farmhouse, so close to Cambridge. Her guests came from all over the world. When the family grew up and left home Gillian and Denis moved to Meldreth, but Gillian continued to be involved in many aspects of life in Whaddon.

She was a churchwarden and had many friends throughout the Diocese of Ely, attending numerous church and Mothers Union meetings in the cathedral. Her interests in the church were global and she visited war-torn Sudan to take practical aid and seek news of the church contacts there. The yearly collections in the village for the Children's Society and Christian Aid were initiated by Gillian, and she was also involved with the Christingle Service at Christmas.

Gillian tirelessly drove elderly parishioners to the Day Care centre in Melbourn as part of the Self Help scheme, and she enjoyed visiting the housebound in Whaddon.

A founder member of the reformed WI in the village, and the first President, she was a committee member for several years. Many local and County WI members, plus all her friends in the village, share with Denis, her children and grandchildren, in a deep sense of loss. We give thanks for her purposeful and courageous life, and feel privileged to have known her.

Iris Green

WHIT SUNDAY

On Sunday 30 May
The Lord Bishop of Ely
will take Holy Communion
in Whaddon Parish Church at 9.15 am
Do come to this special service
and welcome Bishop Stephen

From our Vicar:

I am grateful for the opportunity to write a few words for the Newsletter. Irene and I are grateful for the warm welcome we have received at the church, and for the lovely flowers which still adorn our living-room.

Since 1982 I have been ministering in the Diocese of Ely, in Willingham and Rampton and then Ramsey, and more recently have been carrying out an enquiry into the life of the Church in the township of Orton in Peterborough. Before that I was Divisional Director in Social Services for South and East Cambridgeshire (when Whaddon came into my area of responsibility!) Meanwhile, Irene has been a community nurse and then a surgery nurse in the Willingham and Godmanchester areas. The other members of our family are all in their twenties (John, Simon and Kate), and Kate still lives with us. We came to Cambridgeshire in 1974.

I regard home visiting as a high priority and an important part of my ministry, and would be very happy to visit anyone who wishes to talk about their faith, discuss any personal matters in confidence, visit anyone who is sick or anxious, or who would simply like to meet me and have a chat.

In partnership with fellow-Christians of all denominations I wish (in God's love and strength) to play my part in proclaiming Christ's message of compassion and hope to all, whoever they may be.

Ted Duckett
May 1993

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TIMES OF SERVICES IN WHADDON

Parish Church: 9.15am.
Rev John Aitchison can be contacted in
Bassingbourn. Tel: (95) 243119

Methodist Church: 10.00am.
Rev Michael Belfield can be contacted
on (95) 243445

The Sunday School meets at 10.00am in
the Methodist Church Schoolroom.
Contact Margaret Hewat (95) 247611

CAR BOOT SALE

in aid of the children's
playground equipment

on the Recreation Ground

Saturday 15th August at 2.00pm

BATS!

The junior wing of the RSPB "YOC" is
conducting a survey of Bats in Churches.

During the week 29th May - 6th June
Clare Byatt will take any interested children into
the church at dusk.
Telephone: 207429 to arrange a convenient date.

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The cuckoo was heard in Meldreth Road on 29th
April.



From our new County Councillor:

Margaret Hunter

Keys Cottage,
70 High Street, Meldreth.

I should like, first of all, to thank the numerous people who have been so generous with their good wishes since my election on 6th May. I have been very touched by the friendliness of the public response. May I say that this has come from all six villages in the Melbourn Ward, and from all sides of the political spectrum.

I shall do my best to serve everyone in the community as far as is humanly possible. I plan to have a monthly session, probably on Saturday mornings, when I shall be available to meet anyone wishing to talk about problems where I may be able to help. I will publicise these during the next few weeks and look forward to meeting some of you then.

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YOUNG WHADDONIANS

Following the last newsletter, several people have expressed an interest in getting together socially on a regular or semi-regular basis.

would all those people interested in meeting other villagers please note the following date. We will have a meeting in the Village Hall on

Tuesday, 6th July from 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

If you can't make the meeting but are interested, please pick up the telephone and let me know on

207219.

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Welcome to:

David and Elizabeth Farndale and their children Rebecca and Timothy. They have moved to: 'Great Gable', 126 Meldreth Road. Tel: 207225.

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COLLECTIONS

Jumble Sale

*in aid of the children's Christmas Party
raised £75.49*



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
APPEAL RAISED £70

THANK YOU




Dear WHADDON PARISHIONERS

RED CROSS WEEK

Thanks to the efforts of all fundraisers, Red Cross Week has again proved to be a great success.

We are delighted to let you know that your collection raised £105.68. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

 British Red Cross



Royal National Lifeboat Institution

The Lifeboat Collection
raised £101.58

Thanks to all concerned.

Your contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Please contact:
Clare Byatt 207429; Kathrine Mitchell 207400; Margaret Wilson 207219