ANIMAL CRACKERS
Sunday 8th June
12.00 noon - 4.30 pm
on the Recreation Ground
Including the traditional stalls and sideshows of Whaddon Village Fete

St Mary’s Parish Church
WHADDON
FETE
Saturday 19th July
Fete opening at 2 pm by Sir Charles Chadwyk-Healey

Ploughman’s Lunch at 12.30 pm
(£4.00 and £2.00 children)

DOG SHOW
PRODUCE SHOW & AUCTION
METHODOIST CHAPEL

The Chapel and some of the land behind it was purchased by Michaela and Roger Huffer in March and they are now in the process of expanding Bumpkins, the day-care nursery at Leyhill Farm, to include a pre-school unit which will be based at the chapel.

The pre-school unit will specialise in care for children from 2–5 on a mornings only, termly basis. In the afternoons they hope to run special classes for pre-school children such as music and movement, pilates, cookery, art and craft and even French lessons! In the school holidays they will run their holiday club there for children aged 4 – 14. The land behind will be turned into a woodland and Roger will be busy drilling grass and planting trees in the months to come.

The pre-school will create 1 new full-time job and 6 part-time jobs in the village and they are all very excited about the expansion. If anyone is interested in sending their children to the pre-school or holiday club or, perhaps, part-time work they should contact Vanessa on 208777.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Clare and Giles of Town Farm Close who have a baby daughter, sister for Madelaine.

COLLECTION

The recent collection in aid of the Red Cross raised a total of £140-63. Thank you to all who contributed and to the collectors.

Thank you

Linda Papworth would like to thank all her friends and neighbours for the very many cards and good wishes that she received in hospital. She is now home and making progress.

Get well soon, Linda.

THE FOUNTAIN

Following the last update, the work on the fountain hardware is now complete and installation should go ahead soon. It now seems appropriate to resurrect the ideas of a few years ago to turn the area into a feature. A survey was conducted at the time and the response, broadly, was that the bridge should be retained together with a natural look. A seat was thought a good idea for a new installation and there were many plant suggestions put forward. A stone soakaway and a short educational history were also proposed and a new idea is for a trough of some kind. Perhaps interested villagers would like to contact me with their ideas. 207219 or 07734 753555
Animal Crackers

Whaddon’s Biggest Ever Fete!

Sunday 8 June 12.00 – 4.30 pm

A fun day out for all the family - to raise funds for our Village Hall

The traditional Whaddon Village Fete will be bigger and better than ever this year! It’s all about animals - with displays of horses, dogs, birds of prey and our friends from Shepreth Wildlife Park to entertain us. The usual village fete stalls and sideshows will be there too.

The children will be kept busy with Just Puppets, Horse Carriage and Railway rides and a Moonwalker Inflatable Dome, Cup and Saucer ride and roundabouts. There will be a massive hog roast, Southern Fried Chicken, burgers, sausages, chips, ice creams, teas and of course the bar!

We need your support

Can you help to run one of the village stalls?
Can you provide prizes for the raffle and Tombola?
Please let us know if you can.

For more details or if you can help out on the day please call us on 01223 207213.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Fortunately we seem to have reverted to our position of “no crimes reported” in the Police Newsletter. I hope this will be a timely reminder to people as they prepare for their summer holidays - security of empty houses. If you have left someone looking after things while you are away, or if you are the person doing the looking after, try to make sure it is not obvious. Make sure the garden, particularly pots and hanging baskets, are either removed or looked after. There is no more clear sign of the occupants’ absence than a normally well-tended garden desperate for water. Try to cut the grass just before you leave so that a fortnights growth does not lead to a hay meadow before you return. This is not to say that you must have a specialist gardener!

Inside the house it is useful to leave lights on during the evening, a time switch is a simple help here. Also have someone open and close the curtains at the appropriate times. If you have an alarm system, do you have a keyholder, and do they know the codes? As coordinator, it is useful for me to know who your keyholder is, as often the Police will approach me in the first instance, should that be necessary. Remember to securely lock all your outbuildings and, if necessary, put valuables inside the house during your absence.

Finally, let your neighbours know that you are going, when you expect to be back and whether you expect any genuine callers during your absence. Then go and have a wonderful holiday whilst we keep an eye on all property we know to be empty.

If you know your neighbours are away and you see anything suspicious please ring the Police 999 (if you are really worried), 01223 358966 (if you are just concerned) or me 207219. PC Dave Martin’s mobile number is 07740 734975.
**WHEELIE BINS**

As you may be aware the District Council is starting a wheelie bin service in South Cambridgeshire which will affect Whaddon. From mid-August onwards all households will have two wheeled bins that will be collected on alternate weeks. Black sacks will cease to be used. The green box system will continue, as at present, for the recycling of metal, glass and paper.

One of the two, new bins will be for garden and kitchen waste together with cardboard. This will go for composting so, please do not contaminate the contents because it will not be taken if you do. All other non-recyclable rubbish is to go into the second wheeled bin.

Large items will continue to be collected free of charge. Please do not leave items beside the bins because they will not be taken.

The Council have assessed that each household generates an average of two sacks of rubbish per week and these bins have the capacity for three. They calculate that, with the removal of items to the other bin and green box, there should be enough capacity for rubbish over a two week period.

The District Council anticipate a few ‘teething’ problems with the new system and the Parish Council have identified some areas of concern for Whaddon residents. The Clerk has written about terraced houses and long drives for example. If you have any difficulties please let your Councillors know so that they can find some answers for you.

There is a website address:- www.recap.co.uk and there will be more information in the July issue of the South Cambs Magazine.

Please note that plastic items still cannot be recycled.

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**MINDEN BAND**

The Village’s first ever concert took place on Saturday 10th May in St Mary’s Church featuring the Minden Band of the Queen’s Division.

The programme was varied and lively with pieces from Mozart to the Tuba Tiger Rag. A finger buffet and wine were served in the interval.

The very successful evening raised £400 towards the fund for central heating and roof repairs. It is hoped that similar events will be held in the future.

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**ORWELL PETERSFIELD SCHOOL**

**SUMMER FETE**

on

Saturday 28th June

Musical theme with Elvis!

Look out for details on Village notice boards nearer the time or contact Anne Newberry on C.207555 for more info.
DEADLINES

We have made a decision to continue producing four newsletters per year and, in order to streamline things a bit, to have regular deadlines. This should help everyone when planning publicity for events etc. From now on deadlines will be as follows:

- 31st July for an AUGUST edition
- 31st October for NOVEMBER
- 31st January for FEBRUARY
- 30th April for MAY.

The August edition is the new, regular copy and we hope to include all the fund-raising results and other news, of course. These times should enable all the regular village events to be publicised in good time without being too early. The February edition will cover Easter events and the deadline will remain 31st January. However we realise that, when Easter is late, this might be too early therefore the publication times may be adjusted accordingly. We hope this helps all villagers. So, please note the next deadline is 31st July.

News Format

In our last issue we mentioned various ideas for your entertainment in the newsletter. One or two things have been suggested but we would like more feedback, if possible, from our readers. We always publish letters we receive so even your correspondence is most welcome. We would like to draw your attention to the village booklet which contains important and informative information but we shall endeavour, in the future, to publish useful telephone numbers. Here follows a list of such numbers, any that do not appear and you think ought to please let us know and we will include them from now on.

Police:
Cambridge.........................01223 358966
Huntingdon......................01480 456111
C.A.B. .................................01763 238020

Hospital:
Addenbrooke's ..................01223 245151
Royston.......................... 01763 242134

Services:
Cambridge Water..............01223 706090
Anglian Water .................08457 145145
Electricity Emergency ....... 0800 7838838

Transport:
National Rail ................. 0845 484950
Stagecoach ......................01223 423578

Council:
Housing repairs ...............0800 0851313
Pest control .....................01223 443145
Refuse collection .............01223 235468

Councillors:
County
(Mary Chapple)..............01223 833555

District
(Mary Course) .................01763 260284

Parish (Ted Webb) ............01223 207564

Doctor:
Orchard Surgery Melbourn. 01763 260220
Royston Health Centre ......01763 242981
Highway and traffic matters have been high on the agenda for the past few months. The 40 mph repeater signs are finally being repaired or renewed. Unfortunately Whaddon is still way down on the list to get the speed limit reduced further. 15 mph limits have been suggested by Mary Chapple, our County Councillor and she is continuing to press very strongly on our behalf in all traffic matters. There has been growing concern with the use of Whaddon as a ‘rat run’ between the AA198 and the A10. Surveys of traffic and possible speed analysis has been requested. We do thank Mary for all her hard work and efforts to improve the safety on the highways in Whaddon.

You may have noticed that a large proportion of the road has been re-surfaced and it is planned that Bridge Street will be re-surfaced next year. Highways have promised to repair the pot-holes in the mean time. It has been suggested that the corner of Bridge Street should be widened and a pathway instated if there is enough width to the road. It is believed that the road is not wide enough for such a scheme, but it will be investigated.

Much concern has been expressed at the forthcoming introduction of wheelie bins to be collected on a fortnightly basis (alternate bins for each type of rubbish each week). Some householders have very long drives and these driveways are not always suitable for a large refuse vehicle. The fortnightly collection could be a problem in very hot weather, where unpleasant smells could accumulate and vermin attracted. There was concern that the same bin would not be returned to the same house. They can be marked with a house number, but experience with the green boxes shows that this does not ensure the correct return. Terrace houses in the village may have a problem storing the bins.

It has been learned form the Rural Housing Trust that 16 completed forms have been received expressing interest in the planned development at Pickering Farm. A site meeting is to be held this week.

The Parish Council are studying the latest proposals and letters received from the proposed Village Hall Trust. Information and advice has also been received form the Charity Commission. The Parish Council is to meet in the first week of June to consider the way forward based on the new information.

The children’s slide is now complete and is being well used. It is planned to hold an official opening and Mary Course, our District representative has agreed to honour the opening.

The repaired village pump has been received back in the village and detailed discussions are required on the re-installation and the surrounding area management. Watch this space for further information in the future.

Whaddon has been entered in the ‘Village of the Year’ competition.

Watch out on the Notice boards for the date of the next Parish Council monthly meeting. Come along and play your part in the management of our village. We look forward to seeing you.
TAXES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WITH US

Previous tenants of the village throughout the last six hundred years would find the world of the twenty-first century beyond their comprehension but the question of taxes might provide some common ground in understanding. The following are examples of early attempts to raise money.

SUBSIDIES

Before the fourteenth century the English Kings raised a fighting force by means of granting noblemen land in exchange for military service. In the fourteenth century they realised that this method was not working and they began to take on soldiers 'by contract'.

To do this they needed money and the idea of taxation for special purposes such as wars grew up. These taxes were called subsidies and were collected as clerical subsidies from the church and lay subsidies from laymen.

One result was that the Commons became more powerful as the King had to have their agreement if he wanted taxes collected. The subsidies were assessed on a man's goods and not his income and the rate varied, sometimes at a twentieth, sometimes a fifteenth and sometimes a tenth of his possessions. Lay subsidy details have proved invaluable for historians looking into the make-up of villages and towns.

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The lay subsidy for Whaddon 1327
Total raised from village - £3 16s 9½d

The following is an example of the amounts demanded from some individuals in the village.

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SHIP MONEY!!!!!

Ship money was a levy on certain port towns in time of war. It was first extended to inland areas in 1590s to help finance the war against Spain. In spite of protests the Sheriffs were made responsible for the sum that each county had to provide. £3500 was required from all Cambridgeshire towards the setting forth of one ship for the safeguard of the seas and defence of this realm.

Whaddon was required to provide £12.

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HEARTH TAX

From 1662 hearth tax or 'chimney money' was levied at 2 shillings per hearth paid twice yearly except by those exempted on the grounds of poverty. The tax was repealed in 1689 as an oppression on the poor as well as an infringement of liberty in as much as it allowed the searching of taxpayers' homes.

81 hearths were recorded in total for Whaddon in 1674, the largest residence having 19.

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An Annual Treat

The Reverend Frank Conquest Clare and his wife, who ran the Sunday School, came to the village in 1943 and stayed until his death in 1952. During his stay Ascension Day was regarded as a very special day. The school, situated in the village hall until its closure in 1962, was closed for the day and children and parents went to a service in the Church. The children always went up into the tower to enjoy the magnificent view and tea and games followed in the afternoon. The Sunday School of 1947 gave a picture of Jesus with children which still hangs on the north wall of the church.

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And so to Crime

In May of 1835 it was reported that a quantity of lead was stolen from the roof of the chancel of the church and £50 was offered as a reward. Several other cases of the stealing of lead had been reported in the neighbourhood.
The Church Bells

The bells in the church tower bear the inscription MICHAEL DARBIE MADE ME 1671. However, Michael Darbie's reputation and that of his brother John was not very high amongst bell founders and it is likely that he recast older bells to make the peal in Whaddon. An article written for the Antiquarian Society in 1881 says of Michael:

Michael's wretched bells are to be found in many districts, for one specimen of his casting appears to have been enough for a neighbourhood. His only Cambridgeshire performance is the little peal at Whaddon in 1671.........

Research done on the frames for the Cambridgeshire Antiquarian Society maintains that there were bells here before the Reformation as the massive oak bell-frame, made of roughly squared tree trunks, is older than the bells and bears signs of having housed a peal differently arranged from later bells. It appears to be a three-pit frame of the 15th century which was altered, possibly in 1671, to take five bells.

Two of the bells were stolen and the story of their disappearance appeared in the Cambridge Chronicle of 4th October 1822.

On Sunday last, or early the next morning, the parish church of Whaddon in this county was robbed of two old damaged bells, which had lain on the ground floor of the tower for several years. How the sacrilegious rascals entered the church is not known, as in the course of the Monday, when the bells were missed, all the doors and windows were found secured, as usual, by inward bolts, as was the lock of the great south door. That the property was taken out at the north door, and put into a carriage at the gate at the north-east of the church yard, is clearly traceable, and about three o'clock a cart, heavily laden, was heard passing along the village street by several persons, and was seen by one, (it being then bright moonlight), which was afterwards it appears, driven down a bye-lane and across Kneesworth field, to the Old North Road.......... **

A NEW ROAD FOR THE VILLAGE

In the Cambridge Chronicle of 24th July 1818 a notice appeared informing the residents of the village of the arrival of a new road which we now know as Whaddon Gap and the stopping up of Penny Lane described as:

of the length of one thousand and thirty yards or thereabouts, and of the breadth of thirty feet on a medium, commencing from or near to a certain farmhouse, and property of the Earl of Hardwicke, and now in the possession of Richard Beaumont, (originally Town Farm and now Turpins) and leading in a south-west direction to the Old North Road and terminating on the north side and near to a certain turnpike called Kneesworth Turnpike.

The reasons were briefly that the highway was narrow and could not be made more "commodious" for travellers without turning and diverting it.

The new road was therefore to be diverted and turned westward:

commencing near the farmhouse and crossing the lands of the said Earl of Hardwicke in the occupation of Richard Beaumont, of the length of eight hundred and fifty-eight yards and of breadth of thirty and terminating about one thousand three hundred and twenty yards of the north side of the Turnpike, near to a certain gap called Whaddon Gap

We understand that this new road to Whaddon Gap in the past had many trees and bushes so it is good to see that the bushes recently planted along this road by villagers are doing so well.

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If any one wishes to provide any details or stories about the village's history we shall be delighted to include them in future editions.

S & J Ralls May 2003