

Whaddon News

November 2001

QUIZ NIGHT

WHADDON VILLAGE HALL

17TH NOVEMBER 2001

7.30PM FOR START 8PM TILL LATE

TABLES LIMITED

TEAMS OF 4-8 PEOPLE

LICENSED BAR

FISH & CHIPS SUPPER

£5 EACH

Please ring Karen Coningsby 01223 207514 or

Keith Harker 01223 207373

We need numbers by Monday 12th November.

Sunday 25 November at 3pm

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

A combined service with
Bassingbourn

At St Mary's Church WHADDON



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OPEN EVENING
Friday 30th November
8:00pm
at the Village Hall

The results of the Village Survey
will be published and discussed.

Cheese and Wine will be served.
All welcome.

Children's Christmas

Party 2001

The traditional Children's Christmas Party will take place this year on Saturday 15th December at 3:30pm in the Village Hall. "Silly Billy Blue Hat" has been booked for magical entertainment and Santa will, no doubt, make an appearance too.

All the children in the village age 10 and under are invited. If your family is new to the village or if you are expecting a new addition to the family by then, please contact us to ensure an invitation.

Invitations will be sent out nearer the time, so put the event in your diaries. We promise it will be FUN!

Could you lend a hand? Most of the arrangements have already been made, however, we would really appreciate offers of help leading up to the party and on the day itself.

Contact Anne Newberry at 26, Bridge Street, tel. 207555 for further details.

Sunday 16 December at 3pm

CAROL SERVICE

A united service held this year in the
Methodist Church WHADDON
EVERYONE WELCOME

Christmas Day in Whaddon

FAMILY SERVICE

At 9.15 am in the Parish Church, this
short service will be followed by Communion
PLEASE COME

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- Highlights from the past few months

The Parish Council has been looking very closely at the options for redevelopment of the **Village Hall** and it's surrounding area. The project started with redevelopment of the frontage and car parking area, and in addition, now encompasses possible improved development of the building itself. Discussion with other local parish councils and representatives of District Council and Cambridge ACRE has enabled the parish council to discover what can be done with grants, local funds and fund raising. Planning consent for the changes to the car park has been received. A survey form has been circulated to all residents to obtain opinions for the development of the building and it's uses. It is planned that an open event will be held in November where the results from then survey can be discussed.

The village hall fete raised a disappointing £633.90.

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Attention to **planning** has focussed back on those individual applications throughout the village. One of the more contentious applications has been that for land behind the **village fountain** in Bridge Street. Apart from concern for the adjacent residents and support for them, the Council has been concerned with the environment around the fountain and it's protection as a village historical asset. Plans for the boundary have not been accepted by the Land Registry and it has been decided to erect a fence within the present fence to maintain definition for the site. The fountain is in a poor state of repair and quotations have been sought for it's restoration.

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Flooding was a considerable problem in different parts of the village last winter. The council has met with representatives of the Environment Agency and County Council to consider the watercourses and areas where improvements may be needed. A proper survey may be required but this will cost a considerable amount of money. It was

decided to review the situation later this winter, as we discover what the weather has in store for us.

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The development of the **Town Farm** site by Berkeley Homes has presented numerous problems throughout the summer. Many thanks to our chairman, Ted Webb, who continues to keep a close watch on all the work on site. Ted even attends the weekly Clerk of Works site meetings to ensure the interests of the village are well represented. A footpath has been disregarded by the developers, and at last County has forced Berkeley Homes to apply for a proper closure notice prior to re-routing.

Once again, if anyone has any concerns with the work at Town Farm or anything else in the village, please contact one of your Parish Councillors, who will endeavour to resolve your concerns.

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The **village handyman**, Mr Lionel Pinner has been working hard around the village all summer, and the council are sure you will agree that the village is presenting a more tidy and improved picture.

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Grass cutting and management of the recreation ground is now on a more secure footing with all the verges in the village now forming part of one contract. The recreation ground has had more cuts this year.

Remedial work on the trees around the recreation ground has improved the environment in this central part of the village.

The hedge along the road to Whaddon Gap is now starting to look more mature and the trees in the woodland areas are now reaching a good size. Once again this year, we have had problems with significant dumps of rubbish in the car park. If anyone sees anything suspicious in these areas. Please inform the police or one of your councillors immediately.

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We continue to ask those inconsiderate people who block the car parking areas around the village hall and use the village verges as dumping grounds for cars, to please think again.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Remember the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator for the village is Margaret Wilson, tel. 208648. The whole village is a part of the scheme and thus you may benefit from this in your housing insurance.

There are one or two new initiatives that might be helpful to you that I detail below.

Sheds.

In an effort to combat shed crime Cambridgeshire Police are working with shed manufacturers and have produced a set of minimum security standards for new sectional buildings. The following logo will be displayed on sheds meeting the standard.

The standard requires:-

Wall panels to be secured from inside the shed.

Windows to be fixed where possible, and fitted with galvanised grilles.

Doors to be fitted securely with three hinges.

Door to be framed, ledged and braced.

Door to be fitted with two padbolts, secured with a heavy duty padlock.

Literature about general garden security to be supplied.

For details about participating manufacturers and showrooms in this area contact PC Iain Perry 01223 823251

Community Safety Strategy

Since the Crime and Disorder Act was introduced in 1998, a number of groups have been established in Cambridgeshire to help reduce and prevent crime and disorder. These groups, called Community Safety Partnerships,

produced a Strategy detailing how they intended to do this.

The strategy must be rewritten every three years to ensure that the Groups are addressing relevant issues and crime problems in their districts. The first strategy was published in 1998 and the next will be published in April 2002. The Community Safety Partnerships are keen to hear from you about what priorities you think should be addressed.

The priorities included in the 1998-2002 Strategies for East and South Cambs. Are:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Substance misuse
- Burglary of people's homes, sheds and garages
- Vehicle crime
- Violence - including domestic violence

Are there any other types of crime that you feel should be priorities for the Community Safety Partnerships? Do you feel that the priorities above still remain the most important issues that need addressing in this area?

Please contact: Tara Edwards 01223 724144.

As the Christmas season rushes towards us please don't forget to remove all valuables from your car. If you leave things whilst continuing your shopping make sure they are out of sight.

Another initiative concerns doorstep trading. This concerns everything from itinerant traders offering services to high-pressure 'double glazing type' salesmen. There is a hotline for help and advice -

0845 6044466 (local rate).

LOCAL HISTORY

There are several people in the village who are interested in local history and who have already been ferreting away at village facts and figures. Ted Webb has suggested forming a Local History Group to pool knowledge and, generally, enjoy meeting together. In recent years many Australians and Americans who have been trying to trace members of their family have visited us. We also have lots of lovely old houses with histories attached. If you would be interested contact Ted on 207564.



Trumpington Park & Ride.

The site will open on Monday November 26th.

It has 1,000 parking spaces and is situated just south of Trumpington, on the Hauxton Road, off junction 11 of the M11.

Park & Ride buses will run every 10 minutes, providing a fast route via Trumpington Road to the historic city centre and the Grafton Centre from 7am-7pm.

The new Citi 5 bus will also provide a half-hourly service to Addenbrooke's Hospital via the Park & Ride site.

Jetlink Airport Services and National Express will stop at the Park & Ride site enabling passengers to be picked up or dropped off outside the city centre. A special "Kiss + Ride" area has been provided for this.

Schools along Trumpington Road are also working with the County Council to encourage parents and children to use Park & Ride.

As with all Park & Ride sites, there will be site attendants, CCTV, quality waiting facilities, cycle parking, toilets, telephones and information services.

For further information please speak to Katherine Von Glos, Environment Program Team.

Tel. 01223 717701

Rural Community Conference – The Future

Over the past six months Cambridgeshire ACRE have sent over 6000 surveys to community groups and charities all over the county to find out about the services and activities they offer, how they deliver them and what issues they have.

Over 23% of the surveys have been returned and all are currently being analysed. Cambridgeshire ACRE would like to THANK YOU all of you (over 1350 groups) who took the time to take part in this county-wide survey by completing the questionnaire.

So what's one of the most annoying things about surveys besides having to fill them in? Not getting feedback on what conclusions were drawn, what actions have been taken and, more importantly, what difference your views have made to them. Not only are Cambridgeshire ACRE ensuring that the research findings will be available to those groups and communities it affects, but are holding a conference to present the results to those who took part.

The Our Communities Our Future conference, which will be opened by The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Peterborough, will be a fun and informative event. It will be held in The Maltings in Ely on 7th November. The key findings of the survey will be presented as well as how these results can be used to help community groups and the voluntary sector. There will be opportunities for attendees to take part in workshops and work together to examine the issues that came out of the survey and identify ways in resolving or capitalising them.

Our Communities Our Future conference is a turning point for the Our Communities Our Future project. The vast amount of information generated by this research will enable the project team to deliver training, provide resources, give advice and support on issues and opportunities identified by the survey and the workshops at the conference. It will therefore shape the development of the project over its lifetime. If you want further information about the project, what training events there are or would like to get involved in the project, then please contact Teresa Jones, project Co-ordinator.

Teresa Jones, Project Co-ordinator,
Cambridgeshire ACRE, 32, Main Street,
Littleport, Ely, Cambs. CB6 1PJ. TEL –
01353 862040



Once again residents of Whaddon, their friends and visitors have supported many good causes. The year starts with various charity collections, Red Cross, The Lifeboats and Christian Aid. It was a record year for Christian Aid with £211.03 raised in the village and a further £58.81 added from the collection at the special service addressed by Kate Phillips, from Christian Aid, Director in charge of Media.

Whaddon's own causes were also well-supported. The Church Fete in July was especially well-attended and encouraged by Christopher South from Radio Cambridgeshire, who opened proceedings, £1,843.35 was made that afternoon. It's difficult to know what makes a good Fete. Certainly the weather contributes to the atmosphere, St Mary's was lucky there.

Village Hall funds suffered on account of poor weather at their Fete in June this year. The total of £633.90 was a little disappointing but welcome all the same, especially as there is much for the funds to be spent on. The Parish Council really wants to know what the villagers of Whaddon would like from their community facilities? Each and every member of the village will have the opportunity to have their say in the survey that will be coming round. Please respond.

Response to the Barbecue fundraising was good. This event raised just under £500 as it does most years and gives everybody a great time as well. Ideas are needed particularly for next year's fundraising. As the Village Hall Fete date coincides with the Queen's Golden Jubilee ideas for a Street Party, a Hog Roast, or just something a little different? Ideas, please, on a postcard or better still, in person, to the Village Hall Committee!

Clare Byatt



CHAIRMAN REQUIRED

As Prim Steven has now retired as Chairman, which we were very grateful for her stepping in last year and carrying on this year. We now desperately looking for a New Chairman. If anyone out there feels they can take on this role of organising Fete's, BBQ's etc. Please could they ring Karen Coningsby on 207514



Welcome



A warm welcome to all those people who have moved into the village recently. These people include the Course Family, and the French Family. Both are now settled in Bridge Street.



If you have anything that you would like to submit to the newsletter, please contact
Claire Byatt 01223 207429
Margaret Wilson 01223 207219
Ann Williams 01223 207779

TIMES PAST

As residents of Whaddon 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 every day lives driving through the village little realising that it has appeared in documents dating back at least 1000 years.

Since becoming residents in 1974 we have been collecting facts about the village from various sources and have amassed a great deal of information. We have now sorted it into some kind of order and we felt that it ought to be shared. We are therefore aiming to produce a section to attach to each newsletter containing snapshots of the history of our village. These will not be in chronological order but will be chosen to provide, what we hope, will prove interesting to present day inhabitants.

S & J Ralls

ST MARY'S CHURCH

No description of the village could be complete without mentioning the church. There it has stood in its different adaptations overlooking the comings and goings of the residents for well over 800 years and has been the pivot around which life has revolved. A newsletter is no place for a full and detailed description of its architectural qualities both in side 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 the School under Five years of age.

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

* Whaddon's connection with Windsor are described overleaf

WINDSOR CASTLE



How many people know of the connection between Whaddon and Windsor Castle?

The lands of the rectory of 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.

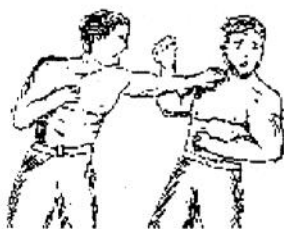
During this period of time many records concerning Whaddon were collected and are now stored in the archives at the castle. These contain many types of records such as leases, details of acreage, valuations and items of correspondence concerning matters of money and maintenance.

SANCTUARY

In the thirteenth century a man who committed a serious crime had a choice: he could wait for the King's justice, often very slow and not always fairly given, or he could seek sanctuary in a church. There he had to wait for an official to witness his leaving the country - *abjuring the realm*. In 1285 William Page and John Oter strangers to the area with no possessions, sought sanctuary in Whaddon Church.

Local Wrestling

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, Whaddon, together with other villages in the area was a centre for the sport of wrestling (bareknuckle fighting). Wrestling matches were very common between this village and those of Bassingbourn (considered a good wrestling centre), Melbourn, Meldreth and the Mordens. However the fighting was not generally confined to the main contestants. If the day didn't end with a fight between the two villages involved in the match, the spectators would have gone home feeling cheated out of their complete entertainment for the day.



One of the spots used for this sport was known as the Red Marsh. This field, today, is on the left of the A1198, just beyond Kneesworth, opposite the footpath to Whaddon. There were many good fights here watched by hundreds of spectators from the surrounding villages.

Opportunities for the Adventurous

This advertisement appeared in the local paper for September 1867

FEMALE EMIGRATION VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

Office - 20 John Street, Adelphi, London.

MISS MARIE S. RYE (Hon. Sec.) has addressed the following note to her countrywomen:-

I have just returned from the Australian Colonies where the ladies are wanting servants very much. The country of Australia is very fine, the wages are good, and if you go you will be well taken care of after you arrive, and kept in clean barracks till you find a place, and every respectable woman who chooses to work there while she is young, can save enough money to live on when she is old. I am going to send several servants to Victoria, Australia soon, and if you have a good character, and care to go, I will send you; and the only cost to you will be ten shillings, which you must pay for your bedding and messing utensils. If you do not care to go yourself, please pass this paper on to some other young woman who has to work for her living.

Wages vary from £20 to £35 per Annum

MISS RYE has sent about 1000 young women, under care of Matrons and Doctor, who are always in the service; and the Home in Melbourne where they go on landing, free of expense, is particularly clean and well-managed.

* The next Ship will leave England in October
Communications may be made through Mr. Warren, of
Royston

DEATH ON THE ROAD

In 1609 one James Somerville, a gentleman of Edinburgh, died in the fields of Whaddon "as he travelled" and was buried in Whaddon Churchyard. It was assumed that he was a Scot using the Old North Road "following his King into the land of plenty."