



# Whaddon News



NOVEMBER 1991



THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Is Holding A Christmas Social At

The Newly Decorated Village Hall

On Saturday, 7th December

At 7.30 pm.

Tickets:

£5.00 for adults

£2.00 for children

including food and drink

Licenced Bar      Limited Tickets Available

Apply NOW to:

Russell Wigg on 207 442

or Terry Allison on 207 710

Whaddon  
Childrens  
Christmas  
Party



will be held on  
Saturday 14th December at 3.30pm.

All village children under 12 will receive  
a personal invitation shortly.

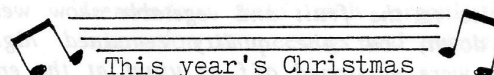


WHADDON PARISH CHURCH

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

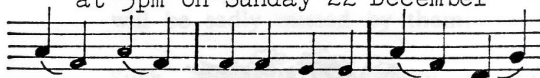
Sunday 8 December 1991, at 3pm

This is a beautiful Service in aid of  
The Church of England Children's Society.



SERVICE OF CAROLS  
& LESSONS

will be held in: the Methodist Church  
at 3pm on Sunday 22 December





## SUMMER EVENTS

The Village Hall Committee organised two of our events again this year, and the Parochial Church Council another.

We began in June with the Village Fete. Lovely weather and very hard work by the organisers combined to give a substantial crowd a most enjoyable and entertaining afternoon. Many of the usual side-shows were there with a few new ones. The W.I. served cream teas outside this year, ably abetted by two young waitresses. They all worked very hard and I'm sure those who partook of the feast enjoyed sitting in the sun. The licensed bar also did a roaring trade. Helpers and fete goers alike managed to eat all the chips we had at the Barbeque! For the first time a car boot sale was held in conjunction with the fete and this added to the variety of goods for sale and boosted the takings as well. A total of £669 was raised, which will be used to improve the facilities at the hall and recreation ground.

There was the possibility of seeing immediate benefits at the Village Barbeque. This is fast becoming the 'one not to miss' in this area, and a well-deserved reputation that is. The feasters this year were able to see the new covered terrace in use for the first time. The group, Black Velvet, entertained us all night from its shelter. Special thanks must go to Russell Wigg, Terry Allison, Steven Wilson and Lionel Pinner for pulling out all the stops to ensure that it was finished in time. The food on offer was magnificent, a tribute to all those unsung cooks in the village, and it was accompanied by a well-stocked bar. Thanks also to the chefs on the night who cooked the meat course. Money raised on that occasion was £451.

The Church Fete was again held at the Old Vicarage, thanks to Lord and Lady Whaddon. A large contingent of their guests swelled the numbers attending, ensuring a good crowd. Stephen Chambers from Anglia Television opened the show and brought along his wife and four children. Unfortunately the drought and a cold June, coupled with a slightly earlier date, meant that entries to the fruit and vegetable show were slightly down, but the quality remained high. All items were auctioned off as usual at the end of the fete, and the grand sum of £1,670 was made in total to help with the upkeep of our lovely old church. Thanks go to the PCC and all their helpers who gave us all yet another lovely day, with all the sideshows and games.



## TIMES OF SERVICES IN WHADDON

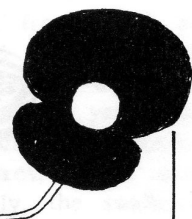
Parish Church: 9.15am  
Rev John Aitchison can be contacted  
in Bassingbourn. Tel: (95) 243119

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

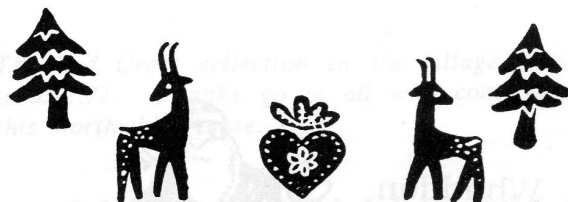
The Sunday School meets at 10.00am in  
the Methodist Church Schoolroom.  
Contact Margaret Hewat on (95) 247611

### Remembrance Sunday

The Bishop of Huntingdon  
is coming  
to Whaddon Parish Church  
on Sunday 10 November at 9.15 am  
to celebrate Holy Communion and  
give the sermon  
ALL WELCOME



A new hymn board has been installed at the Methodist Chapel in memory of Molly Hale. Her Certificate of Service to the Chapel has been framed and given by her brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Kefford of Meldreth. The Certificate now hangs above the organ where Molly had played virtually every Sunday for over 60 years.



The Sunday School children will once again be performing a play for Christmas. This year they will be writing it themselves in its entirety. We wish them good luck in their efforts. If you would like to see the results come along to the Chapel for the normal Sunday service on December 15th at 10.00am.



## PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

Parish Council meetings are held every two months. The inaugural meeting of the new Council was held on 13th May. Mr Ken Green was elected Chairman.

Over the summer, among other issues, the stream, letting houses in Ridgeway Close, preventing dog fouling and changing the post code have been discussed. A planning application from Melform has been viewed, and a renewal application received for Whaddon Golf Range, in relation to which there has also been discussion about the bank of soil on the boundary.

Work to dig out a section of the stream at the southerly end of Bridge Street has taken place.

It is felt that villagers requiring council housing in the village may not be making their needs known to the Parish Council. If parishioners, who are already on the council waiting list are interested in accommodation in Ridgeway Close, please let Janice Pettitt, Clerk to the Parish Council, know.

Complaints about dog fouling on the paths and grass verges have reached the Parish Council. The maximum penalty for this offence is a £700.00 fine. Apart from being illegal and exceedingly unpleasant, dog faeces present a very real health threat for both young and old - that of toxocarasis. Councillors are keen that the byelaw should be upheld and use made of the fine.

Villagers can look to P.C. Dean, who has Whaddon as part of his special responsibility, along with other villages in the area. Madge Compton has been appointed as Liaison Councillor between the village and the police. She can be contacted on 207 718.

Less clear cut is the issue of changing the post code. 28 villagers gave their views concerning changing the post code from SG8 to CB2. Those in favour: 14, and 14 voted against.

Finally, two campaigns are afoot: firstly the Council hopes that notice will be taken of the petition raised to ask for gritting of the Whaddon roads in icy conditions to be re-established. Secondly, although turned down in the past, the Council will continue to press for a footpath to be created, linking the two halves of the village: Church Street with the Meldreth Road end.

Wherever you live in Whaddon, remember that Parish Council meetings are open to the public, with time at the end of each meeting for villagers to make their points of view known. Do come and support us.

Clare Byatt  
Parish Councillor



## OBITUARIES

Mr Peter Blows died very suddenly after a short illness on 27th August. He spent his life in the butchery business and had lived in the village for many years. He was cremated at Cambridge Crematorium on Friday 30th August, which would have been his 70th birthday.

Mrs Dorothy Evelyn Gipson (Sis) died on 4th September, aged 84. The funeral service was at our church and she was buried in the churchyard. Sis was probably better known to our older residents, but will be no less missed for that. She was born in the village at Chestnut Tree Farm and it always remained in her heart. She had been in failing health for some time.

Mr Harold Hinkins died on 24th August, aged 80. He was born in Bridge Street and lived in the village all his life. Harold was a quiet man who worked in the agricultural business for many years. He was buried near his family in the churchyard on 30th September.

Mr Bob Pascoe died on 17th July. He was cremated at Cambridge. Although Bob hadn't lived long in the village, he had made his presence felt by joining in our various functions. He was on the Village Hall Committee and gave tremendous help with organisation and innovation at meetings and events.

We have just heard that Mrs Margaret Simpson died recently, aged 84. She had lived in Bridge Street with her daughter, Mrs Alexandra Duncan for some years. She was a very active supporter of the Over 60's and will be sadly missed by them.

Such a small community as ours will miss all these people and we extend our sincere condolences to all their families.



## WELCOME

We would like to welcome Jean, Colin and Grace to the village. They have bought Folly Cottage in Meldreth Road. Colin is a graphic designer and Jean is a tutor in adult education. Grace has retired and pursues a passionate interest in bowls. They are all keen gardeners and look forward to joining in the village events.

We also welcome Chris and Doris to Chestnut Tree Farm with their daughter Julia. Chris is in the building business. Julia is 13 and her passion is horses.

We also welcome Tom & Nettie Austin, who have moved to 117 Meldreth Road from Hitchin. They are in the perfume business.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

All the W.I. and Townswomen's Guilds in Cambridgeshire have been asked to make kneelers for the new extension to the Crematorium. Members of Whaddon W.I. are now busy sewing, and will show their kneeler to the village when completed.

Everyone is always welcome to join our meetings as a visitor, so if a speaker or demonstration particularly interests you, do come along on the second Wednesday of every month. Look at the posters put up every month.

On November 13th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Mrs J Oliver will talk and demonstrate Cake Icing and Decoration.

On December 11th again at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Gillian Marshall will show slides and talk about her visit this July to North West Uganda.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on January 8th 1992.

### REFUSE COLLECTION

over the Christmas/New Year period

| Normal Date |          | Collection Date |          |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| Mon         | Dec 23rd | Sat             | Dec 21st |
| Tue         | Dec 24th | Mon             | Dec 23rd |
| Mon         | Dec 30th | Mon             | Jan 6th  |
| Tue         | Dec 31st | Tue             | Jan 7th  |

## WILDLIFE IN WHADDON

### Bird notes from Ken Green

Autumn has come to the village now, and whilst field cultivation has been in progress wheatears have been seen on their migration; also there are several golden plovers flying with the ordinary black and white 'peewits'. In the trees around the green there are several families of longtailed tits and blue tits feeding together on the insects, building up fat for the winter. Ann and Brian Williams, for a second year, have been host to a family of great tits that chose their outside letterbox as a suitable nesting site from which to raise their fledglings. The old trees in the church area continue to provide a good environment for the owls, and this year has obviously been a good breeding season for them, judging by the chorus of wheezes, clicks and hisses in the evenings. Conversely, the swallows have had a less successful season, not many returning this year to breed successfully. There are many magpies around and the conservationists will have to face this problem soon, as these predators continue to threaten garden birds of all sizes through the whole season.



British  
Red Cross

*The Red Cross collection in the village amounted to £82.72. Thanks go to all who contributed to this worthwhile cause.*

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The Dr. Barnardo's collection raised £31.00. Claire Wigg would like to thank her daughter Jessica, and Stephen Allison, for collecting.

Your contributions to the newsletter are always welcome. Please contact:  
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