

Whaddon News

November 1996

Casino Night

Whaddon Village Hall
23 November 7:30p.m.

Tickets:

£6 includes Buffet and first Gaming Chips
from a Committee Member or tel 207710

BAR

RAFFLE

OVER 18

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 8 December at 3pm
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
in the Parish Church
ALL WELCOME



Sunday 22 December at 3pm
CAROL SERVICE
in the Parish Church

Everyone welcome at this united service



Bring & Buy plus Christmas Gift Bazaar

Wood-turned crafts,
Home-made cakes and gifts,
Raffles, Bric-a-brac, etc

Saturday 30 November
at 2.00 pm
in the Village Hall

A combined event in aid of
THE WHADDONIANS
and the PARISH CHURCH FABRIC FUND

The Children's Christmas party
will be held on
Saturday 21 December from 4-6pm
Personal invitations to follow

Prize for the best Christmas Decoration!
Get into the Christmas spirit by making a
decoration for the Christmas tree to bring
with you on the day.
Prizes to be won!

Donations of food and help would be
appreciated. Phone Deborah Townsend
Tel 208 422

STOP PRESS Any donations of unwanted Christmas
decorations for the Children's Party/ Village Hall would be
gratefully received. Contact Deborah Townsend 208 422

FREDRICK BRADLEY 1933-1996

Margaret Wilson, Parish Councilor Writes:

On 4th September Mr. Fred Bradley died suddenly and unexpectedly. June and Lynn had lost a husband and father, the village had lost the Chairman of the Parish Council and my people had lost a very good friend.

Fred and June came to Whaddon twenty years ago. Although he only raised his profile in the village fairly recently Fred had always been community minded and could be seen helping at Fête's and functions before he joined the Parish Council. It is since he joined the Parish Council in 1992 that Whaddon felt the impact of what Fred could do. A real dynamo, Fred was able to really motivate people and certainly knew how to move things along. His favorite comment was "Let's get them down here onsite!" He never let his personal feelings interfere with Council business and was always at pains to be impartial, he really believed in getting the opinion of as many villagers as possible when delicate decisions had to be made.

Under Fred's leadership the Parish Council has achieved a great deal: the path between the two ends of the village and the woodland to name but two. He has also overseen, together the Village Hall Committee, the redecoration and renovation of the Village Hall. In a way Fred was the victim of his own success. As more and more positive things happened so more and more problems were brought to his attention. He took it all on without question.

His influence spread across many areas, it is such a shame that it was to be cut so tragically short. Our deepest sympathy goes to Fred's family. He loved the Parish Church and the churchyard and that is where he has been laid to rest. Many people have paid tribute to him since his death. Fred actually said, when discussing the tributes to the late George Coningsby, "Its such a pity these things are only said when people are gone," Yes, Fred, it is a pity.



Bill Knight, Churchwarden, Writes:

Fred came to the area from his family home of Black Hole Colliery, in County Durham, to carry out his National Service, with the RAF at Bassingbourn Airfield, now the Barracks. It was during this period he met June, they married in England whilst Fred was completing his national service in Germany.

After National Service Fred joined ICL as a office junior, never one to miss an opportunity, and offer came to look after one of the new computers, I am told this new computer took up all of the space of the room it was put into, with hardly any room left for Fred, he never looked back, and during a long an successful period worked his way up to Senior management. A well respected person within the company Fred travelled on business to many parts of the world, on many occasions accompanied by June. After this distinguished period Fred moved on the new pastures, finally with his present company.

Fred was a keen sportsman, he spent over 30 years with Royston Football Club, initially as a first team player, and then the reserves, he later became chairman and president of the club, a leading light in the development of the club, Fred was responsible for may of the improvements which the club has today. An accomplished golfer who enjoyed a regular Sunday morning round with his friends a the club on Royston Heath. Fred had in later years taken up Horse riding a sport he really enjoyed, his experience on this matter was often imparted to my son William who was just learning to ride.

Fred and June were also enthusiastic Ballroom dancers, I can remember on one occasion listening to the strains of ballroom music coming from Fred and June's house while cleaning my car on the front drive, I half expected to see them appear doing a quick step across their front lawn.

Fred was always a willing participant at many of the fund-raising activities held in our village and in June 1992 he became Chairman of the Parish Council. He was a positive and energetic chairman always a person to offer advice and help with a problem.

June and Lynn, and all of the family, our hearts to out to you in your period of grief, we share your loss, but we also celebrate having been lucky enough to have shared a small part of Fred with you.

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

With great sadness at the loss of our Chairman, Parish Council business went ahead at the last meeting on 23 September. There were no new planning items to attend to. The following were among other topics discussed.

The Stream

During the summer there were reports that the cleaning of a pond in Kneesworth and the breakdown of a pumping station in Royston were contributing to the lack of water in the Bridge Street stream. As the months have gone by, it is apparent that the lack of water in Bridge Street is not confined to that stream only but a problem throughout the region caused by the dry weather. There is a small flow in the main stream but it is not sufficient to force water along Bridge Street.

The Parish Council have asked the Environmental Agency to provide an estimate, to be discussed at the next meeting, for a weir at the point where the streams divide, so the flows are properly proportioned.

Repairs and Improvements

Various items need replacement such as the noticeboards, the new ones in Bridge Street and Meldreth Road are already in place. Purchase of bins to keep the gritting salt was approved. There is a most generous offer from our County Councillor, Margaret Hunter to provide a new sign for Whaddon Village Hall. Thought needs to be given to how this should look, what it should be made from etc. Let us have your ideas.

Projects for 1997 will include repair to the fountain at the top of Bridge Street and landscaping the surroundings. This is a project that appealed to Fred Bradley and once again, the Parish Council want input from all residents, particularly those in Bridge Street, with ideas on how this area might look. The installation of the Basketball practice court will also be ready for 1997. The Parish Council are grateful to Martin Law for initiating this idea and to Ken Charles for his advice.

Dates for your diary

The second phase of the woodland planting will take place soon and we want to finish off the last 25 metres of hedge planting along the Whaddon Gap Road. The whole of this stretch of hedge also needs weeding and pruning, so there are dates set for all this work in February, see details (right). Do come and help. There are jobs for all, from light weeding to planting trees.

Bassingbourn Bridge Club

♣
Meets at Bassingbourn Village College,
7.30 p.m., each Wednesday during term-time.
Duplicate bridge played in a friendly, social atmosphere.

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New Members Invited
All standards welcome, with or without a partner.

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For details call: Dave (01223 207225) or Mick (01763 262037)
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County Farms Estate

COMMUNITY WOODLAND 1997

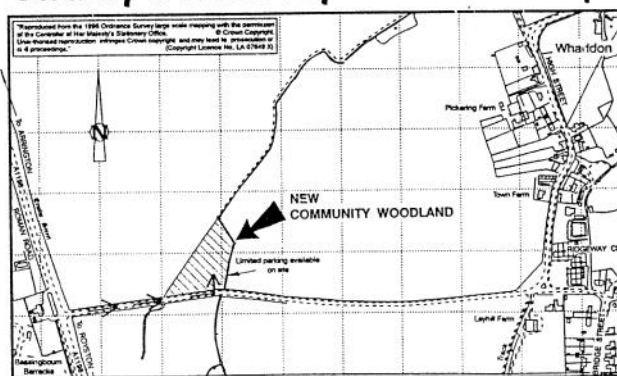
PUBLIC PLANTING DAY

at

WHADDON

Saturday 15th February

9.30am - 12pm



Please bring a spade,
if you can!

Saturday 1st February 9.30am-12pm

Laying plastic mulch for 25 metres of new hedge,
weeding and pruning existing hedge

Saturday 8th February 9.30am-12pm

Planting new hedge and continuing tidying
existing area

Saturday 15th February 9.30am-12pm PLANTING COMMUNITY WOODLAND

Come to all or some of the days, for all or
part of the session. Whatever time you can
spare will be much appreciated. Bring your
own tools, if you can, a spade, trowel,
secateurs etc

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Watch Village Noticeboards for
Public Announcement
or contact Aileen Bishop for more details
Telephone 208 122

Residents of Whaddon are delighted to welcome Rev John Armstrong as the new Priest-in-charge, of Bassingbourn and Whaddon. Let the Armstrongs introduce themselves :

As we write this we are beginning to rediscover the Vicarage carpets as the last packing cases are emptied! Just time for us to introduce ourselves before the newsletter goes to press.

We have moved from Great Wilbraham (between Cambridge and Newmarket) where John was curate in four village parishes.

Both of us have been actively involved in church life since our late teens when we became committed Christians. Being a student teacher was a life-changing experience in more than one way for John: not only did he meet God in a whole new way, but also his future wife, Vicki!

John went on to teach modern languages in comprehensive schools in Leicestershire and Cambridgeshire. As a family we enjoyed living in Linton for fourteen years, having felt very much part of the village and church community. After theological training in Cambridge we moved to live and work in the Wilbrahams.

We have four children. They are normal, noisy teenagers who like pop music and sport and aren't particularly hot on tidiness! Bronwen is at university in Aberystwyth, Megan and Matthew are both at sixth form centres in Cambridge and Christopher is a free transfer to Bassingbourn V.C. (Chris is our resident football expert). The three older ones (when they're about) are good with children and like to supplement their income by babysitting (hint!).

Our church family is very important to us as we have few living relatives. Both Vicki's parents are now dead and her brother lives in the USA. We all enjoy meeting people and look forward to making new friends in Whaddon and Bassingbourn. We hope you will feel free to call on us and introduce yourselves. We hope that you and your children will become as important to us as the friends we are leaving behind.

John and Vicki Armstrong.

Times of Services in Whaddon

Parish Church : 9.15am. Rev John Armstrong can be reached in Bassingbourn Tel (01763) 243119

Methodist Church : 10.00am. Rev Michael Belfield can be contacted in Royston Tel (01763) 230210

Sunday School : meets in the Methodist Schoolroom
Telephone Margaret Hewat (01763) 247611



Congratulations



Ed and Sue who got married on 4 October

Richard and Lorna whose wedding was on
26 October



Deborah and Andy on the birth of
Oliver William on 18 September

Michaela and Roger on the birth of
Frank Edward on 19 October



Talia born to Michelle and Wayne
on 12 August



Welcome



Mary Young and her daughter, Bianca, who
have moved into Church Street

Frank Clarke has moved into the bungalow
on Meldreth Road that has taken him more
than 30 years to build

Ermine Farm has new residents, Michael and
Malan Peyton moved there in the summer

David and Nicky Pearce are newcomers to
Bridge Street

LAMB ROAST

Our second spit roast took place on 22nd September. This year we roasted a Lamb. The event was very well supported and we all tucked into a hearty meal. The atmosphere was very friendly and a good time was had by all. The raffle was very successful, thank you to all those people who donated a prize. Thanks also to the people who donated the potatoes and the puddings. A special thanks to Maureen Pinner who helped with all the preparation.

We are, indeed, a very lucky village to have all the support we do. Everyone concerned has helped to raise £171.00. As the kids say today, "Cool".

Your contributions to the Newsletter are always welcome.
Contact Clare Byatt 207 429, Karen Coningsby 207 514,
Ann Williams, 207 779 or Margaret Wilson 207 219