December 2004

WHADDON NEWS

WHADDON CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday
11th December
at
3.15pm
in the
Village hall

Inside for more details.

Carols & Candles in the Church

A Christmas Celebration
introducing
CHRISTINGLES
into the
CAROL SERVICE
in aid of the Children’s Society
mulled wine & mince pies after
donations to the heating fund

Sunday 12th December
2.30 pm
(timed to finish before the Bumpkins Christmas party!)

CHRISTMAS IN WHADDON

CHRISTMAS DAY IN WHADDON

Family Service
at 9.15am
in the
Parish Church
Followed by a short service of Holy Communion.
Please come and join us.
WHADDON VILLAGE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year the village party will be held on Saturday 11th of December at 3.15 pm in the Village Hall.

‘Silly Billy Blue Hat’ has been booked and we have invited Santa too! All children within the Village of Whaddon, of primary school age and under, will receive a personal invitation towards the end of November. A fun party is guaranteed!!

If you have recently moved into the village (or you are expecting an addition to the family by then) and you haven’t told us yet, then please let us know so that we can send out invitations.

Contact Anne Newberry on 207555 or Lorna Green on 208203.

NEW ARRIVALS!

Welcome to Laura Prince and Bret Jarman, who have moved into Ridgeway Close.

DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter will be 25th February 2005. This will include details of Easter and Spring events. Other news items of Village interest are always very welcome.

Contact Joan Pascoe C 208062

POPPY APPEAL

The recent collection, organised by Sandy Fisher, for the British Legion Poppy Appeal raised £199.49—a little more than last year.

Thank you to the collectors and all who contributed.

QUIZ NIGHT THANKS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Village Quiz Night in October. The event was very successful and over £300 was raised towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. Thank you.

Whaddon Whitsun Weekend Extravaganza: 14-15 May 2005

One of Whaddon’s claims to fame is its Whitsun Song which was sung all around the village to celebrate the festival of Whitsun. The last performance is said to have taken place in 1937 to celebrate the coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. In 1956 a recording was made of an interview with Thomas Coningsby (at the ripe old age of 82) who describes the way the singers went around the village carrying branches of green oak, culminating with dancing at the ‘club rooms’.

This year we are planning to revive the tradition, as a way to raise funds towards the maintenance of the church in Whaddon. The event is still in the planning stages, but it hoped that it will start with an evening of folk music and a ceilidh at the Village Hall on Saturday 14 May. On the Sunday there will be a procession through the whole village involving the singing of the Whaddon Whitsun Song and morris dancing.

More details will be provided nearer the day. In the meantime, please make a note in your diaries and join us for a fun weekend.

Helen Strudwick telephone: 207434; email: hms12@cam.ac.uk
WHADDON VILLAGE HALL

Letter from the Redevelopment Committee Chairman.

Our Committee submitted 3 options to a Public Open Meeting in September of this year about the future of the Village Hall. Of these only options A and C were considered to have merit. A further public survey delivered to all 160 houses in the village indicated, in the 94 forms returned, 34% in favour of option A which is to invest substantial sums on the upgrading of the Hall at an additional cost on the Council Tax, by way of the Parish Precept, of an estimated £74 per annum for a band D, in the first year. 66% voted for option C, which proposes the sale of the existing building for conversion to a private residence and the funds invested in a new Village Hall at an estimated cost of £10 per annum for a band D house.

Sadly, however option C has become unworkable due to the fact that the land required for an entrance and car park is no longer available. Accordingly my Committee are to investigate, ultimately to recommend, for two reports on the building. Firstly, a Health and Safety report which will indicate whether the Hall remains in a safe enough state for continued use and that it complies with statutory regulations. The second report will be for a full structural survey with an indication of the costs for the repair and upgrade of the Hall.

Our Committee, however, remains convinced that the best way forward is to sell the existing building in order to provide funding for the building of a new Hall thus avoiding anything more than minimal costs to the residents of the village. Accordingly we are considering all alternative possibilities and hope sometime in the new year to be able to report in more detail the results of the recommended reports.

A number of issues were raised in correspondence resulting from the last survey and the Public Meeting. My Committee has already replied to each letter, however an error in those replies has been made. The Parish Council has not commissioned two reports at this time; they await the recommendations of my Committee. Some of the points raised in the correspondence are detailed below.

1) It has been suggested that additional funding would be available from the Landfill Tax. This is not so because the Hall would have to be within 10 mile radius of the nearest landfill site.
2) Other than a Grant from South Cambs Council, and a loan through ACRE no other substantial funding has yet been identified despite extensive research. Lottery Funding is not available to Public Bodies.
3) It was suggested that a new larger Hall is not wanted. We would envisage the new Hall to be roughly the same size as the old one, it would be more efficient in all aspects with more storage space.

My Committee and I would thank all Residents who have taken the trouble to express their views, at either the Public Meetings or by Letter.

Nick Shaw.

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The Animal Crackers Team is looking for an extra member with particular responsibility for sponsorship. The role would involve actively seeking sponsorship prior to the event. You would be given support by the rest of the team who would welcome new, exciting ideas. If interested please contact Ken Charles on C.207213
ST MARY’S PARISH CHURCH

LATEST NEWS!!!!

The Benefice of Bassingbourn and Whaddon has a new Vicar. Some of you will know that the Diocese of Ely evaluated our Benefice and decided that the post merited a part-time (50%) Vicar only. The two Parochial Church Councils were left to think about whether to advertise for a part-time position for just our two parishes, or whether to consider linking with Royston to create a full-time job.

The decision was made to see whether it was possible to find the right, half-time candidate. Happily, the result is that Donald McFadyen has accepted the offer made to him by the Bishop of Ely with the approval of both the PCCs. Donald will take up his post on 1st February 2005. We all very much look forward to getting to know him, his wife, Melanie, and family in the New Year.

Whaddon House Group

Don’t forget that a warm welcome awaits all who would like to join this group. Meetings are on alternate Tuesdays at 8pm, usually at Iris Green’s House. The theme for the autumn is drawing to a close but the series continues in 2005 and there will be a particular focus during Lent.

Many local groups, including the Whaddon Group, will follow an ecumenical course, put together by the Bishop of Westminster. This has the support of both our PCCs and the Royston Churches Together Group, which includes the URC, Roman Catholic Church, the Methodists and Anglicans.

Further details available soon. See Church notice board, or contact Iris C 207325.

Advance Notice.

Helen Shapiro has offered to come and present an evening of gospel music next year. This would be a joint enterprise for Bassingbourn and Whaddon Churches and would be held in Bassingbourn as it is a bigger church. More details will follow.

1ST ORWELL SCOUT GROUP: BEAVERS & CUBS

Are you interested in getting involved with this successful and growing Scout Group? We are looking for uniformed leaders and regular helpers to enable the Beavers and Cubs sections to grow and develop. Your responsibility would be to support the Section Leaders at meetings, held in Orwell on Wednesday evenings, and help plan a simple balanced programme. Training is provided. If you think you might be interested, please speak to Mike Rolfe, District Commissioner. He can be contacted on C 882202 or email mrolfe2@ntlworld.com. You can also email Clive Flack on caxtonantiques@aol.com.
The monthly open meeting was held in the village Hall on Monday 18th October 2004. Five councillors, including Chairman Ted Webb and the Clerk Yvonne Albery represented the Parish Council. The respective Councillors represented both County and District Council. Twelve parishioners were present. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

There was further discussion on the Village Fountain and the Village Hall Development and details of these can be found in separate articles in the Newsletter.

Road drainage continues to cause problems and a new channel has been constructed at the top end of Bridge Street. A second channel was deferred because of concerns with materials used in an adjoining bank of the watercourse. At Church Corner, ditches either side of Shingay Lane Bridleway have been cleaned part way by the respective farmers. Road drains leading into the ditches have still to be pressure cleaned.

A privately owned bottle bank has been erected at the Golf Centre.

In correspondence received it was suggested that Whaddon should have its own Web Site. Various options are available and this will be investigated by the Council and reported back in January 2005. No significant planning applications were received. Finance dealt with some minor expenses for Councillors’ duties and jobs around the village.

The identification of a conservation area for the village was discussed and the Conservation Officer for SCDC, Mr David Grech, was present to outline the possibilities and the process. A formal letter will be sent to SCDC requesting more information.

Footpath No. 11 continues to be blocked by ‘fly tipping’. District Councillor Nigel Cathcart is to take action to ensure its removal. The development of the Village Plan/Appraisal will be put on the Agenda for a future meeting.

Several parishioners expressed concern with the danger posed on Bridge Street corner by cars leaving ‘Nippers’. Parish Council will talk with the owners to review the options to improve safety at the corner.

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**Whaddon Parish Councillors**

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**Petersfield School, Christmas Bazaar**

2pm
Saturday 4th December

Excellent craft stall, toys, Father Christmas, The Great Whizzo Magic Show, competitions, and much more.

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**Petersfield School – Nestle Box Tops**

Petersfield School are collecting Nestle Box Top tokens, found on cereal boxes etc. The tokens can be exchanged for books for the school library. If you have any spare please let any child at the school have them or post them through my letterbox at 26 Bridge Street. The school will be very grateful for your support.

Anne Newberry
Low cost housing for Whaddon Parishioners

Readers of past Newsletters and those of you who have attended Parish Council meetings will recall that the Council set up a project for the provision of ‘Affordable Homes’ for the village. This article is to give you an update on the current situation.

On the 20th October 04 the Council wrote to the ‘Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association’ (BPHA), giving notice that unless they can show that adequate funding had been identified by the 5th November 04, the Council would insist they withdraw from the project. This would enable the Council to revert to their original choice of the ‘Rural Housing Trust’, which has different sources of funding and who are still willing to undertake the Project.

On the 4th November the Council received a fax from BPHA, the relevant paragraph quoted below.

‘As you know BPHA submitted a bid to the Housing Committee for the scheme. You are correct that we did not secure an allocation in this current round of Housing Corporation funding. However, and as previously mentioned, BPHA as a partnering Registered Social Landlord, does have access to alternative sources of funding. We are confident that if we can identify a suitable scheme the funding would be forthcoming.’

Resulting from the above message the Council met with the BPHA Assistant Development manager, along with the Rural Housing Enabler from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) on the morning of Monday 15th November 04 to discuss the contents of the Fax. Councillors at that meeting were satisfied that BPHA should proceed with the project and that safeguards were in place regarding levels of priority which would be afforded the village of Whaddon in the allocation of the Dwellings.

Decisions taken at the meeting were ratified at the full Council later that day.

Councillors identified various sites and a map showing the sites relative to the official Development areas of the village was produced. Ownership of the sites will now be investigated along with advice from the District Council Planners. Further developments will be reported at the next Parish Council meeting, which will be on the 17th January 2005 in the Village Hall. Watch the Notice Boards for information.

Many of you will be aware that the Fountain in Bridge Street has at last been fixed and water is again flowing from it. You will also have noticed that the amount of flow is considerably reduced from what it used to be. Experts have advised that there are possibly two reasons for this. One, considerable amounts of ‘silt’ have built up at the bottom where the pipe enters the ‘Aquifer’, or that pressure of water in the ‘Aquifer’ has been reduced. This could be due to an increase in take off by Water Companies and other such organisations. Should the flow stop altogether then further investigations will be organised.

On Wednesday 3rd November 2004 the Parish Council Chairman, Ted Webb and the Clerk, Yvonne Albery, were invited by Cambridge Water to attend at the Sheen Mill Restaurant in Melbourn to receive a Grant, awarded from the Company’s Village Life Fund. The Grant was for £250, which was to be used towards refurbishment of the Fountain, and/or landscaping the surrounding areas. Brett Flemming-Jones, the Commercial Director at Cambridge Water presented the cheque to Mrs Albery. A photograph of the Fountain and a ‘Potted History’, produced by Jean Ralls of Bridge Street, was given to Mr Flemming-Jones at his request.

South Camb’s Development Services Ecology officer, Rob Mungovan, visited the Fountain site on the 4th August at the Parish Council’s request. Rob was asked whether his department would consider making a grant towards the refurbishment of the Fountain. He readily agreed, but for the ‘Landscaping’ only. He further proposed that he would prepare a scheme for the site using ‘Wild Flowers’ which he said would preserve one of nature’s gifts. The Parish Council agreed and has since received his plant selections and planting scheme. From a list of plant suppliers that he sent, the Parish Council has selected Colin Walton-Smith, Wildside Nurseries, Sandy, Beds.

Work is to start in the early spring. A copy of the plants and the planting scheme will be posted on the village notice boards.

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BROADBAND IN WHADDON

An update

Broadband has arrived in Whaddon during the summer courtesy of Trilogy Telecom. There were some teething troubles at first, but as far as I am aware things are now running well. Trilogy currently have 100 customers on the Arrington exchange, of which 18 are in Whaddon.

I understand that BT are planning to enable the Arrington Exchange for their broadband around 15 December. You might know friends and colleagues who have experience with BT’s service elsewhere, but only experience will tell how things will work here. It is not my intention to promote Trilogy over BT, but their broadband service is there and does work. It is also theoretically capable of reaching customer further from the exchange than BT’s technology (I am told). Don’t forget that your phone line has to be transferred to Trilogy to get their broadband service; your phone number is unaffected.

If anyone has any questions or comments, contact me on 207434 or ncs3@cam.ac.uk.

Nigel Strudwick

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Meldreth Manor is a residential school and college for children and young adults who have complex learning difficulties and physical difficulties primarily associated with cerebral palsy.

The professional staff need the support of volunteers to enable students to have more 1:1 attention in a variety of learning situations; activities include classroom work, trampolining, swimming, horse riding and trips out.

We also need drivers, with clean driving licences, (aged 21 or over) to drive our vehicles so that we can take students out on educational visits in the community. This can be a regular commitment or, if preferred, occasional, when the need arises.

If you would like to offer help from home and have a sewing machine, we need your help with small sewing jobs.

If you would like to know more, please contact Rosemary Johnson at Meldreth Manor on 07163 268013.

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**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 :
Anthony Milton...........01223 207105
District :
Nigel Cathcart..........01763 243637
David McCraith ..........01763 248249
Parish: Ted Webb.........01223 207564

**Doctor:**
Orchard Surgery Melbourn.01763 260220
Royston Health Centre ....01763 242981
South Cambridgeshire District Council has been named as the best at recycling in the country.

The District Council won the Best Local Authority Recycling Initiative award at the letsrecycle.com Awards for Excellence in recycling and waste management.

Last year the District Council introduced a new waste and recycling scheme – as a result the recycling rate has leapt from 18% to nearly 51% at the end of September 2004, an incredible achievement for all South Cambs residents.

Sebastian Kindersley, environmental health portfolio holder, said, “I’m really pleased that the hard work of everyone involved with the project at the Council has been recognised nationally. I would like to say a big thank-you to the residents of South Cambridgeshire for recycling more than half their waste. It is only because of this fantastic contribution from residents that we won the award.”

**KITCHEN WASTE**

With immediate effect, South Cambridgeshire residents can now put all forms of compostable kitchen waste into their green wheeled bins to help them to slim their black bins even more!

Residents can now recycle:
- Cooked food
- Fruit and vegetable peelings
- Old fruit and vegetables
- Eggshells, stale bread
- Tea bags and coffee filters
- Meat, fish, bones and food carcasses

This is as well as the usual grass cuttings, leaves, prunings and clippings; untreated wood and bark; cardboard; catalogues, shredded paper and yellow pages; brown paper; rabbit and guinea pig waste and windfall fruit.

Kitchen food waste can also be placed in the green bin one week and the black the following week thus effectively having a weekly collection of this food waste.

Food waste placed in green bins must NOT be wrapped in plastic. If you wish to wrap the food waste please wrap in newspaper or cardboard e.g. a cereal box.

**PLASTIC RECYCLING BANKS IN SOUTH CAMBS.**

Plastic bottles can now be recycled by putting them in any of 20 banks located around the district.

There are many different types of plastic used in packaging and some are not yet recyclable. At present South Camb. can recycle three types of plastic bottle – 1, 2 and 3.

- **PET** Polyethylene terephthalate – fizzy drink bottles.
- **HDPE** High-density polyethylene – bottles for milk and washing-up liquids.
- **PVC** Polyvinyl chloride – bottles for squash, mineral water and shampoo.

These codes can be found on the bottom of most bottles. Plastic bottles with codes 4, 5, 6 and 7 cannot be recycled using the banks, these should be put into the black wheeled bin.

Labels do not need to be removed, but residents are advised to squash them and remove the lids. The bottles are taken to Thetford where they are crushed and bailed. They are then shipped to various processors to be made into a wide range of products ranging from bin liners and carrier bags to garden furniture and fleeces.

The banks closest to Whaddon are:
- Bassingbourn County Primary School Brook Road
- Orwell Village Hall A603
- Melbourn Car Park High Street
The Vicar at the turn of the century (1892-1917) was the Rev. John Gough Eames who with his wife and children, Wallace, Fairfax and Mildred and French Governess, Miss de la Chaumette, lived at the old vicarage destined to be destroyed by fire. It was described as ‘a picturesque, creeper-clad rambling old country residence with several gables which had undergone many changes at the hands of various Vicars during their stay in the village’.

They kept a large domestic staff including a groom and a gardener. Miss de la Chaumette, whose grave is to be found in the churchyard, became a house keeper when the children were too old for a governess. Rev. and Mrs Eames went hunting with the Cambs Hunt and their lovely horses were much admired. The gardens were beautifully kept and a well-trimmed yew hedge on three sides of the garden with the ornamental tree in the corner by Shingay Lane were a feature of the village. The services of Holy Communion and Morning and Evening prayer were regularly taken and the bells were rung for half an hour before each service by the parish clerk, Mr James Jarman, who held that office for 50 years. A church bell was rung every Sunday morning at 8 am - nobody seems to know why this was, as Holy Communion was only celebrated at 8am on the third Sunday in the month. All the Saints Days were honoured and Ash Wednesday, Lent and Advent were always kept. There was a large choir of men, women, boys and girls and choir practices were regularly held. A choir supper was held once a year in the School. The Eames retired to Southport in Lancashire.

Miss de la Chaumette was presiding over a class for young girls in the school room. Rev Eames was in the drawing room and Miss Eames was upstairs. She noticed a smell of smoke and came downstairs to investigate, discovered the fire and gave the alarm. The hall way, acting as a natural flue, ensured that the flames quickly reached the upper floors. The Rev. Eames tried to douse the flames with water to no avail. The boys were sent out to ring the church bell and summon assistance in removing articles from the vicarage. Mrs Eames eventually had to use the drawing room window to escape as she had been trapped there by the flames. The engines, summoned from Arrington and Melbourn, arrived and many people assisted. The fight continued until about eight o’clock by time which time the fire was almost under control. Luckily, the fire was confined to the house and the stables, coach house and other buildings were spared. Two pianos were removed and placed in the Church for safety. Some church plate was also seriously damaged.

200 to 300 spectators came to view the proceedings and control was kept by the police. The Rev Eames and his wife remained on the lawn until dark and then went to stay with friends.

Fire at Vicarage

On Sunday afternoon, 11th December 1904 the vicarage succumbed to one of the most disastrous fires the village had ever known. The fire originated from a small lighted lamp left by Mrs Eames in the butler’s pantry; it may have exploded or been knocked over. Mrs Eames was taking the boys’ Bible Class in the dining room,

A small part of a very poor photograph which exists of the aftermath of the fire.
**Around the Village Hall**

As we are now much occupied in deciding the future of the Village Hall it might be appropriate to remind ourselves how history has already changed this particular spot.

The Village Hall was built initially to provide a school in 1875 to replace one which operated in the school house opposite and it remained as a school until its closure in 1962. In 1924 the senior pupils were transferred to Melbourn and Bassingbourn. The juniors continued until 1962 when they were transferred to Orwell. The recreation ground was officially opened in 1962 by Lord Luke, Chairman of the Playing Fields Association, having previously been a meadow with barns. The chestnut trees lining Church Street were planted in the 1970s and the seat provided at the time of the Silver Jubilee in 1977. The children’s play area has been developed and improved over the years.

Adjacent to the hall was the Church Room, Parish Room, Reading Room or Club Room (It seems to have used all these names at one time or another). It was a meeting place for village groups and was built on land donated by Viscount Clifden, who opened it officially in 1909. Money for its erection was provided by subscription when a total of £130 50s was raised. It was finally demolished in the early 1980s to make way for a private dwelling.

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**1909**

**WHADDON READING ROOM**

Trustees -
REV. J. G. EAMES, H. PEARSE
W. T. NASH, A. WOODCOCK

**RULES**

1. Room to be opened daily from 6p.m. to 10p.m.
2. No person under 14 years of age to be admitted as a member.
3. Any game, as agreed by the trustees, may be played.
4. No person to swear, or enter the room intoxicated, and no intoxicating liquors will be allowed in the room.
5. Smoking allowed to all over 16 years of age.
6. When leaving the room, to go away quietly.
7. Entrance fee 6d, and 6d. on the 1st of December, and 6d. on the 1st of January.
8. Any member may bring a friend.
9. Members are requested to pack up the cards and games when they have finished playing.

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**ROYAL CONNECTIONS**

When James I, already King James VI of Scotland, was accepted as King of England on the death of Queen Elizabeth I, he made the journey from Edinburgh to London. This journey on the Old North Road lasted one month and he arrived in April 1603 in Royston. James was so delighted with the town and the countryside around it that he decided to build a hunting lodge in the town. In those days when roads were full of deep ruts and holes, Royston, 45 miles from London, would have been considered very wild and remote but attractive to those who enjoyed hunting. James ordered that there should be a strict preservation of game round Royston of sixteen miles for his hawking and hunting pleasure. This led to the employment of keepers to frustrate poachers from stealing his game.

It is very likely that two of these employees mentioned in records came from Whaddon as they appear in the Burial Register for the village, both dying in the year 1616.

*Henry Halfhide and his son Henry, keepers of the game about Royston, earning 2s 6d per day and £3 per year for their livery.*

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*The best picture available of the Church Room, taken in 1919 during a procession to collect for the Red Cross. Is there a better one out there? A copy would be much appreciated.*

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*S & J Ralls - November 2004*
You Are Entering The Twilight Zone!

The days become night so quickly these days, and because of this, it seems we can fall victim to a crime just because we are not prepared enough for the light fading. Everyone should be prepared and look out for people, in particular the hours between 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. Every resident should enter The Twilight Zone with the following guide...

**Elderly & Vulnerable: Think Ahead! Young People: Look Out For Others**

**Car Owners: Lock Up Your Vehicle**

- Always lock up your vehicle when leaving it, even for just a couple of minutes. If you are going for a long journey, make sure you have a warning triangle and you have enough petrol.

- On the way home from bus look out for others...this time of day is a good time to look out for one another, particularly the elderly and others. Tell your parents where you are and ask grown up: be responsible for yourself.

A Cambridgeshire Neighbourhood Watch County Executive Group Campaign

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**CrimeStats**

**Stolen Vehicle**

A vehicle was stolen from outside Golf Centre on Monday October 4th at 4:30 p.m.

**Bogus Caller**

A possible bogus caller was reported by residents of Meldreth Road on evening of Sunday 14th November at around 6 p.m.

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**Crime Audit 2004**

It is important for us to monitor your opinion on crime and disorder.

Last November, Whaddon Neighbourhood Watch carried out the first crime audit and this year we are doing the same again. The survey results will be compared to incident reports taken by NW Co-ordinator’s and last years data.

Once you have read this season’s news, pull out the Whaddon Neighbourhood Watch page, complete the survey and take to your nearest co-ordinator.

It is vital for us to monitor both crime and your opinion, so please complete the survey and return it to your nearest Co-ordinator/Christopher Fisher by Sunday 12 December.

**Thank you**

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**Whaddon Crime & Disorder Audit 2004 is Overleaf.**
1. Please look at the grid below and tick the crimes that you have been a victim to, over the last 12 months, and state whether or not you reported the crime to the Police or your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. If you didn’t report the crime, please explain why.

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2. If you had a problem and you could not cope with it on your own, would you be able to rely on others in this neighbourhood to help you out?

- Always [ ]
- Usually [ ]
- Sometimes [ ]
- Never [ ]
- I would not want them to help [ ]
- I don’t know [ ]

3. If you have personally been the victim of crime in Whaddon, were there any times when you know who did it?

- YES [ ]
- NO [ ]

Please put any comments regarding crime below.

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PLEASE RETURN BY SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER