

WHADDON NEWS

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 6 December
 4 pm
 at
 St. Mary's Church
 Whaddon
 In aid of The Children's Society



TRADITIONAL FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

In the Church
 Sunday 13th December

6 pm

Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards

CHRISTMAS IN WHADDON

CHRISTMAS EVE THURSDAY 24 DECEMBER

WHADDON CHURCH

5 pm

Carol singing by candlelight

A chance for a short break in the midst of Christmas preparations to join in singing some well-known carols. This will be very informal and all are welcome.

Bring a torch or a lantern.



CHRISTMAS DAY IN WHADDON

Family-friendly Service
 at 9.15 am in the
 Parish Church

With short Holy Communion.

Please come and join us.



WHADDON VILLAGE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2009



3.00 PM
on
SATURDAY
12 DECEMBER
in the
VILLAGE HALL

The traditional children's Christmas Party will take place this year on **Saturday 12 December at 3.00pm in the Village Hall.**

We will have lots of fun playing party games and we are sure that there will be a very special visitor ..

All children within the village of Whaddon of Primary School age and under will be invited. Personal invitations will be delivered at the end of November.

Could you lend a hand? We would appreciate any offers of help in organising this event, leading up to the day and at the party itself.

For further details please contact:

Andrea Cook at 14 Bridge St; C 207066

or

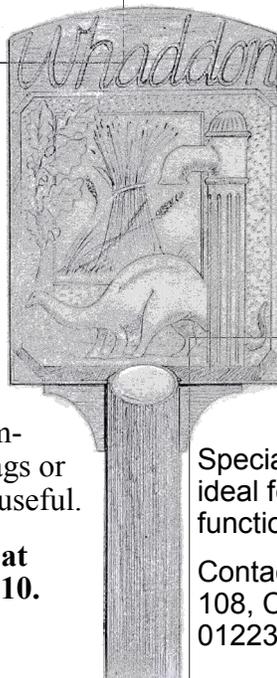
Wendy Holt at 41 Bridge St; C

We need your help.....

The bridleways and wooded areas created over 10 years ago around Whaddon, are in need of some maintenance. For example, the tree guards need removing and many shrubs and trees require some pruning and cutting back.

Come and help us in this important task- bring sharp knives, secateurs, trimmers or any tools to help you. Some bags or bins to collect the rubbish will also be useful.

Meet in the Whaddon Gap car park at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 6th March 2010.



WHADDON OPEN GARDENS SUNDAY 20 JUNE 2010

So far we have six villagers who have offered to open their gardens. Any other villagers prepared to do so would be very welcome. The gardens do not have to be very large, just interesting and reasonably well kept!

Refreshments will be served at the Village Hall so we are looking for volunteers on the day and donations of homemade cakes etc.

This event is several months away but will need early and careful organisation if it is to be successful. Anyone who is willing to help in any way during the planning or on the day please contact:

Wendy Evans 01223 207703

All money raised will go towards the Whaddon Hall Restoration Fund

Thank you

Iris and Ken Green, from Whaddon Golf Centre, would like to thank every one who supported the Coffee Morning on Friday 25 September, raising a fantastic £190.75 for Macmillan Nurses.

VILLAGE HALL AVAILABLE TO HIRE

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108, Church Street.
01223 207703



ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE

Petersfield school children will be holding a Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 6pm on 16th December.

All are welcome to come and hear the children sing.

DECEMBER SERVICES

- 6th Christingle 4pm
- 13th Carol Service 6pm
- 20th Evening Prayer 6pm
- 24th Informal Carol Service 5pm
(bring lanterns, torches etc)
- 25th Family Service/ short Communion 9.15am
- 27th Holy Communion by extension 9.15am

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

There will be carol singing around the village on 18th December. This will start at the bottom of Bridge Street and finish at the Golf Range for mulled wine and mince pies. Times are to be confirmed so please watch the Notice Boards.

All proceeds to St Mary's Church.



NEW SERVICES STARTING JANUARY 2010

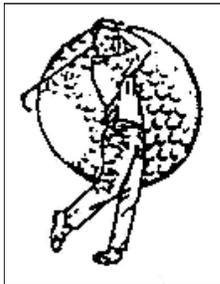
- 1st Sunday: Family Service **10 a.m.**
- 2nd Sunday: Holy Communion **9:15 a.m.**
- 3rd Sunday: 'Third Sunday Service' **10 a.m.**
Evensong **6 p.m.**
- 4th Sunday: Holy Communion **9:15 a.m.**
- 5th Sundays: Morning Prayer **9:15 a.m.**

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Whaddon Parish Council News—some items of news from the Autumn months

We are pleased to welcome **Jenna Lewis** to the Parish Council and Jenna was co-opted at the November monthly meeting. Three people applied for the vacancy created following the resignation of Clare Byatt. The councillors agreed to leave the election of a new Chair until after a new councillor had been appointed. In the meantime, Dr Strudwick, as Vice-Chairman, has been chairing the PC meetings. The council plan to elect a new Chairperson in the New Year.

Parish Paths Partnership (PPP3) – the new RADAR gate will shortly be installed on the entrance to the church yard from the recreation ground. Cllr Neale has spoken with Cambridge County Council (CCC) about spending the brought-forward PPP3 grant on improvements to the woods/bridleways. It has been agreed with Mr Roger Huffer (the landowner) to work out how much work is needed and agree when the work could be done. It has also been agreed to hold a volunteer day on **Saturday 6th March 2010** for those in the village who would like to help out with clearing work and other maintenance on the permissive bridleways and wooded areas adjacent to the paths (see separate notice).

The plans for **eight affordable houses** to be built in Church Street have been withdrawn, to have more time to address comments raised by the Conservation officer and Highways. The PC had recommended approval of the plans and SCDC recommended refusal. John Martin & Associates (the planning consultants for Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association) are undertaking further discussions with SCDC and will advise the PC about the timetable for submitting the revised plans. A panel meeting was held at SCDC at the end of August, to discuss the application and it was confirmed that no alternative site was available in Whaddon. The PC has recently made further contact with Bedford Pilgrims to ascertain the current situation and to ensure that plans for the scheme are still progressing. The latest news we have as this Newsletter goes to press is that the application will be resubmitted in the next couple of weeks.

Detailed plans have been received for the **bus-turning circle** and have been discussed with small changes proposed. There has been no further progress made by the public transport officers at Cambridge County Council (CCC) regarding the **bus-service**.

The **Village Hall** story continues to move forward only slowly. The legal documents have been submitted to both the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), acting for the PC, and to Limbach Banham, acting for the proposed Trust. Comments (relatively minor) have been raised by both, but the PC is presently awaiting clarification from the Cambridge and Peterborough Association of Local Councils (CPALC) on matters of asset transfer. There is still some way to go, and the PC regrets this.

The PC is working towards obtaining **Quality Status**, which is now very important to enable councils to survive and also to be respected for their work. At the November monthly meeting, we were addressed by representatives from Peterborough Association of Local Councils on the criteria to achieve Quality Status. The council feels that we have almost satisfied all the criteria to reach the required standard.

Our councillors from both **South Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC)** reported at the last PC meeting that deep cuts are on the agenda due to the present financial situation of both councils. CCC is going to have to reduce its costs by 35% over the next five years.

Remember there is no monthly meeting in December. The next monthly meeting will be on **Monday 11th January 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**

Compiled by PJN

DOG FOULING

I regret to have to bring to the attention of villagers two separate reports on dog fouling.

In Cardiff Place it is reported that not all owners are clearing up after their dogs. In the area of Town Farm Close, it is reported that bags of dog faeces are being discarded into the greenery running along the edge of the footpath adjacent to the garages for nos 5–8.

Neither practice is very considerate and both are of course a danger to public health. In addition, under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 it is generally an offence for anyone in charge of a dog to allow it to foul unless they clear it up.

The Parish Council requests that all dog owners please clear up after their animals, and then dispose of the bags used in the bins provided for this particular purpose. If anyone notices a dog owner behaving in this rather irresponsible manner, please either ask the person in question to clear it up properly, or bring it to the attention of a member of the Parish Council.

Nigel Strudwick
Vice-Chairman, Whaddon Parish Council



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6th Dec	Christingle Service
12th Dec	Christmas Party
13th Dec	Carol Service
16th Dec	Petersfield Carol Service
24th Dec	Informal Carol Singing
25th Dec	Family Service
11th Jan	Parish Council
8th Feb	Parish Council
6th March	Tree Maintenance
8th March	Parish Council
12th April	Parish Council

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WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Following a crime free period for the previous three months I am very pleased to report that we have had only one incident of any significance in this current period and this involved a stack of straw bales being set alight. There is little doubt that the fire was started intentionally; fortunately, there was no collateral damage. We have, therefore, had six months nearly crime free and that is something we can all be grateful for when some of the larger local villages are still faced with problems. It is a particular relief also to report that after six months of very active use by both locals and visitors from other villages, the new children's play area has not suffered any problems of vandalism or the like. It remains true that Whaddon continues to be a safe and pleasant place to live. Vehicle speeding through the village is another matter and the Speedwatch story elsewhere in this News will update you on what has been happening.

The police continue to be concerned about distraction burglary with eight incidents in Cambridge and South Cambs villages in the first half of November most intruders claiming to be from the Water Board. The elderly and disabled are being targeted as they are seen as easy victims, so if you have a neighbour who you feel might be vulnerable please speak to them and offer any help needed. The main message is that if you can see a caller at your door that you don't recognise, do not open the door with-

out ensuring your back door is locked and use a door chain if you have one. Check ID carefully and do not leave the door open if you go back inside your house for some reason. Genuine callers will not mind your caution. The following Police Incident Report illustrates the problem:

02/11/2009 - Orchard Close, Girton - 17:45 - 2 males claimed to be from waterboard, one entered house and told victim to run taps until dye came out - nothing stolen - Description: both white males, one wearing black fleece with white logo, other wearing dark hoody top.

There have also been a number of incidents reported to the police involving cold calling by phone aimed at selling security alarm systems. House calls have also been reported with high pressure selling techniques the means to badger owners into buying systems they do not need. Recent villages targeted include Abington, Balsham, Girton, Litlington, Linton, Bourn and Toft so you can see the problem is on our doorstep. Cambridgeshire Trading Standards is involved so if you experience this problem contact them on 01954 284619 or the police on their non-emergency number 0345 456 456 4.

Mike Monks

Neighbourhood Watch Team

Mike Monks	Cluster Coordinator	58 Bridge Street	C208236
Malan Peyton	Dep Cluster Coord Parish Council NW Rep	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	C207358

Coordinators:

Anne Brandon	Lower Meldreth Road	132 Meldreth Road	C207347
Karen Coningsby	Upper Meldreth Road/ Church Corner	17 Church Street	C207514

Carole Aldred	Church Street/Town Farm Close	104 Church Street	C208147
Wendy Evans	Church Street/Town Farm Close	108 Church Street	C207703
Tony Gardner	Lower Bridge St/Ridgeway Close	29 Bridge Street	C208064
Andrew Townsend	“ “	36 Bridge Street	C208038
Geoff Lane	Upper Bridge Street (38-72)	52 Bridge Street	C208540
Mike Monks	Upper Bridge Street (“)	58 Bridge Street	C208236
Malan Peyton	Dyers Green	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	C207358

Local law enforcement

Inspector Chris Savage	Sawston Sector Inspector
Sgt Rebecca Williams	Sawston Sector Sergeant
PC Rachel Mallender	Neighbourhood Policing Constable
John Coppard	Police Community Support Officer
Lyndsay Gardiner	Police Community Support Officer

SPEEDWATCH & SPEEDING IN WHADDON

The Whaddon Speedwatch team continues to be out and about in the village although the darker evenings have shortened the available time to deploy. The total number of local villages now trained to use the one piece of equipment we have in South Cambs has expanded in recent months to: Arrington, Basingbourn, Great Chishill, Harlton, Hatley St George, Meldreth and Wimpole. More villages are aiming to join in the coming months and, while we hope to receive a second kit, it will inevitably mean that there will be fewer deployments in Whaddon. Our results so far since we started eight months ago:

Total vehicles recorded	Overall total exceeding 43 mph	Total exceeding 47 mph (letter from the police)
4381	657 (15%)	288 (7%) of which 8 exceeded 60 mph

The total percentage of those speeding has remained remarkably constant at the 15% and 7% above; there are also many repeat offenders. The full results are shown on the village website under the “neighbourhood watch” menu listing.

We have also made efforts to build on the data and information we have collected with the continuing objective of either having our 40mph speed limit reduced or introducing speed reduction measures. To spread the word the Whaddon team gave a PowerPoint presentation at the last Neighbourhood Police Panel Meeting at Melbourn Village College to an audience that included local police to Inspector level, county and district councillors and villagers. If you would like to see the presentation you will find it on the Whaddon website as above.

We have also had two meetings with Councillor Linda Oliver, Chairman of the County Council and our local county councillor who has shown encouraging interest in what we are trying to do. At the second of these meetings we met David Lines, the Area Traffic Engineer for South Cambs to discuss what options are available to us. David has provided us with a lot of information which is now being absorbed but it is already clear that a reduction in the 40mph limit will be difficult to achieve and any speed reduction measures will not be cheap and would probably have to be funded by the Parish Council. It is early days to know what can be achieved and how any change might be funded. The story will continue

Finally, we could do with a few more volunteers to help. We share the kit with other local villages but try to deploy in Whaddon for a maximum of one weekday each week during which we are active for a one hour session in the Winter and two sessions when there is more daylight. If you have free time during the week and would you like to join the team (training will be given), please contact Mike Monks on 208236.

Petersfield School Orwell
Christmas Bazaar
 Saturday 12 December 1-3pm
 Traditional Christmas festivities and entertainments for all the family.
All Welcome!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
*Deadline for the next newsletter will be **8th February 2010**. Items of village interest are always welcome.*
Contact: Joan Pascoe C. 208062
joanpascoe@aol.com

POPPY APPEAL – 2009

The Whaddon Poppy Appeal this year raised in total £511.92. This is significantly higher than the collection last year and is a great tribute to the generosity of villagers. Collections were made house to house throughout the village, at the golf centre and at the Remembrance Service on 8 November at St Mary's Church. My thanks, on behalf of the Royal British Legion, go to Flo Bye and Henry Burgess for their help with the house to house collections, to Ken Green and to everyone at St Mary's Church where the collection made a major contribution to the total raised for the whole village.

The Poppy Appeal is the largest single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion's Benevolent Fund. Last year more than £30 million was raised and it is confidently expected that the figure

will be higher this year. I'm sure you know that the Legion not only gives support to those who have suffered in two world wars but calls on the fund have continued in more recent conflicts right up to the present day. In fact, there has only been one year since 1945 that a serviceman has not died in a conflict. I believe that, in part, the particularly generous support this year reflects many people's empathy with the deaths and injuries of servicemen seen in Iraq and now on almost a daily basis in Afghanistan. Whether it is the result of past wars or more recent conflicts, the Legion continues to play a very necessary role made possible only through the generosity of all who make a donation.

Once again, thank you for your contribution.

Mike Monks
Honorary Organiser



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COUNTY COUNCIL AND LOCAL UPDATES

From County Councillor Linda Oliver

Tel: 01767 650430

email: Linda.oliver@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

County Council budgets and forward planning: the County Council has already commenced its financial planning for the coming financial year and five years ahead. Forecasts show that the Authority will be £113 million worse off in five years' time and therefore officers and Members are considering how to make (allowing for inflation) a 35 per cent cut in funding through to 2015. This in turn puts sizeable pressures on parish councils who are now shaping their budgets too in order to set precept for the coming financial year. A perfect example is highways improvements schemes where CCC funding is being channelled to sites where personal injury accidents have taken place and not to sites for accident prevention schemes. Difficult times ahead! It is becoming more frequent that a parish council provides funding for a small local scheme.

The County Council has been named **Transport Authority of the Year** and is therefore ahead of every other local transport authority in the whole of the UK; quite an achievement.

Over the last eight years, bus passenger numbers in Cambridgeshire have risen from 15.1 million to 24.2 million while the Park and Ride service in Cambridge has seen more than four million users during the past year. The judges praised the vision and courage shown in developing many projects including the Guided Busway.

The Mechanical Biological Waste Treatment Plant in Waterbeach has now opened. The £42 million recycling plant is the first of its kind in the country and will sort and recycle much of the waste that normally ends up in landfill from people's "black bag" rubbish. The massive, hi-tech treatment plant is the length of three football pitches, houses giant shredding machines called Terminators, and the latest mechanical sorting equipment which removes material for recycling before turning the rest of the waste into compost like material for use on non-food crops or a fuel. At the moment just over half of the County's domestic waste is recycled or composted. This new facility, combined with improved recycling centres, will mean Cambridgeshire will massively reduce the tonnes of rubbish that ends up in landfill and reduce costs. The Government taxes every tonne of waste that ends up in the ground. This tax is currently £40 a tonne and will increase by £8 a tonne year on year. Cambridgeshire leads the country in using this technology and with the county's population expected to grow by 100,000 by 2021, it's essential to stay ahead.

Recycling and composting: the latest Government figures just out show Cambridgeshire County Council as one of the top authorities of its type for recycling and composting in the country. Figures, just released by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), show that the County Council, is one of the top 'disposal' authorities in the country – re-using, recycling or composting 51.99 per cent of its waste.

In essence, the more we all reduce, reuse and recycle the lower our taxes will be.

22 November 2009