November 2011

Parish Council Items
- Speed limit
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Children’s Christmas Party
11th December

Village Carol Singing
18th December

Village Hall
Update and results of questionnaire

Carol Service
11th December

Christingle Service
4th December

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The traditional children’s Christmas Party will take place this year on **Sunday 11 December, 3.00-5.00pm 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. Please note that all children should be accompanied by a parent/carer.

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 email andieroach@yahoo.com for further details.

**Whaddon Carol Singers**

We will be Carol singing around the Village on **Sunday 18th December**— weather permitting

Meet **4pm at the Village Hall**
Starting along Meldreth Road at **4.10pm**

All welcome to come and join in.

Transport and village locations will depend on the weather

Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at the Golf Range for the singers.

**COLLECTING FOR ST MARY’S CHURCH**

**CHILDREN IN NEED**

Anna Lewis and Hattie French ran a cake stall on the Rec on Saturday 19th November in aid of Children In Need.

They would like to thank all the villagers who came to buy cakes. They raised a grand total of £50.

Well Done Girls!

**VILLAGE BIRTHS**

**Congratulations to:**

The Edwards family, Val, Chris & Thurston on the birth of Xzavier William on 24th June.

Jenny & Lee Jennings-McTaggart on the birth of Bailey on July 10th.

The Butlin family, Kate & Matthew, on the birth of Agatha Sophie on 11th July.

Andrea, Nigel & Eddie Cook on the birth of Toby James on July 25th.

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**More Hidden Gardens of Whaddon**

Back by popular demand "More Hidden Gardens of Whaddon".

Date for diary **Sunday 24th June 2012**.

All profits towards the restoration of the Village Hall.
Would you like to participate?
Would love to have more gardens on board?
Phone Wendy on 01223 207703

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The last Village Plan was completed in 2006 and most of the recommendations arising from it have been completed in the last 5 years. The plan should be updated regularly and we need to set ourselves some new challenges for the next 5 years. It is really important that the plan reflects the views of the whole village so we are looking for volunteers to join us in developing the plan in 2012.

We want a good cross section of villagers on the team so that the plan represents all ages, all locations and the special interest groups / clubs.

If you would be interested in getting involved, then please call either Lee Ginger 207688 or Kate French 208207.

The 2011 Poppy Appeal

The people of Whaddon very generously donated a total of £540.92 to the 2011 British Legion Poppy Appeal. This is very close to last year’s collection and is more than £1.00 for every resident of the village of whatever age. House to house collections were made throughout the village, a box was placed in the golf centre and, very importantly, the collection at the Remembrance Service at St Mary’s Church on Sunday 13 November was also donated to the Poppy Appeal.

The village street collections and the box in the golf club produced £325.26 thanks to the efforts of Flo Bye, Janet Leech, Henry Burgess and Ken Green whose help was so important and, of course, to everyone in the village who gave so generously. Also my thanks go to our Vicar, Donald McFadyen and those who helped him with the Remembrance Service and to the congregation for donating £215.66 at the collection.

The Poppy Appeal is the largest single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion’s Benevolent Fund. Last year over £36 million was raised and it is hoped to raise close to £40 million this year. Whether it is the result of past wars or the current conflict in Afghanistan, the Legion continues to play a very necessary role made possible only through the generosity of all who make a donation. Thank you.

Mike Monks
Appeal Coordinator

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QUIZ NIGHTS—WHADDON GOLF CENTRE

The winter season of monthly quiz nights started in September. This was a special quiz for MacMillan Cancer Support and, with a raffle, raised a magnificent sum of £401.00.

Thank you to all those who supported the raffle and the quiz.

Money raised so far this year:

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Remembrance Service in St Mary’s Church

I would like to say a big thank you to all the people behind the scenes who helped to make the Remembrance Sunday Service go so well and to the families who turned up to support this very special occasion.

Once again, the Army from Bassingbourn Barracks was able to join us and be part of the Service. This year, besides the training staff, the young recruits who made up the bulk of those attending were new to the Army and in just their second week of training. One addition this year to the Service was that we not only remembered those commemorated on the Whaddon War Memorial who gave their lives in two World Wars but we also remembered the 11 Army soldiers previously serving at Bassingbourn ATR who have died while on operational duties in Afghanistan.

Henry Burgess

ST MARY’S PARISH CHURCH

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No III Sunday service for December

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CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY’S CHURCH

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Sunday 4 December
3 pm
at
St. Mary’s Church
Whaddon
In aid of The Children’s Society

TRADITIONAL FAMILY CAROL SERVICE
In the Church
Sunday 11th December
6 pm
Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards

CHRISTMAS EVE
SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER
WHADDON CHURCH
5 pm
Informal Carol Service by candlelight
A chance for a short break in the midst of Christmas preparations to join in singing some well-known carols.
All are welcome.
Bring a torch or a lantern.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN WHADDON
Family Service at 9.15 am in the Parish Church
With shortened Communion.
Please come and join us.

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VILLAGE HALL

Many of you will have seen the new window in the front of the village hall that was installed in November. Thank you to Wendy Evans for her hard work in organising this. Those who have used the hall since it has been fitted will notice the how much less draughty that end of the hall is. There has been extensive debate over the type of window to install but in the end it was decided that the cheaper UPVC was preferable as it not only cost less to purchase and install but also will carry lower maintenance costs and time, and a lack of maintenance was one of the main reasons why the condition of the old window deteriorated so badly.

Thank you to everyone who completed questionnaires. We had a total of 75 completed forms. The 3 questionnaires that were pulled out of the hat to win a bottle of wine or whisky were from Anthony and Betsy Milton, Lucy Pinner and Kate French. Congratulations to you all.

The analysis shows that the key benefits that people saw a refurbished village hall could bring are:

- Provision of activities for the young people of the village such as a youth club
- More sporting activities and especially dance, bowling and exercise classes as well as table tennis, snooker, badminton and cricket.
- Some new activities of which a gardening club and creative arts for children were preferred
- Facilities that people most wanted to see within the new hall in order of priority were; kitchen, bar, 2 separate meeting rooms and sports changing rooms.

We are now preparing further grant applications to gain funds to complete the refurbishment and hope that the work will start this year.

Further consultation will be done during the coming weeks to understand more about how specific groups of people including the young people and the elderly would like to use the refurbished hall. Please do come and help by giving your opinions.

The Trust would also like to thank Will Burchett for his input into the village hall work and to welcome Natalie Hanlon onto the Trust.

Please do ask anyone on the Trust if you have any questions regarding the refurbishment.

Jenna Lewis.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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It has been some time since I have reported criminal problems in the village but there have been a number of incidents in recent weeks that are worthy of coverage. Perhaps the most concerning, as it potentially concerns every resident, was an incident in Bridge Street involving two male intruders. The resident had been vacuuming upstairs and on finishing she returned to the kitchen downstairs to find two hooded individuals who, on seeing her, ran from the house. Nothing was stolen and the resident chose not to report the matter to the police at the time. Subsequently, after talking to her Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, the incident was reported to the police who visited the following day. Being a day later there was little the police could do to catch the two individuals. There are two very important lessons to be learned from this incident: first, please lock all external doors even when you are in the house. Virtually all houses in Whaddon back on to open fields and offer easy access to any intruder — please don’t make it easier by leaving external doors unlocked. Second, any incident similar to this should be reported to the police immediately by calling 999 irrespective of whether there has been a loss or not. Only then is there any possibility of catching the intruders. I can confidently say that two hooded individuals wandering around Whaddon will stand out like a sore thumb.

Unfortunately, late in October, the Golf Centre was burgled. A considerable amount of damage was done to gain access and in the internal search by the thieves. The Post Office till was stolen and efforts were made to remove the bar till but without success. The thieves also damaged the metal gates and drove over the practice green. The police are investigating.

At about the same time as the problem in Bridge Street, there was a metal theft at the Coningsby’s farm. The gates at The Green had been lifted off the hinges and an old roller had been dismantled and parts stolen. The police were informed at the time. This was yet another incident in the local area involving metal theft. Thieves are targeting farm machinery, church buildings, Network Rail assets and BT telephone cables. Both Foxton and Barrington have recently been the victims of significant cable theft leading to a loss of telephones, broadband etc, so the problem really is on our doorstep.

In early November the Village Hall was targeted by what appears to be vandalism. A side window made up of wire-reinforced opaque glass had been repeatedly hit and had fractured but had not disintegrated. It appeared to be vandalism as if the intention had been to gain access to the Village Hall there were simpler options available.

Finally, a car parked on the access road to Town Farm Close and the Golf Centre was scratched along the side. Those affected felt it was vandalism which, until these past few weeks, has not been a problem in the village.

It is unfortunate that what had been a largely crime free year has been spoiled in the space of a few weeks. Hopefully it is just a blip and we can return to better times but with winter upon us and long periods of darkness everybody has a role to play in securing homes and keeping a wary eye open for unusual activity. Please play your part and remember: dial 999 for a crime actually happening and either 101 or 0345 456 4564 for a non-emergency matter. Please also let your neighbourhood watch coordinator know.

For help, call me, Brian Girling, on 01223 208529 (Wimpole)
E-mail bg@moncraft.co.uk
Whaddon Parish Council News—some items of news from our recent monthly meetings……..

**Village Speed Limit** – the PC are still pursuing a 30mph speed limit in the village. Once the necessary process had been followed it would be cost-effective to attach new speed-limit signs to the existing poles. It was believed that some of the poles were damaged or had been removed and that the legal minimum requirements for repeater signs might not currently be met. The legal requirements for speed-limit signage are being researched and the Clerk will write to CCC Highways to ask for posts to be reinstated/repaired as necessary.

**PPP3 grant** – consideration of alternative uses of unspent PPP3 grant (previously set aside for Pickering Woods) – the PC was carrying forward £770 unspent PPP3 grant. The PC accepted a quote of £300 (+VAT) from Mr Steven Scott to trim back the sides of the trees that were overgrowing the path through Pickering Woods and to mow the surface. It was noted that the walking surface should ideally be cut every two to three years. Uses for the remainder of the PPP3 grant were discussed – the Cllrs were interested in having the hedge around Whaddon Gap car-park trimmed up and this will be arranged following receipt of a quote.

**Parish Plan** – status update and agreement of actions – no further progress had been made and it was proposed to re-start this project in the New Year.

**Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust (VHRGT)** held a meeting on 12th October. The Village Hall usage questionnaires had been reviewed, and one conclusion reached was that currently children of secondary-school age and retirees were not being adequately catered for. On grant funding the VHRGT would soon be making a second application to the Big Lottery Fund. However, the BLF rules had changed and it was believed to be unlikely that all the funding could be obtained from one source. It would be necessary to break the building project down into separate elements and approach several funding sources. The front window in the village hall has been replaced with a U PVC window.

At South Cambs District Council the Housing Portfolio Holder had reviewed the Traveller & Gypsy Needs Assessment and concluded that it seemed unfairly biased towards the District with too many sites within the area. A reassessment exercise would take place. There had also been a presentation about a potential wind-farm at a site in Litlington which could supply electricity for up to 4,000 homes. No planning application had yet been made and there were some serious planning concerns.

**Affordable Homes** – conflicting updates had been received from SCDC planners and Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association’s Development Manager about the agreed changes to the boundary treatments. SCDC Planners had asked for the PC’s views on the close boarded fencing/trellis that had been installed at the rear of the site. The Cllrs commented that it was now not possible to see the views through the site to the fields beyond. It was also thought that such a significant planning change should be treated as a formal planning amendment and go through the proper process. District Cllr Cathcart will speak with SCDC Planners on our behalf.

**Verges: grass-cutting and trees**– A working party will not now be formed to look at verges grass-cutting and the treatment of PC owned trees. Mr Mike Monks has offered to draft a tender specification for the verges grass-cutting.

The next monthly open Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 9th January 2012, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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SPEEDWATCH & SPEEDING IN WHADDON

Speedwatch continues in the village with sessions about every 10 days or so. We focus on Meldreth Road and Church Street monitoring cars both entering the village from Meldreth and passing through the village from the Whaddon Gap direction. In the main, we operate during the peak hours in the morning and late afternoon and, not surprisingly, we see many of the same cars. We continue to identify a number of cars exceeding 46mph, which is the speed that results in a letter from the police. Since we started Speedwatch in 2009 we have tracked nearly 9000 cars of which nearly 550 have received letters. We have seen an overall reduction in speeding but not enough to make us feel that Speedwatch is, in itself, reducing speeds. That said, we do feel that it is worth our time while efforts are made to reduce the speed limit in the village to 30mph. There is still much to be done to achieve this but there are signs that the County Council, under the “localism” agenda is slowly moving in our direction.

Exciting new opportunity for community volunteers - Community Champions to work alongside Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) is launching a pilot scheme in South Cambridgeshire to encourage residents to carry out safety checks on their homes. The scheme is innovative in that it will rely on local volunteers to liaise with the community on its behalf.

CFRS is now looking for people who live in the South Cambridgeshire area to volunteer to become ‘Community Champions’.

Community Champions will be trained to speak to local community groups about home fire safety and escape plans, and to refer those people who are unable to carry out a check of their own home to CFRS for additional support. Champions will also attend community events and take part in CFRS’s public consultation activity.

Cambridgeshire ACRE is running this pilot scheme on behalf of CFRS. We believe that our strong links with South Cambridgeshire parishes means we are well placed to generate a good level of support for the scheme and we would encourage anyone looking for a opportunity to take on a more active role in

More information on the scheme and any queries, contact Cambridgeshire ACRE on 01353 865037.
### Neighbourhood Watch Team

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#### Local law enforcement:

- **Inspector Chris Savage (Sawston)**: Sector Inspector
- **Sergeant Jon Capes (Cambourne)**: Sector Sergeant

#### Neighbourhood Policing Team:

- **PC Clare List**: Neighbourhood Policing Constable
- **James Lynch**: Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- **Lyndsay Gardiner**: Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Deadline for the next newsletter will be **February 19th**. Items of village interest are always welcome.

*Joan Pascoe C. 208062*

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