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**Village Hall Available to Hire**

Special rates for those within the village - ideal for birthday parties and most functions.

Contact: Wendy Evans
108, Church St.
01223 207703

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**NEWSLETTER**

The deadline for the next newsletter is 22nd February. Once again items of village interest are always welcome.

Joan Pascoe C208062
joanpascoe@aol.com

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WINTER is coming and after seeing a rise in chimney fires last year, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging all residents to get their chimney professionally swept before the cold sets in.

Top tips to enjoy an open fire safely:
- Sweep your chimney at least once a year and get brickwork inspected, especially the chimney breast and roof space.
- Do not bank fires too high or overload the grate, and remember to let them burn down well and check the hearth before going to bed.
- Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires.
- Do not place objects on or over the mantle-piece which may cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them.
- Burn only suitable fuels and avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up quickly.

It is also the time of year when we’re enjoying a tipple with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.

The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn’t go up in smoke:
- Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking festive fancies. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they confirm to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.

Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @cambsfrs.

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**WHADDON VILLAGE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Sunday 14th December
2.30 - 4.30pm

Traditional Christmas Party at the Village Hall
All children within Whaddon village of Primary School age and under will be invited.

Contact Amanda if your invite does not arrive!

Please note that all children should be accompanied by a parent/carer.

We would appreciate any offers of help in organising this event, before or on the day

For further details please contact:
Amanda Silvester,
97 Meldreth Road
C207196

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**NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY**

For Family and Friends
Whaddon Village Hall
31st December
7.30pm til late
£5/person under 5’s free

Bring and Share nibbles
Bring your own drink
Disco by our village DJ Steve

Booking is essential
More details later in newsletter

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**SPEEDWATCH & SPEEDING IN WHADDON**

After my recent pleas for additional volunteers to help with Speedwatch, I am pleased to say that four villagers stepped forward which means that we will continue monitoring traffic in 2015. It was also good to note that we had a volunteer from Meldreth Road, St Mary’s Close, Church Street and Bridge Street. While activity will reduce over the winter months we will be setting up the kit on occasions just to remind those that drive through Whaddon that we like the 30mph speed limit to be observed.

Mike Monks
WHADDON VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The Village Hall is enjoying great popularity since the renovation works were completed and the lettings have more than doubled. This enables us to maintain and heat the hall to a good standard. Our next project is to renew the veranda completely and to replace the existing guttering which has reached the end of its useful life. We have to thank the Parish Council for help towards funding these two projects.

The ambition for the future is to renew the tarmac at the rear of the hall and we will work towards this next year. We would welcome anybody who might be willing to join the Trust and help us to move forward into the future to ensure the hall remains an amenity for the village. We meet once a month.

Thanks Wendy Evans

NEW YEAR’S EVE PARTY

The Whaddon Village Hall Trust is pleased to announce that we will again host a New Year’s Eve Party.

The cost will be £5 to cover cost of music to suit all ages. The party is a non-profit making event so the Village can celebrate the New Year together without the need for transport.

So please come and bring in the New Year with us. You will need to bring your own drink but food brought will be on a bring and share basis. Now we have a warm and comfortable back hall which can be used for food etc and the front hall will have music and dancing.

Tickets must be purchased in advance as numbers are limited. Book early to avoid disappointment.

For tickets contact:
Karen Coningsby 207514
Wendy Evans 207703
Carol Ginger 207688
Deborah Townsend 208038

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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ROYSTON & SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Home Visiting Volunteers

We are looking for Home Visiting volunteers.

A 10 session course for new volunteers is planned for February / March 2015 to be held between 9.30am – 2.30pm.

Please contact us if you are interested in joining this course.

Tel: 01763 262262 or e-mail admin@hsrsc.org.uk

Christmas Door Decoration Workshop

at Foxton Village Hall
CB22 6RN
Thursday 4th December
7.00pm – 10.00pm

Back by popular demand
Tickets are £20 to include framework, foliage and ribbons.
For further details contact Tracy

Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire,
Unit 6, Valley Farm, Station Road, Meldreth,
Royston, Herts, SG8 6JP  www.hsrsc.org.uk

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

The second edition of the Safeguarding Adults and Mental Capacity Act Newsletter has recently been published. It includes useful information and up-dates for people who use services, their families and carers, the general public and professionals who work with vulnerable adults. The newsletter can be downloaded from the County Council’s website at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/social>.
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ST MARY’S CHURCH WHADDON

DECEMBER SERVICES

7th December 3.00 pm Christingle Service In aid of the Children’s Society
14th December 6.00 pm Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies
21st December 9.30 am Morning Prayer
24th December 5.00 pm Informal Carols by candle light. (bring lanterns, torches etc)
25th December 9.30 am Christmas Day Family friendly Service with shortened Holy Communion
28th December 9.30 am Holy Communion

Whaddon Carol Singers

We will be Carol singing around the Village on Sunday 21st 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

Christingle Preparations

Please come to Carolyn Gallery’s house 68 Bridge Street at 3pm on Saturday 6th December to help make the Christingles for the service on 7th December.

Do we need a ‘Good Neighbour’ scheme in Whaddon?

The recent Parish Plan suggested that a few villagers have problems accessing health facilities and that a majority of people feel there should be a ‘good neighbour’ scheme, even though most would not use it! This issue was also raised in the 2006 survey but there was no formal action by the Parish Council, partly because there seemed to be little real demand or appetite to run and organise such a scheme.

With that in mind, the Parish Council would like to hear from anyone who may like to enter into a dialogue to see if such a scheme should be started, how it would work, who should run it and what would be its scope.

If you have any thoughts or would like to help, please give me a ring on 208077 or email lee.ginger@btinternet.com.
The 2014 Poppy Appeal

The people of Whaddon very generously donated a total of £604.97 to the 2014 British Legion Poppy Appeal. This is the first time in many years, if at all, that the collection in the village has exceeded £600. House to house collections were made throughout the village, a box was placed in the golf centre and the collection at the Remembrance Service at St Mary’s Church on Sunday 9 November was also donated to the Appeal.

My thanks go to Flo Bye, Janet Leech and Henry Burgess for their efforts in the house to house collections, to Lorna and Richard Green for the golf centre collection and to the donations made at the Remembrance Service but above all can I thank everybody in the village who gave so generously.

The Poppy Appeal has had particular poignancy in this centenary year of the beginning of the First World War but while there are few remaining from that war the British Legion’s support is essential to provide for those involved in the Second World War and subsequent conflicts right up to Iraq and Afghanistan. The Legion continues to play a very necessary role made possible only through the generosity of all who make a donation. Thank you Whaddon.

Mike Monks
Appeal Coordinator

Whaddon Parish Council News – a flavour of our meetings in September, October and November

Bassingbourn Barracks

After the well publicised recent events at the Barracks, it now seems that the Libyan soldiers will not be returning and will be trained in their own country. Our County Cllr Adrian Dent, who worked tirelessly on the community’s behalf on this issue, will be involved in the high level report demanded by the Prime Minister into the whole saga. He will also continue to press the MoD as to the future of the Barracks but we must hope that its future is not prejudiced in any way by events of recent weeks.

Speed limits and traffic calming

The consultation on the draft scheme for Meldreth Road traffic calming measures has been reviewed with the traffic consultants and a safety audit has also been conducted. The audit suggested that there would be very few problems with a build out of the pavement near to the entrance of the village from Meldreth. That proposed for the other direction however, roughly opposite number 116 Meldreth Road, could present some problems for traffic at that position and had also been opposed by a number of residents in that area. The PC agreed at the November meeting to proceed with the build out at the eastern end of Meldreth Road and to introduce bold 30 mph/SLOW markings on the road just after the bend past Green Farm. We have also asked the County Council to see if we can put additional 30mph/SLOW markings at other points in the village, especially near to the sharp bends. The scheme should be implemented by end March 2015 and then we shall review after 6 months.

Speedwatch

The Speedwatch team recently has been joined by four new team members, which is great news for the continuation of the scheme. Thanks to all who have volunteered. I’m sure, however, that the team would be grateful for further new team members to help spread the load.

Bridge Street water course

A meeting was held recently with the environmental officer and hydrologist from the Environment Agency (EA) regarding the possibility of keeping some water flowing in Bridge Street at all times. They explained that the EA only have responsibility for the main stream, Whaddon Brook, and any decision regarding changes to the Bridge Street drain would be up to Cambridgeshire County Council. The EA’s primary concern was to ensure a reasonable flow of water where the Royston sewerage plant water outfall meets Whaddon Brook. They added that flows of water down Bridge Street were probably impeded as parts of the ditch needed clearing out and bridges over the ditch were at different heights. A concerted effort by all Riparian Owners is needed to clear the Bridge Street ditch. PTO
Village maintenance issues

- The notice board by the Village Hall has been expertly renovated by Steve Coningsby and repositioned to the wall of the Village Hall.
- A salt bin is to be provided in Town Farm Close.

All minutes of meetings are on the village website www.whaddon.org

The next PC meeting is at 7.30 pm on Monday 12th January 2015 in the Village Hall.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2012/13

2012/13 INCOME 2013/14

£16,200 Precept  £16,200

£486 SCDC grass cutting payment  £510

£703 VAT repayment  £703

£185 Advertising - village newsletter  £173

£12 Bank interest  £17

£24 Other income  £24

£24,456 S106 monies received towards community space  £20

£0 Grants - Local Council Tax Support  £1,015

£42,066 Total income  £18,617

£27,725 Surplus (deficit) of income over expenditure  (£20,820)

You should keep the banks clear of anything that could cause an obstruction and increase flood risk, either on your own land or downstream if it is washed away.

You are responsible for maintaining the beds and banks of the watercourse and the trees and shrubs growing on the banks. You should clear any litter, debris or animal carcasses from the channel and banks, even if it did not originate from your land.

You should always leave a development-free edge on the banks of the watercourse to allow easy access in case of maintenance or inspection. You must keep structures such as culverts, trash screens and weirs clear of debris.

You should not cause obstructions, temporary or otherwise, that would stop fish passing through.

To help protect water quality do not use riverbanks to dispose of garden or other waste that could be washed into the river. This includes grass clippings.

If your property includes a watercourse that runs through a culvert you have the same responsibilities for the upkeep of the culvert as if it were a watercourse.

You must accept flood flows through your land, even if these are caused by inadequate capacity downstream.

What happens if you do not undertake your riparian responsibilities?

You could be requested to do so by Cambridgeshire County Council and may even face legal action.

Further information:

Article content has been sourced from Environment Agency Guide ‘Living on the Edge’ 2012 which is available via www.environment-agency.gov.uk. Tel 03708 505506

Cambridgeshire County Council Flood and Water Team:
Flood and Water Team, Growth and Economy, Cambridgeshire County Council, Shire Hall, Castle Court, Cambridge, CB3 0AP
Email: floodandwater@cambridgeshire.gov.uk Tel: 01223 699976
RIPARIAN OWNERSHIP RIGHTS

Does your property or land border a watercourse?

Your Rights and Responsibilities

If you own land adjoining, above or with a watercourse running through it, you are a ‘riparian owner’ and have certain rights and responsibilities. If you rent the land you should agree with the owner who should manage these rights and responsibilities.

Watercourses, ditches and drains are crucial for managing flood risk so it is vital that they are kept free of debris, obstructions and do not become overgrown.

Who regulates the watercourses?

Different types of watercourse are regulated by different risk management authorities. However, if you are planning to carry out any work on, over, under or near a watercourse (including drainage ditches) in Whaddon, you must consult the Flood and Water Team at Cambridgeshire County Council to discuss your plans before hand.

What are your rights as a riparian owner?

If your land boundary is next to a watercourse it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the watercourse, unless it is owned by someone else.

If a watercourse runs alongside your garden wall or hedge you should check your property deeds to see if your wall or hedge marks the boundary. If the watercourse marks the boundary it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the watercourse.

If you own land with a watercourse flowing through or underneath it, it is assumed you own the stretch of watercourse that runs through your land. Water should not be taken out of a watercourse if it could lead to a lack of water for those downstream. Also you cannot carry out activities that could pollute the watercourse.

You do have the right to protect your property from flooding and your land from erosion. However, you must get your plans agreed by the Flood and Water Team at CCC before you start work.

What are your responsibilities as a riparian owner?

You must let water flow through your land without obstruction, pollution or diversion.

2012/13 EXPENDITURE (including VAT) 2013/14

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Whaddon Parish Council
Cash Position at 31st March 2014

Bank balance at 1st April 2013  £48,157
Less deficit for the year       (£20,820)
Bank balance at 31st March 2014 £27,337

Of the bank balance the following has been earmarked for ongoing projects:

Parish Paths Partnership - footpath grant       £270
Road safety and traffic management (due to be spent 2014/15) £9,129
Village Maintenance - Bus shelter, pump (due to be spent 2014/15) £300
S106 monies for public open space               £6,485
WVHRGT - building regulations                  £586

Total reserves                                 £16,770

General reserve (should be 3 to 12 months of precept - currently 7.7 months) £10,567

The Parish Clerk will be happy to answer any queries about the financial statements – whaddonpcclerk@yahoo.co.uk

I normally start this summary by reminding everybody that Whaddon is a relatively crime free village with very few incidents that should concern residents. Unfortunately, in early October a part of the village was visited by intruders who broke into a number of outbuildings belonging to houses in Church Street, the builder’s offices behind as well as the village hall. Items were stolen from sheds and the builder also lost equipment. While the police were informed there is little chance that stolen items will be recovered. In the case of the village hall, the break-in did not lead to any damage other than where entry was forced and, as nothing of value is kept in the hall, the intruders just caused some disruption in the kitchen and little else. Following a visit by the police crime prevention officer additional security measures are being put in place.

Also in October, a farmer in a local village complained to the police about dogs worrying his livestock and killing a sheep. Similar dog problems have occurred this year in Whaddon. Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, it is an offence for a dog to worry (attack or chase) livestock on agricultural land or be at large in an enclosure or field where there are sheep. The police ask that all dog owners keep their dogs on a lead and preferably on a lead when anywhere near farm animals.

With winter upon us domestic oil tanks are full. In Whaddon, many tanks are easily accessible and offer a tempting target for visiting villains who have a track record in this part of the world for brazen theft. At the very least secure your tank by padlock and if possible hide it by suitable planting of hostile shrubs such as pyracantha or berberis. Your tank probably has a £1000 or more of oil and it is worth a little time and effort to protect it from thieves.

In mid-October a car managed to mount the pavement outside the village hall, cross the flower bed and destroy the litter bin and post just avoiding the adjacent telegraph pole. Excessive speed may have been involved and the car certainly suffered a great deal of damage. Needless to say the driver was not from Whaddon.

A reminder to everybody that the village e-mail system is sponsored by Whaddon Neighbourhood Watch and has about 130+ addressees. The aim is to keep residents updated not only on police matters but also on parish council activities, events in the village hall, St Mary’s Church, social and other topics that might be of interest to villagers. If you are not receiving these e-mails and would like to be included please let me know on:

whaddonnhw@gmail.com

Mike Monks

Remember – dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk and for a non-emergency matter call 101. If you report an incident to the police please let your neighbourhood watch coordinator know.