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November 2015

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

Contact:
Wendy Evans
108, Church St.
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Newsletters

The deadline for the next newsletter is 10th February. Once again items of village interest are always welcome.

Joan Pascoe C208062
25 Bridge Street
joanpascoe@aol.com

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACRE’S COMMUNITY OIL BUYING SCHEME

A timely reminder to consider your heating needs for the winter ahead:

If you rely on oil to heat your home, community building, church or business premises, you might like to consider joining Cambridgeshire ACRE’s community oil buying scheme.

Through our partnership with AF Affinity Limited, a subsidiary of Anglia Farmers Limited, our scheme makes the most of collective purchasing power. The larger the order we place, the more likely the heating oil suppliers will offer a reduced price for our members.

The annual membership fee for domestic users is £20 and that covers as many oil orders as you need during the course of a year. We find that members need to order around 1000 - 1500 litres a year to achieve sufficient savings to justify the membership fee.

We offer an easy, online ordering system and send out email reminders each month so you’ll never forget to order oil again.

To find out more about the Scheme, please visit http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/community-oil-buying-scheme.php or call Alison Brown on 01353 865029.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACRE’S COMMUNITY OIL BUYING SCHEME

WHADDON VILLAGE CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 6th December 4.30-6.15pm

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

Whaddon Village New Year’s Eve Party

A New Year’s Eve Party For family and friends

Whaddon Village Hall
31st December 7.30pm til late

Adult £10 Child £2.50 Under 5’s free

Bring and Share nibbles
Bring your own drink

Disco by our village DJ Steve

Contact:
Karen 207514
Wendy 207703
Deborah 208038

Whaddon Village Hall Quiz Night

27th February 2016
7.30pm for 8pm
Teams of 4-6
Chilli supper £10

Teams to Karen 207514 or Deborah 208038
ST MARY’S CHURCH
WHADDON

Church Services in December

6th December 3.00pm Christingle Service
In aid of the Children’s Society

13th December 6.00pm Carol Service followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

20th December 9.30am Morning Prayer

24th December 5.00pm Informal Carols by candle light (bring lanterns, torches etc)

25th December 9.30am Christmas Day Family friendly shortened Holy Communion

27th December 11.00am Joint Service at Bassingbourn

Whaddon Carol Singers

♫ We will be Carol Singing around the village on Saturday 19th December - weather permitting.
Meet at 3.30pm at the Village Hall starting along Meldreth Road at 3.40pm
All welcome to come and join in.
Transport and village locations will depend on the weather.
Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies for the singers at the Golf Range.

COLLECTING FOR ST MARY’S CHURCH
♫

WHADDON GOLF CENTRE
QUIZ NIGHTS
Quiz nights at the Golf Centre continue for the autumn/winter sessions as follows:

Dec 9th
Jan 13th
Feb 10th
Mar 9th

These quizzes are fun and open to all, plus we raise money for charity. All welcome!

Make your own Christmas Door Decoration - A Workshop!

On: Tuesday 1st December, 2015
At: Foxton Village Hall, CB22 6RN
A choice of times
either 12.00am to 2.00pm
or 7.00pm to 10.00pm

Tickets: £20

to include the framework, foliage and ribbons, but please bring gloves, secateurs and any special foliage/baubles you’d like to incorporate in your finished article

from Tracy: Tel: 01763 262262
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A Reminder about Riparian Ownership 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 responsibilities.

Watercourses, as well as adding to the look of the village, are crucial for managing flood risk so it is vital that they are kept free of debris, obstructions and do not become overgrown.

Your rights and responsibilities as a riparian owner
If your land boundary is next to a watercourse or if the watercourse marks the boundary it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the watercourse, unless it is owned by someone else. Check your property deeds if you are unsure. 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 and you cannot carry out activities that could pollute the watercourse.

You must let water flow through your land without obstruction, pollution or diversion. Keep the banks clear of anything that could cause an obstruction and increase flood risk.

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

You must keep structures such as culverts and weirs clear of debris. You should not cause obstructions, temporary or otherwise, that would stop fish passing through.

Do not use riverbanks to dispose of garden or other waste that could be washed into the river. This includes grass clippings.

If you wish to carry out works to protect your property from flooding you must get your plans agreed by the Flood and Water Team at Cambridgeshire County Council before you start work.

Further information:
A more detailed leaflet 'The Rights and Responsibilities of a Riparian Owner' can be downloaded from the CCC website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk or requested from Whaddon Parish Council Clerk by emailing whaddonpcclerk@yahoo.co.uk

Citizens Advice: Bassingbourn Outreach
Details have now been finalised for a monthly drop-in advice session at the Bassingbourn Book Cafe at The Limes Community Centre in Bassingbourn. We will be running the sessions on the second Thursday of the month between 2.00 – 3.30 pm.

WHADDON VILLAGE HALL

The renovated village hall is proving very popular with lettings having improved by 50% and many more village activities taking place in the hall. The coffee mornings are still going strong and all are welcome. They take place on alternate Wednesdays and we open at 10.30 and go on until 12 noon. Mike Monks sends out a notification of when these take by village email plus the dates are in the diary at the front of the newsletter. Other village activities are the gardening club and table tennis where, once again, all are welcome.

Thanks to Steve and Pete Coningsby and Lee Ginger we now have acoustic panels in the village hall and they are really effective. We are most grateful to the Parish Council for funding the cost and to Steve, Pete and Lee who gave up a weekend to install them. A new floor is also being laid in November courtesy of the manufacturers, Karndean.

The Village New Year’s Eve party will take place again this year with Steve Cross once again providing us with a great disco. This will not be a profit making evening with the ticket money just enough to cover expenses. It was very popular and well supported last year so perhaps you would like to earmark this event to say goodbye to 2015.

There will be a quiz night for fund raising towards the carpark in February.

Wendy Evans Vice Chair

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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BROADBAND UPDATE

WELL—IT’S HAPPENED...

Whaddon has at last entered the 21st century. It seems like it took forever, but it was pretty much on time apart from sorting out a few teething issues which delayed the final change of status to "accepting orders".

In several years of dealing with village affairs, I don’t think I have ever seen anything happen which pleases so many people and without a down-side! I’d like to thank everyone for their patience and forbearance in those last few weeks when one could feel the anticipation rising.

It is fair to say that what we are getting is much faster than even our most optimistic hopes were when the Connecting Cambridgeshire project began. We thought 24mbs speed was going to be good, but improvements in the technology have meant that the cabinet is running at 80mbs, and the speed you get depends on how far you are from that cabinet, and whether you take the “standard” 38mbs package or the “speed merchant” 76mbs one.

I think everyone is now aware of the BT Wholesale Availability tester. This gives the an estimate of what BT think you will be able to get based on what it knows about your location, line length, and so on. In general these estimates are not too over-optimistic, as you can see that the further you are from the cabinet, the lower the speeds.

The only exception to this is for those of you with Sky phone lines. Sky has its own equipment at the exchange, and one result of this is that some Sky lines show up on the tester, and others do not. What I would say about this is that if your line does not show up on the BT tester, it does NOT MEAN YOU HAVE TO STAY WITH SKY. That would be anti-competitive. But it does mean you have to push a little bit harder with other ISPs to get them to realise you can get broadband, and it is just Sky’s system that is stopping your data from showing up. Why I do not really understand.

It’s also possible that line tests may show up problems which may need fixing by BT before your line goes live. A few of these in Dyers Green were fixed before the start, but I have heard of one more in Meldreth Road. So long as the problem is the other side of your master socket, it won’t be your concern to fix, but it may delay things.

There are two install types, the one you do yourselves and one done by an engineer. Much depends on what your ISP does—most send out a router with instructions and you do it yourself. Sometimes an engineer is needed either to add a BT only additional modem, or because you have an old style phone socket (probably relatively unlikely).

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Green bin collection changes this winter

Don’t forget, green bin collections change to monthly during winter when far less garden waste is put out for collection.

Monthly collections will start at the end of November and will return to fortnightly in March for the rest of the year.

Collection dates can be found on page 24 of the autumn South Cambs Magazine or online at www.scambs.gov.uk/bins-by-parish

For more information visit www.scambs.gov.uk/content/changes-green-bin-collections-over-winter

Safeguarding Adults Newsletter (Autumn 2015)
Cambridgeshire’s Adult Safeguarding Board have published the latest issue of their Safeguarding Adults and Mental Capacity Act Newsletter which can be found on the County Council website. To download a copy go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/safeguardingmca and follow the link to ‘Newsletters, fact sheets and resources’.

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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Look After Your Chimney:
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.

Above all, ensure you have a working smoke alarm fitted on each floor or your home

Christmas Fire Safety:
It is the time of year when we’re enjoying a tipple with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and deck ing 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.
Contact: 01480 444500, www.cambsfire.gov.uk

Most of Church Street and top end of Bridge Street
60-70 mbs seems possible

Meldreth Road
From about 35 mbs to about 20 mbs at the village sign

Dyers Green
probably 25-35 mbs

These really are all beyond my wildest hopes and we have done very well for ourselves. Remember, for most people’s purposes, the 38mbs package will be more than enough. Also remember that if the BT tester shows you with a likely speed of not much over 40mbs, there is no point in paying extra for the 76mbs service. This is very important!

I would be most grateful if people could drop me a note with an indication of the sorts of speeds they are getting, so I can monitor the situation. The Speed Tester I usually tell others to use is the OOKLA one, sometimes called speedtest.net. This way I can build up a picture of how the village is performing and report it to the appropriate people.

This will probably be the last regular update I send out in the Whaddon News. I would like to conclude by thanking everyone again for their patience, but particularly by thanking Cambridgeshire County Council, and the staff of the Connecting Cambridgeshire project, for the funding and development of a scheme which is providing Whaddon with many of the benefits of a more “urban” connection without losing any of the things about the village that make us all live here and that make the place special. In so doing, we have also removed one obstacle which was starting to make some people think twice about moving here.

So go and order fibre broadband if you have not yet done so! We want Whaddon to go above the average Cambridgeshire village take-up of 60%.

Nigel Strudwick
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First the good news - to the best of my knowledge there has not been a crime in the village in the past quarter. We are fortunate in living in what can be fairly described as a safe village in what our Police and Crime Commissioner tells me is the third safest part of the country – South Cambridgeshire that is. Which is welcome news but is in part because as a community we take our security seriously – most of the time anyway.

But there are problems that need you to be particularly alert: telephone scammers are very active and very convincing; rogue traders are in the area and focus on the elderly, of which I am one, so please join me in taking care. That stranded motorist we have seen before who will trade his watch for some cash to buy petrol has been reported in the area by one of our residents. He may not be welcome but it seems that passing motorists do stop to help.

A winter topic: look after your heating oil. Theft of valuable heating oil has been an issue for rural areas, including Whaddon, but it can be a particular problem at this time of year as home owners top up for the winter months. Some precautions can be worthwhile. Consider the position of the tank. Can it be viewed easily from the house? If it is close to a road or pathway it is more at risk. A thief will not want to spend a long time trying to attack your tank so discourage him/her by using good quality closed shackle padlocks and lockable fuel caps, although some feel this risks expensive damage to the tank. Think about using prickly, thorny plants (pyracantha, berberis, hawthorn) to hide the tank from view and make any potential theft a painful experience for the thief. Traces of blood or ripped clothing may also help to identify the offender. Be aware of oil levels and check them regularly. Remote oil level gauge alarms are available and cost between £60 - £95, they will set off an audible alarm if the oil level in the tank suddenly drops or falls below a quarter full. Remember that night is much longer than day so if you have outside security lighting, ensure that the system works and that the light sensors have been adjusted correctly to detect movement.

Above all, life in Whaddon has a certain routine and the unusual tends to be seen by residents, which is not to say we are a nosy lot, just vigilant. If you do notice something unusual or out of place take a note of any vehicle registration number and report suspicious activity to the police.

If you are not receiving Whaddon e-mails and would like to be included please let me know on: whaddonnhw@gmail.com

Mike Monks
WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL
CASH POSITION AT 31ST MARCH 2015

Bank balance at 1st April 2014 £27,337
Add surplus for the year £1,540
Bank balance at 31st March 2015 £28,877

Of the bank balance the following is earmarked for ongoing projects:
Parish Path Partnerships - footpath grant £270
Road safety measures (awaiting invoice for Meldreth Road Scheme) £8,853
S106 monies for public open space £895
Village maintenance (pump painting, bus shelter & bench) £350
WW1 Commemorative Tree & Plaque £200
Salt bin - Town Farm Close (installed - awaiting invoice) £200
Grants to enable new clubs & societies to operate from Village Hall & Recreation Ground £200
WVH&RGT - balance of 2014/15 grant (to be claimed early 2015/16) £500
WVH&RGT - revaluation report (expected to be carried out 2015/16) £500
WVH&RGT - donation towards resurfacing recreation ground car-park £2,000
£13,968

General reserve (should be 3 to 12 months of precept - currently 10.6 months) £14,910

Total reserves £28,877

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

Further information about payments made by the Parish Council and assets owned by the Parish Council can be found on the village website www.whaddon.org

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS – A FLAVOUR OF OUR MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Councillor vacancy
We were delighted to co-opt Dr Nigel Strudwick to the Parish Council at our September meeting. Nigel has previously served on the PC and was our Chair until 2011 when he left to work in America. Nigel has also been co-opted to be one of the PC’s representatives on the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust.

Super fast Broadband
It’s here and working! The Super Fast fibre optic broadband is now up and running, just a few weeks later than planned. We must pay tribute to Nigel Strudwick, our Broadband Champion, Malan Peyton and County Councillor Adrian Dent, who all campaigned tirelessly for this long over due upgrade to our broadband. It was one of the top two issues identified by villagers in our 2013 Community Plan. Thanks also to Nigel for his regular and very informative updates on the project.

Meldreth Road traffic build out signs
The PC was pleased to see that the new signs were installed by the Highways Team a few weeks after the mishap in July. We are grateful for their speedy response.

Ailing trees on recreation ground verge
Mrs M Peyton, Whaddon’s tree officer, had looked at the trees. Two were dead and several others appeared to be diseased. They were damaged near the base and this damage had not been caused by strimming – it was believed to be insect damage and would not be treatable. SCDC had suggested that it could be damage by dogs fouling on the bank – this was dismissed as highly unlikely. Mrs Peyton continues to pursue this issue robustly.

Housing needs survey
The Housing Needs Survey was discussed at our October meeting. The survey revealed a relatively small housing need (six houses) and that a scheme of that size might not be viable. Only 30% of residents had completed the survey and support for an Affordable Housing Scheme, at 55%, was at the lower end of the typical range. As a result, we decided not to pursue additional Affordable Housing in Whaddon at this stage but will return to this issue when the next Community led plan is created in a few years time.

Speedwatch
In September we were told that a recent Speedwatch session on a Friday morning and evening in Meldreth Road had revealed a number of vehicles travelling at 50 mph. The build out seemed to be effective at these times but less so at quiet times. Speedwatch is continuing to monitor Meldreth Road to see if additional speed reduction measures might be needed at the other end of the road.

South Cambridgeshire District Council elections
We were informed that after a consultation exercise, SCDC have decided to hold ‘all out’ elections every 4 years, instead of...

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proportion of councilors being elected each year. Parish Council elections would also be held at the same time. As a result, the next PC election will be in 2016 and then again in 2018 to bring us into line with SCDC.

All minutes of meetings are on the village website www.whaddon.org and on the notice boards at the Village Hall in Church Street.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 11th January 2016 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

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### WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2014/15

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| Surplus/(deficit) of Income over Expenditure | £1,540 |

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