NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
Unfortunately Whaddon has once more lost our Community Beat Officer. Constant operational pressures mean that Community Policing merits low on priorities. We must count ourselves fortunate that this is a low crime area statistically hence our lack of routine police cover. Until a P.C. is appointed Sgt. Poppi will maintain cover of the village. He stresses that he is not a replacement because he continues to be based at Sawston supervising several community beats. However if you have any Policing concerns which you would prefer to speak to a Police Officer about he would be pleased to hear from you (01223 358966 and ask for him by name).

I have some timely tips to pass on in preventing crime:-
Firework safety (not crime, but timely!). Most people know the code but it’s worth remembering to have a bucket of water close by and a torch. Never go back to a lit firework and don’t drink alcohol if you are the person setting off fireworks. Store fireworks in a metal box with a lid on. Site your bonfire with care and check for sleepy wildlife underneath it before you light it.

When Christmas shopping try not to leave presents etc. visible in your car. It is very common for several trips back to the shops to be made. Advice is to ask shops to keep your shopping, if possible, so that thieves don’t break into the boot if they can’t see anything inside. Also, if you’re going away over Christmas, don’t park the car the night before and leave it on the drive - the whole lot may be gone in the morning!
It has been known for cars to be stolen on winter mornings when the owner has left it on the drive with the engine running in order to defrost it. If this is you, please be alert.
I have other helpful security tips if anyone is interested, particularly with regard to burglar alarm installation.

APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS
CAMTAD (Cambridge Campaign for Tackling Aquired Deafness) is running a series of sessions for training volunteers to help the hearing impaired. The charity has people helping with all kinds of things from servicing hearing aids to loaning out equipment. There are wheelchair facilities for volunteers. The courses start on 18th January 2001. Telephone Sue Hempsted on 01223 460616 for further information.

New Arrivals

Deborah, Andrew and Oliver Townsend have a new addition, Luke Edward was born in September.

Also born in September was Megan, daughter for Sally and Kevin Daish and little sister for James.
Congratulations to you all.

Whaddon Welcomes.

Apologies to Alison and Nick who moved into Home Cottages just before last Christmas. We left them out of the last issue. Anyway they think they’ll stay in Whaddon a while!

Officially in Kneesworth Parish Adelle and Dirk Aderhold have just moved in at The Shambles with their 17 month old daughter Elise. Nevertheless they are more Whaddon than Kneesworth.

Finally, we warmly welcome Vivian du Preez to Bridge Street where he has been settling in since the summer.
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

- Highlights from meetings since May

We would like to welcome Mrs Selina Macleman, who was successfully co-opted onto the Parish Council in May.

The Parish Council now holds the open meeting for the village, every month. Look out for the dates and agendas.

The proposal for the development of Town Farm by Berkeley Homes for the erection of eight 4 bed-roomed homes, went to a Public Enquiry, because of a decision by the South Cambs. District Planning Authority to defer their judgement. The public enquiry was held on Tuesday 3rd October at South Cambs. Hall, Cambridge. The Parish Council's position was presented by Philip Neale at the inquiry, and representations were made on the grounds that:
- the proposed development is too high density with an inappropriate mix of sizes and types of dwellings, which does not reflect local needs.
- the proposed development would be totally out of character with the rest of Whaddon and create unacceptable damage to the centre of the village through increased traffic and car parking.
- the development would be overbearing to local residents.
- there is not the infrastructure in the area or amenities in Whaddon to support such a large increase in population.

We were in full agreement with the District Council and we worked together at the inquiry. It was a very interesting and hard day. Whaddon had a fair hearing and a chance to express the views of the village. Many thanks to all those villagers who attended and particularly those who spoke.

Plans for the frontage development of the Village Hall with gates and railings have now been finalised, and if anyone would like to see the plans, please contact one of your councillors. Many thanks to Clive Hough for his skills in development of the plans.

The plans will now be submitted to District for approval, and costings for the project are being investigated.

The purchase of the fountain and surrounding area, in Bridge Street, is progressing through Limbach Banham, for the sum of £1500. We are still researching the possibility of a grant to help pay for the purchase.

Grass cutting on the verges and recreation ground is carefully monitored. If you have any comments or concerns that this is not being done properly, anywhere in the village, then please contact one of your councillors.

Traffic calming and reduction of speed limits have been discussed with the County Council. There is a move to have a 30 m.p.h. speed limit for all villages in Cambridgeshire and the Council will keep pressing for measures to improve the safety of Whaddon.

The Village Hall fete raised a total of £1231.18p. The Church fete raised a total of £1602.94p. Well done and thank you to everyone who helped with the success of our village fetes.

The Cambridge Evening News published a special profile of Whaddon in their 9th October edition. Many thanks to all those who attended for the photograph.

We are currently without a Community Beat Officer from Cambridgeshire Police. Hopefully a new one will be appointed soon.

Remember:

The Parish Council meetings are now every month. Please watch out for the dates as advertised on the village notice boards.

The aim is to keep the meetings to 90 minutes in total. All are welcome.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

QUIZZLE NIGHT?
Saturday November 11th
7.30pm for 8.00pm start

Teams of 4 to 8 people
£4 per person
Light supper included
Licensed bar
Please enter your team by completing the tear-off form on the separately delivered leaflet.

Keith Harker or Clare Byatt
207373 207429

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Hair raising fund raising!
You may think that Christmas is some way off yet, but fund raising for the traditional Children's party has already been a great success this year, thanks mainly to the Green family. Firstly Richard and Ken bravely took part in a sponsored shave and haircut. Frankie from The Barber Shop in Melbourn gave up a sunny Sunday in April to do the deed in front of an audience of villagers at the golf club. Over £250 was raised in sponsorship so thank you to all of you who supported the event. Lorna and Richard also held a bring and buy sale in their garden in August, raising a further £60 guaranteeing this year's and next year's parties for the village children.

Help!
Could you lend a hand? Lorna Green has already undertaken most of the hard work by organising the fund raising and planning this year's event. However we would appreciate any offers of help leading up to the day and at the party itself. Anne Newberry 207555.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
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16TH DECEMBER 2000
4pm, the Village Hall.
The Chuckles Magic Show will be there to entertain and Santa has been invited too!

personal invitations to follow shortly

Sunday 26 November at 3pm
CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
A combined service with Bassingbourn
At St Mary's Church WHADDON

Sunday 17 December at 3pm
CAROL SERVICE
A united service held this year
at St Mary's Church WHADDON
EVERYONE WELCOME
Successful Summer Fundraising

Village Hall Fete
The Village Hall Committee launched the summer events with the best ever result from their Fete held on Saturday 3 June. At the end of the sunny afternoon funds had been swelled by £1,231.18. Many games had been played, races won and teas enjoyed. Refreshments at the BBQ and beer tent was well earned.

The Whaddon Barbecue
On Saturday 8 July The Village Hall Committee hosted the traditional Whaddon Barbecue. The weather was not as kind that day but dancing to Clandyman kept everyone warm. Thanks to all those who shopped beforehand and worked hard during the day to prepare salads and to the cooks who slaved over the fire during the evening this was another successful venture. This couldn’t have been done without Margaret Wilson and the many others who helped achieve a profit of £457.48.

St Mary’s Church Fete
Ben Hogan from Shepreth opened the Church Fete on Saturday 22 July. He drove his elegant 1912 Renault up to start the proceedings and kindly judged the Fancy Dress event as well, which took place later. The Produce Show also required judging, thanks to Ted Webb. John Houlton did an excellent job, helped by Karen Coningsby, organising the Dog Show. There was entertainment for the children provided by Aiden Heritage. By the time the Fete was brought to a finale by auctioneer, Kenneth Macleman, £1,602.94 had been raised.

MARQUEE HIRE

The Village Hall Committee has purchased a large canvas marquee which they are willing to hire. It is 20 x 25 ft. and excellent for parties etc. The hire cost is £50 for villagers £100 for non-villagers. The borrower must be financially responsible for any damage to the tent because there is no third party insurance. You would also need between four and six people to erect and pack it away. Sally Eley, the village hall bookings officer has further details. 207340

If you have some news, are organising an event or just want to say something, please let us know, and it will be included in the next issue. Your editorial team are waiting to hear from you:
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