

WHADDON NEWS

OCTOBER 2000

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. Poppitt 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 pack 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 Acquired 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.

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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 Maclellan, 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.

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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

?QUIZZ 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

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CHRISTMAS PARTY 2000

Hair raising fund raising!

You may think that Christmas is some way off yet, but fund raising for the traditional Childrens' 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.

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

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



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. Refreshment 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 Candyman 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 MacLennan, £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

ALPHA

What is Alpha? Alpha is a course designed to answer the important questions of life. It is Christian based but don't let that stop you reading on. The meetings promote lively discussions about all aspects of living in the 21st Century and challenge everyone's preconceived notions. The setting is informal and there is absolutely no pressure to keep on coming. If it's not for you then that is fine. There is a video to watch and then everybody talks about the questions that arise from it. You don't have to be a churchgoer, you don't even have to believe in God. In fact the more different ideas and views there are the better the discussions. It is for men and women of all ages. There is currently a course being held at Town Farm but, if you would like to begin at the beginning, another will start in the new year. Please ring Iris Green on 207325 about the present course.

AFTER ALPHA

Alpha courses have been running all over the country for several years now and have awakened thousands of people's spiritual ideas. But what do you do after Alpha? You may not have found a church you like, you may have just moved into the area you may not want to go to church. There may be all kinds of reasons for you not to have continued meeting people to discuss and exchange ideas about God, afterlife, living etc. Not everybody likes to go to "formal" places to talk about such things which is just why Alpha was born. If you have had your thoughts provoked and your ideas challenged would you like to continue to explore the spiritual side of life? Have you ever even considered what will happen when you pass on, why people suffer and all those deep questions of life? Have you even thought about why we are here at all? Did you attend some or all of an Alpha course but don't want to go to another? If any of these things awaken your interest I would love to hear from you. Why don't we get together in Whaddon one evening a month, probably on a Friday, to talk. This is not meant to replace Alpha but to provide a means of continuing the fellowship which would otherwise be lost. Ring Margaret Wilson on 208648.

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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