WHADDON NEWS

WHADDON VILLAGE BBQ

Saturday 8th September
6.00 pm
On the Recreation Ground
Bar
Dancing to Rainbird

Adults £9.00
Child/ £6.00
Concessions
5s & under Free

Donations of Salads gratefully received

Tickets available from
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Anne Newberry 01223 207555
Karen Coningsby 01223 207514

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By the 3rd September

HARVEST
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Sunday 16th September
6 pm
in the Parish Church.
ALL WELCOME

www.whaddon.org

Whaddon’s own website.

Find out what’s going on and learn more about Whaddon.
You’ll be amazed at what a mine of information it is.

And if you want to put something on the site, just give me a ring on 207688 or send an email to lee.ginger@btinternet.com
Or put a note through my door

Lee Ginger
99 Meldreth Road

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Treasure Hunt & Jazz with Strawberries & Cream

A big thank you to those who supported the Treasure Hunt and Jazz evening. It was a shame that we had to hold the Jazz evening in the Village Hall due to the weather. The winners of the Treasure Hunt were the Hanscombe’s of 38 Bridge Street.

DEADLINE
Deadline for the next newsletter will be 11th November 2007. All items of village interest are always very welcome
Contact Joan Pascoe
C. 208062

Whaddon Wobblers

Thank you to everyone who supported our attempt to complete the Playtex Moonwalk in May this year. We have finally counted the money and are pleased to announce a grand fundraising total of £2000! This is twice as much as our original target and we are very grateful for your amazing support. Photos of our efforts are displayed in the Golf Centre. The Moonwalk is organised by the charity Walk the Walk, which raises funds for cancer research and cancer care.

Thank you from Anne, Ginny, Judi and Lorna.

Helping the Blind

This year the Brownies are collecting things to raise money to help blind people. We are supporting the Childhood Blindness County Service Project. We are collecting old stamps, jewellery, keys, foreign or old British coins, watches and spectacles. If you have anything to donate, please let me know and we will come and collect it. Phone C 207555 or drop things off at 72 Bridge Street.

Thank You.

Emily Newberry
1st Orwell Brownies

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Milton Country Park - Venue for Hire

Set in beautiful South Cambridgeshire countryside, just off the A10/A14 junction, the Milton Country Park Visitor Centre is available to hire for meetings and social events such as birthday and anniversary parties.

The room holds up to a maximum of 50 people (seated).

For information on availability and cost please visit


or call 01223 420060.

Have Your Say on Bus Services!

Whaddon residents are urged to take part in the Cambridgeshire County Council bus survey detailed below as the Parish Council are currently negotiating with the local authorities pressing for a better bus service. The case for an improved village bus service could be strengthened by a large response indicating the dreadfully inadequate service of one bus a week to Royston. The URL of the website is easily available from the Whaddon website—www.whaddon.org

Everyone has a view of bus services regardless of whether they use them or not. Many though have no idea where to express those views.

Passenger Transport services at Cambridgeshire County Council has taken steps to solve that problem. We have posted a survey on the web, which is quick, simple and easy to complete.

All the responses received will be compiled regularly and be one of the contributory factors used to develop our plans for the future. The survey can be completed as many times as people like as we will continually review the results.

What we need is your help in letting people know how they can access the survey. The address below will connect them directly to the survey

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/consultations/bussurvey

Please let as many people know this address as you can. It really doesn't matter how—just help us to get it out there.

Finding out what people really think about bus services is vital. The on-line survey gives those who have a view but don't know where to express it, the opportunity to be heard.

With your help we can make the survey a success.

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This month sees a change in the organisation of your Neighbourhood Watch. Louise Shaw is retiring as Cluster Coordinator after two years, and is "passing on the reins" to Mike Monks at 58 Bridge Street who will doubtless be a very able successor. All other coordinator positions remain unchanged.

Towards the end of the year the Crime Audit will take place. This involves all households receiving a form to fill in which will give the Police and Neighbourhood Watch an overall view of the local public perception of, and attitude to, crime in the area. It is an invaluable exercise and one in which your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Thankfully, crime in the area remains very low. There is some concern though that some people have witnessed suspicious behaviour but dismissed what they saw as not being worth reporting to their Neighbourhood Watch coordinator. If this is you, please think again in future because if the same miscreants are seen by several people on different occasions and only reported by a few, then of course a false picture is built up and what might have been valuable information is lost.

Lee Nutbeam, one of Whaddon’s two Police Community Support Officers (PCSO), attended the Church Fete on 15th July at our invitation and thereby became recognisable to everyone, as well as having an enjoyable day chatting to many of you. By the way, the other PCSO is Emma Garwood and our neighbourhood PC remains Dave Martin.

On 24 July, Mike attended the first Bassingbourn and Melbourne Neighbourhood Panel at Melbourne Village College. This is intended to provide a forum for members of the local community, the police and associated agencies to meet on a quarterly basis to promote and improve community safety. Some 70 members of the public attended from local villages along with South Cambs Sector police and representatives from SCDC. While local problems mainly involve anti-social behaviour and focus on Bassingbourn and Melbourne, all villages including Whaddon were given the opportunity to outline their own issues. It was a very lively evening. At the end of the meeting the police invited the audience to identify what they saw as the main local problems. By a large majority, anti-social behaviour and vehicle speeding were the major concerns with some concern also expressed about burglaries.

The meeting was given a very comprehensive neighbourhood policing profile for this area which can be seen at: www.cambs.police.uk/images/profiles/190707_214.pdf. The document outlines in considerable detail the police organisation and local demographics as well as crime and disorder issues for the Melbourne neighbourhood. If you have access to the web, it is well worth reading.
Currently only 5 per cent of people who could give blood actually do so - meaning 95 per cent of the population rely on a handful to ensure blood is readily available when required.

Hospitals throughout the region are in constant need of blood and the National Blood Service (NBS) are asking for more donors to come forward at this time to ensure blood banks remain full.

Gareth Bell, Communications Officer for the NBS, said: "It is very easy for us all to sit back, relax, and expect others to donate blood - but that will not keep hospitals in good supply.

"Every donation collected is a precious lifeline to patients, and you will make a real difference by becoming a donor."

"All you feel is a slight scratch - which is insignificant when compared to feeling you get knowing you have just saved a life."

Blood collected is used in a wide-range of treatments, including, for example, mothers and babies on maternity wards, routine surgery, and to stabilise cancer and leukaemia patients after chemotherapy.

In most cases anyone aged 17-59, who is in general good health, and weighs over 7st 12lbs, can start giving blood. Regular donors can continue to give up until the age of 70.

For further information, and to book an appointment to give blood, please call the NBS on 0845 7 711 711, or log-on to www.blood.co.uk.

For further information, please contact Gareth Bell, National Blood Service Communications Officer on 01223 548166 (will divert to mobile) or gareth.bell@nhsbt.nhs.uk

Local Blood Donor Sessions:
Royston Town Hall
Heritage Hall
Friday 14 September -
1pm to 3.30pm and 4.30pm to 7pm
Friday 26 October -
10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm
Theft from cars and the use of Immobilise to trace property

Lock your car – always.

Keep all your valuables out of sight – even a coat can tempt a thief as they don’t know what is in the pockets. If you have to leave things in the car lock them in the boot out of sight.

If you see anything suspicious - note the registration number, write it down with a description of the car and occupiers as soon as you can, alert others to the potential problem and inform the police.

Items stolen from cars are usually sold quickly for cash. All over the country, police have stores of seized items that they would like to return to the legitimate owners. Unfortunately it is impossible to identify them. A FREE way to ensure your valuables are identifiable all over the UK is to register your property on www.immobilise.com. This site is searched thousands of times every day by British Police officers.

When registering an item on www.immobilise.com a user I.D. and password is generated which allows you to access the site and add or delete items at any time. There is no limit to the number of items that you can register. The recorded information can help you after loss, theft or fire to complete insurance claims, report stolen or lost property to the Police and mobile phone networks. Registered items can be identified anywhere in the country making it far more likely that your property will be returned. More importantly it may give the Police an audit trail to find the thief and bring about a successful prosecution.

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- Use a calculator

Come for a demonstration at your local Community Access Point, which is at:

Meldreth - Meldreth Sheltered Housing
Orwell - Lordship Close Sheltered Housing

Please call Camsight on 01223 420033 for information

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Whaddon and the Black Death

Most people have heard of this terrible disease which swept over mainland Europe and England in the 14th century, but where did it begin and what were the symptoms? It began in Central Asia and spread through the rest of Asia, North Africa and Europe reaching England through ports in Dorset in June 1348 and by December 1349 had spread throughout most of the British Isles. The carrier for the disease was thought to be the fleas on black rats. People at the time thought it was due to divine intervention and perhaps a sign of the end of the world. In 1347 it has been estimated that the population of England was 5 or 6 million but due to the plague it fell to about 3 million. During the next century further outbreaks meant that the population fell even lower and did not really recover until the 15th century.

There were two symptoms of this terrible disease. The first, bubonic, showed itself by painful black swellings in the groin or armpit (hence the later name Black Death) followed by blisters elsewhere or by discolouration of the skin, high fever and severe headaches. After falling into a stupor for a few days the patient might recover. The other form of the plague, pneumonic, was when the lungs were attacked and was invariably fatal.

There is evidence of the plague in this area. Kingston in his History of Royston mentions an inscription on the tower of Royston Church by the monks there describing the terrible events which took place. He also describes the finding of skeletons in Kneesworth Street which were excavated during building works at the end of the 19th century. The way the skeletons lay would appear to indicate a hasty burial. If these were plague victims one can imagine the burial cart doing its rounds in the morning accompanied by the cry “Bring out your dead” and the placing of a red cross on the door to show a “plague house”.

In “The Black Death” by Rosemary Horrox Caxton and Whaddon are mentioned. In 1351 Edward III carried out a survey of certain parishes to see whether their value had fallen since the plague. Whaddon parish was one of them. What was valued was the income of the rector consisting of his own land (the glebe), tithes paid by parishioners, altar dues and offerings by lay people.

“The jurors say the easement of the houses of the rector of the vill of Whaddon is worth nothing beyond outgoings. Item, they say that there are 80 acres of arable land in the glebe there of which each acre was worth, in an average year before the pestilence, 20d and is now worth 18d. Item, the hay there, both the tithe and the part of the meadow that belongs to the church, was worth, in an average year before the pestilence, 30s and is now worth the same amount. Item, there were rents of assize there of 21s 6d before the pestilence, payable at Easter and Michaelmas, and there is now 18s 6d. Item, that the tithe of sheaves there was worth, in an average year before the pestilence, £18 13s 4d, and it is now worth the same amount. Item, they say that the aforesaid church is charged with a pension of 50s to the prior and the convent of Lewes and to no one else. Nothing is received from altar dues or from the tithe of wool and lambs because the vicar there receives it each year.

From the above account we have no details of how many people died from the plague in Whaddon but the village does not seem to have been affected as badly as some. However, it must have been a frightening time for the villagers. Descriptions of rural communities hit badly describe shortages of men to work on the land, crops left unharvested animals untended and left to die in ditches and land unploughed, and a resultant lack of food. Thank heavens for medical progress!!