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We try to keep the Whaddon web site up to date with useful information for those who live here, and to help you find important local services and news. So far we have most important local information, but we are always looking to add more

If anyone wants any information put on the site, or if you have a business or activity you would like to be mentioned there, or if you want to suggest something which we could put on it in the future, please contact me.

Remember that any web site is only as good as the input we get from everyone.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Nigel Strudwick, ncs3@cam.ac.uk, Tel. 207434

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**TED WEBB**

It is with much regret that we have to inform you of the passing of Ted Webb.

He will be deeply missed.

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**Church Fete Success**

On Saturday 19 July, St Mary’s Church Fete was blessed by an afternoon of fine weather and a really good turnout of supporters, which all added to the great atmosphere. Professor Sir Bob Hepple, who spoke about the links made by the church, physically, in the centre of the village, spiritually and historically, opened the Fete.

Donald, the PCC and the Fete Committee are all pleased that the Fete did well financially, £2600 raised, but it is the friendly atmosphere and sense of community present during the event, that is equally gratifying to all of us.

A heartfelt thanks goes to all who helped on the stalls, made donations so generously, entered the Produce Show and supported the Auction.

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**WHADDON GOLF RANGE QUIZ NIGHTS**

To be held on the following Wednesday Nights:

- 24th September
- 22nd October
- 19th November
- 17th December

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**POPPY APPEAL 2008**

It may seem a little early to mention this year’s Poppy Appeal but the next issue of the News is just after the appeal comes to an end.

We will be having a village collection at the door from late October to early November ahead of Remembrance Sunday which is on 9 November and, as usual, Ken Green will also have a collecting box in the golf clubhouse.

Last year the British Legion total appeal raised just under 30 million, supporting not only veterans of past wars but importantly our Service people in today’s conflicts. Some 10.5 million people are eligible to receive help.

Please give generously.

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**VILLAGE HALL AVAILABLE TO HIRE**

Special rates for those within the village - ideal for birthday parties etc.

Please phone Wendy Paton 01223 207703

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**Playground Update**

Once again the 'Party In The Barn' proved an enormous success and raised nearly £3000 towards the new play area - an enormous thank you to all those involved. That, together with other fund raising events over the summer, means we are just over £6000 short of our total. If anyone would like to be involved with the fund raising, even if it's just suggesting new ideas, please contact Neil Gallery on 208 796.
VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

The annual BBQ took place on Saturday evening 12 July and unbelievably it was a dry evening and not too cold - a rarity for this summer! The event was a little different this year, with a disco instead of the live band and with the tables and gazebos put in a semi circle much nearer to the Village Hall veranda to give a more intimate atmosphere. Games were organised on the playing field before the food was served to give the kids their own entertainment.

The general consensus was that it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening, more so perhaps than others in the recent past. From a fundraising perspective it was more successful too, with over £600 profit generated for Hall funds.

The next fundraising event is another Quiz Night to be held on Saturday November 15th. Put a note in your diary because every pound generated will help towards the rebuilding project. More info from Karen on 207514, Carol on 207688, Deborah on 208038 or Wendy on 207703.

VILLAGE HALL PLANS

Here are the revised plans for the extension and refurbishment of our Village Hall. The project is in two phases which we plan to run one immediately after the other.

Essentially we are going to preserve the existing building but bring it up to date thoroughly, with a new floor, a proper heating system, good insulation, new electrics and a general refurbishment of the windows and redecoration.

Before the main hall is tackled, however, we plan to knock down the existing flat roofed building at the rear and replace it with a bigger, more stylish building that will become our second hall. This will allow us to provide a new larger kitchen, located centrally with serving access to both halls, together with new toilets with disabled facilities, again to be accessed from both halls. There will be a single main entrance to the halls, relocated in central position on the playing field side. This will be covered by the roof of the new hall which will also cover a new veranda facing the field. Much more storage space will be provided plus a boiler/pump room to service both halls. Currently we are looking at the best type of heating system for the hall but are keen to be as ‘eco friendly’ as possible.

We envisage that the new, smaller hall will be a very attractive venue for many types of function, in particular for parties, clubs and play groups, youth activities and committee meetings, while the old hall will be a far more attractive venue for larger events and some indoor sports activities (carpet bowls, table tennis etc).

The plans were received positively at an initial meeting with South Cambridgeshire planners and we are keen to submit a formal planning application in the next month or so.

If you have any comments or suggestions or would like further information, please contact Councillor Lee Ginger on 207688 or email hall_feedback@whaddon.org.

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At the May Annual General Parish Council Meeting, Mr. Ted Webb was re-elected as Chairman and Mrs. Clare Byatt, re-elected as Vice Chairperson.

The revised plans for the changes to the Village Hall were drawn up by the architect, and the plans have been on show at the Church Fete and Parish Council meetings. The Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee have commented on the plans, which are now in a position to be submitted to Planning at SCDC. It was proposed to set the village hall up as a charitable trust with the PC as holding trustees and a Management Committee as managing trustees. This would open up more avenues for fund-raising. The Majority of Village Halls are set up in this way. The PC resolved to take this proposal to the next stage and to seek professional advice on setting the Village Hall up as a Charitable Trust.

BT has identified the telephone kiosk on Bridge Street for potential closure as part of a wider programme of phone-box closures. Figures for usage of this kiosk, were supplied by BT, and show zero use in recent times. Councillors and members of the public have disputed these figures, although it is believed that little can be done to prevent the closure. If anyone has used this kiosk in the last 12 months, please let one of your councilors know, so that we can communicate this to BT. The Councillors commented that if there should be only one phone-box in Whaddon that it should be coin-operated to allow for emergencies.

The new bus shelter has been erected outside Ridgeway Close following demolition of the old brick structure. We hope everyone agrees that the new shelter looks much better and sincere thanks to Lee Ginger and his able team for all the hard work to make this improvement for our village. It has been suggested to erect a seat on the concrete base area left from the old shelter, and this option is currently being investigated by the Council.

The Whaddon Parish Plan has been reviewed at a separate meeting of the PC and the proposals reviewed and agreed at the August public meeting.

SCDC have recommended rejection of the plans for the Affordable Homes site at Church Corner. Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association has proposed withdrawal of the funding for the project based on the SCDC recommendation. A strong case will be made at the Planning meeting in September for the development to go ahead.

The police have carried out some speed-checks on Meldreth Road and the issue was constantly being brought up at the Neighbourhood Watch Area Panel Meeting. District Councillor Cathcart has written to the government minister but has been told that there were no central plans to uniformly reduce speed-limits in villages. Additionally CCC had issued guidelines for their review of speeding in the county with priority being given to A and B roads with the highest accident levels. The Clerk will formally respond to the letter.

The monthly Parish Council meeting is now on the second Monday in each month and the next meeting is on Monday 8th September at 7.30. Remember, this is your meeting and a great opportunity to share views and discussion with your Council. We look forward to seeing you.
WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It is pleasing to report that Whaddon continues to be a relatively crime free area with few of the problems that still plague some of our neighbouring villages. That said, it remains important that everybody avoids inviting unwanted visitors by leaving homes or other property insecure, something the police regularly ask us to remind all villagers, particularly during the very occasional warmer Summer days when windows are left open. The theft of vehicle keys is more popular these days because cars are much more difficult to break into. Keep in mind where you keep your car keys and avoid somewhere that can be easily seen through a window or is adjacent to an external door.

Problems since the last Whaddon News have been a break-in at the village hall in early July. Fortunately, other than damage to the window nothing malicious happened inside the hall. The village hall, particularly at the rear, and the play area are vulnerable and worthy of anybody in that area keeping a watchful eye – particularly in the evening. A bicycle was also stolen in the village which serves as a useful reminder to record a bike’s serial number to help possible later identification. Perhaps it’s a reflection on the rising price of basic foods but sadly milk was stolen from a doorstep in Meldreth Road.

The car park at Whaddon Gap continues to be a source of problems. It remains a popular spot for fly-tippers and a car was also recently set on fire there. Both matters involve the District Council clearing up the mess which, of course, costs us all in the long run. If you are in that area please keep an eye open for potential problems and if you see something take a note of any car registration and either tell the police on the 0845 number, or a parish councillor or one of the NW coordinators.

We actively discourage cold-calling at front doors and on a couple of occasions when a NW coordinator has been told that someone is in the village knocking on doors we have notified one of the PCSOs and they have quickly appeared to talk to the person involved. Your coordinator has “we do not buy at the door” stickers if you would like one.

On a more general note, the police have told us that distraction burglary remains a problem in the local area. Also with the price of fuels the theft of all fuels but particularly red diesel from farmyards is on the rise, that catalytic converters with their precious metals are now a popular target for thieves with higher commercial vehicles that offer easier access being a particular target and also that theft of horse tack is an increasing problem. All of these issues have not been a recent problem in Whaddon but this column serves as a useful way of keeping everybody in the picture.

In late July three of us from Whaddon NW attended the latest Bassingbourn/Melbourne Neighbourhood Policing Panel meeting at Bassingbourn Village College. It is clear that anti-social behaviour continues to be the biggest problem in the larger local villages with some noticeable improvements in Bassingbourn but with much yet to be achieved in Melbourne. Besides addressing this problem, metal and fuel thefts are the main issues on the local police agenda. Both the Whaddon representatives and others from local villages insisted that the police keep speeding high on their agenda. We noted that there had not been a recent check on Whaddon and the lack of availability of checking equipment makes it unlikely there will be one in the near future.

Finally, Emma Garwood, one of our PCSOs was selected for training as a police officer and started her training in early August. Emma was an active and well regarded PCSO and will be missed. We await the name of her successor and hope to see Emma back in this area at the end of her training.

For all the problem issues that are mentioned in this article, please remember that we live in a relatively crime free village but this can only continue to be the case if we are all mindful of the potential problems and play a role in keeping Whaddon safe and secure.
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Contact with the police – dial 999 when:
* lives are at risk / violence / serious injury
* serious crime is happening
* criminal still at the scene or nearby

Cambridgeshire’s non-emergency telephone number is: 0845 456 456 4
This number puts you through to a centralized 24 hour service centre where you can report non-emergency matters.

If you experience any crime or security problems please use the 999 or 0845 number as appropriate. It would also be very helpful if you would remember to keep your NW coordinator in the picture so that we can keep an eye on issues and happenings in the village that might affect everyone.

For more information on the local neighbourhood police team go to: http://www.cambs.police.uk/myneighbourhood/index.asp

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As a result of requests at Neighbourhood Panel meetings please see attached information from the Police regarding Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002.

**Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002**

**Seizure of vehicle causing harassment alarm or distress**

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002 refers to vehicles being used in a manner that is causing, or likely to cause alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public. (An example might be performing screeching 'Handbrake turns' in a housing estate)

Where a constable or PCSO has reasonable grounds for believing that a motor vehicle is being or has been used on any occasion which contravenes:

- section 3 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, Careless and inconsiderate driving or
- Section 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, driving on common land/moor land/land which is not part of a road/a footpath/bridleway/restricted byway)
  
and

- in a manner which is causing, or is likely to cause, alarm, distress or annoyance to members of the public

A warning can be issued to the driver and the registered owner

Should the vehicle be used in the commission of similar offences within twelve months the vehicle will be seized by police under section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002.

The Warning includes:

- The Same person using the same vehicle.
- The same person using another vehicle.
- A different person using the same vehicle.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Deadline for the next newsletter will be 10th November 2008. As mentioned previously, a feature of the Newsletter has been to welcome new arrivals (including births) to the village and say farewell to those leaving us. If anyone has information can they please contact me with details. Other items of interest are always welcome.
Joan Pascoe C. 208062 or joanpascoe@aol.com

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The Changing Village (1)

Over the past 100 years there have been many changes to the face of the village as illustrated in the following photographs of some scenes in ‘Old Whaddon’ which are no longer to be seen.

The approach to the village from the main road, (now the A1198), was marked by a wooden public house - the Waggon and Horses - which was built over a ditch.

The Cambridgeshire Hunt often met there. From this public house was an avenue of elm trees (Whaddon Gap). These were cut down and the trunks were rolled onto a platform, then hauled by chains onto a horse drawn “timber gill”. Afterwards the chippings were gathered by the villagers to light their fires.

At the north end of Bridge Street, on the present site of two semi-detached houses on the left, was a thatched cottage demolished in the 1970s.

At this time Bridge St was merely a very rural road. There were no houses other than the thatched houses which stand today each with their own gardens of vegetables, flowers and fruit trees. These, of course, were originally three and four cottages and have gradually been made into detached or semi-detached residences.

The older ‘modern’ houses were only built after the WWI for soldiers returning home and the other modern houses in the road during the 50s, 60s and 70s. ‘Springbanks’ had the village post office, housed in a wooden building, beside it, until 1974 when it moved to Meldreth Road to what was once the Queen Adelaide.

As there was no water supply into the village until 1945 the fountains were utilized for drinking water and water was retrieved from the stream at ‘dipping holes’ in front of each house. Steps were cut out on the bank of the stream to be able to dip a bucket into the stream to get water for cleaning and washing. In the evening the men used to gather round the fountains to collect water and gossip. The fountain at the north end of Bridge Street is still in working order.

At the end of Bridge Street was a path which led to Bridge Hill one of the most beautiful walks for miles around. This was a bridle way leading from Whaddon to either Meldreth or Kneesworth. The hedgerows were overgrown on each side, but there was always just room enough to walk between them. Brambles, blackthorn, dog roses and hawthorn
grew in the hedgerows and many baskets full of blackberries and sloes were picked in the autumn and sold. From the end of Bridge Street, past a cottage referred to as the Shepherd’s Hut, ran a path called the Sheep Walk to Penny Lane which until 1818 was the road linking the village to the main road at the Kneesworth Turnpike.

Behind Town Farm was a Serf’s Cottage, demolished in the 1960s.

From the top of Bridge Street the main road continued through the village. On the right was Town Farm, (now called Turpins). The following pictures show some of Town Farm buildings which used to be on the road.

The house opposite Town Farm was once the Post Office. The position of the post box can be seen in the wall of the cottage in the photograph.

In 1909 the Church Room was built next to the village hall on a piece of land given by Lord Clifden who owned nearly all of Whaddon. This was demolished in the 1970s.

Opposite the Post Office and adjoining Town Farm was a stackyard where the schoolboys played cricket and a game called ‘tip brick’ The recreation ground, as we now know it, was eventually opened in 1963. (To be continued in the next newsletter)

S & J Ralls August 2008