COFFEE MORNING

Friday 25 September
Golf Range
10.30 am

World’s Biggest Coffee Morning in Aid of MacMillan Nurses

HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
SERVICE

Sunday 4th October
3 pm
in the Parish Church.

ALL WELCOME

Whaddon Quiz Night
In the Village Hall
on Saturday 17th October 2009
7.30 pm start
Teams of 4 - 8
£5 per person
Ploughman’s provided
Please bring your own drinks
Raffle
Get your friends together for a bit of fun

Please ring for tickets and info:-

Wendy Evans C 207703
Deborah Townsend C 208038
Karen Coningsby C 207514
Carol Ginger C 207688

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th Sept Parish Council
25th Sep Coffee Morning
4th Oct Harvest Service
12th Oct Parish Council
17th Oct Village Quiz
8th Nov Remembrance Sunday
9th Nov Parish Council
15th Nov Thanksgiving & Remembrance
6th Dec Christingle Service
14th Dec Parish Council

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The Parish Council is looking for a person interested in being the “Village Handyman”, doing odd jobs around the village, and some basic maintenance to the Village Hall. We are presently redrawing the job description, but we would like to hear from anyone who might like some casual work which averages at a couple of hours a week.

Please contact the Parish Clerk, Gabby van Poortvliet, on 01223 208450, whaddonpcclerk@yahoo.co.uk

The Poppy Appeal is the major single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion’s Benevolent Fund and as you might imagine the calls on the fund increase year by year. Besides the help needed for those that fought in WWII and subsequent conflicts, each day we hear of young service people killed or badly injured and while there is much official help there is a real need for organisations such as the British Legion.

Please give generously.

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Clare Byatt

On Saturday afternoon, 8th August, at a garden party in Town Farm Close, we said goodbye to Clare Byatt, who has now left the village to move near Ramsey, in North Cambridgeshire.

Since Clare and Martin moved to Whaddon in 1982, Clare has been an influential and hard working parishioner in many different guises.

We organised the party to primarily say thank you from the Parish Council, for all the dedication and commitment she has applied as a councillor, vice chairperson and more recently as Chairperson.

When I first moved here many years ago, I soon realised that Whaddon was a very special village, and despite being very small, there were lots of interesting things happening and many people working together as part of the community to improve the village and help the parishioners.

Special villages always contain special people who are the bedrock behind much of the hard work that happens. Often it goes unnoticed, often behind the scenes, but believe me most things do not happen by accident and often require a driving force to see them through to completion. Clare was one of these people and her hard work has been consistent over her time in Whaddon.

Clare joined the Parish Council in 1989 and since that time has demonstrated committed and dedicated leadership for many different activities, far too many to mention here. You only have to look back through the PC minutes over the years to appreciate the breadth and amount of work which Clare has done. Her hard work has never stopped and the interests for the village of Whaddon and the lives of its parishioners have always been foremost in her application and tireless work. Often it is those small actions, which can mean so much to people. For example, I know that Clare is often one of the first people to call on any new residents in the village, and to make them welcome with information and offers of support. New residents have really appreciated this.

She has truly represented the Parish Council and Whaddon, on many occasions, through outside meetings, and sometimes difficult meetings, with the County or District Councils, and more local meetings whether involving contractors, parishioners or on - site investigations.

As her fellow councillors, we have benefitted from Clare’s leadership and support, even down to those small reminders that something needs to be done or that the English is not quite correct in that piece which I wrote for the newsletter.

When Ted died in 2008, Clare took over as Chairperson and very quickly started to do a fantastic job in that position. Ted was a hard act to follow, but Clare stepped up to the mark and I believe has taken the Parish Council to new levels of achievement and commitment.

An old Chinese proverb says: ‘One generation plants the trees; another gets the shade’. Clare has certainly planted many ‘trees’ in her time in Whaddon and we are all, Parish Council and everyone who lives in this village, now benefitting from the ‘shade’ created.

As a token of our thanks, and on behalf of the Parish Council, we presented Clare with an inscribed crystal glass bowl.

Clare will be missed to a great extent by many in the village. We wish her and Martin every happiness and success in their new home.

Philip Neale

CHILDREN’S HOSPICE FUND ANTiques FAIR
Orwell Village Hall
Sunday 27 September
10 am—4.30 pm
Admission £1
(Early entry 9.30 am—£2)

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Change to Church Services
The Parochial Church Council has spent a lot of time recently considering the most appropriate pattern of services for St Mary's in the future. We have two main concerns. First, we should continue to have a rich diversity of services that are accessible to as many people as possible that strikes a balance between the traditional and the innovative (the most recent innovation was our Family Service, begun under my predecessor Rev John Armstrong, which caters particularly for children in the village, although we allow in adults too). Second, we should maintain depth in our worship that spiritually nourishes us week by week.

With these two aims in mind we have decided to add two new services to the regular pattern. The first is particularly for those who want to find out more about Christian faith and its relevance to life. It will be called 'Third Sunday' and whilst it will follow a relaxed format - we'll start with coffee and cake, and there will be the opportunity within the service to ask the Vicar questions and discuss what's being said - it will take place within a 'safe' framework that includes prayers. I'm currently thinking about the topics we'll look at month by month, and if you'd like to suggest anything please write to me: donald.mcfadyen@me.com, or give me a call: (01763) 244836.

The second additional service is Evensong, a very peaceful way to end the day, with beautiful words spoken in the tranquility and beauty of St Mary's.

Given these additions we are slightly changing the pattern of services, so that we have a Service of Holy Communion on alternate weeks. The monthly pattern will therefore look like this:

1st Sunday: Family Service 10 a.m.
2nd Sunday: Holy Communion 9:15 a.m.
3rd Sunday: ‘Third Sunday’ 10 a.m. Evensong 6 p.m.
4th Sunday: Holy Communion 9:15 a.m.
5th Sundays: Morning Prayer 9:15 a.m.

This new pattern will begin in January next year. In the meantime please know you are welcome at any service at St Mary's. We'll soon be celebrating Remembrance Sunday (8th November at 10.45am) and I hope you'll be able to be a part of it.

With best wishes,
Donald McFadyen, Vicar

Times of Services: For 2009 only
First Sunday 9.15am Morning Prayer
Second Sunday 9.15am Communion
Third Sunday 6.00pm Communion
Fourth Sunday 10.00am Family Service
Fifth Sunday 9.15am Communion

Everyone most welcome

Don’t forget….
The regular Family Service is a short service for all ages at 10 am on the fourth Sunday of the month—27 September, 25 October, 22 November.

Church Contacts:
Revd Dr Donald McFadyen, part-time R 244836
Karen Coningsby, Churchwarden C 207514
David Grech, Churchwarden C208938
Janice Nussey C208762
Betsy Milton, Treasurer C207105

Church Fete Success
A total of £2742-12 was raised at the Church Fete on Saturday 18th July.
Thank you to all who helped on the stalls, made donations so generously, entered the Produce Show and supported the Auction.

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Update on the Village Hall

Readers will be aware that we received planning permission at Christmas for the proposed new extension and refurbishment of the Village Hall. The next step was to gain some idea of costings, so that we can see how much money needed to be raised. These came in during the course of March, and the sum is considerable, at least £275,000. These sorts of sums cannot be raised in the usual round of village events, and so external funding sources have to be found. We have ascertained that we stand a much better chance of raising money if that money is raised via a Charity and not via the Parish Council—many funding sources are just not open to public bodies. This means setting up the Hall so that it is run by a Charitable Trust.

Many of you will know that this was considered a few years ago and it was decided not to proceed that way. However, the Council now believes that there are sufficient legal protections available to us for the Hall to be run by a separate Trust while still maintaining Council ownership of the building. In this we have been advised by both our solicitors and Cambridgeshire ACRE. The solution is for the Council to lease the Hall to a Trust for a term of 99 years, for a peppercorn rent. The lease will allow the Council to reclaim the management of the hall should the Trust get into serious problems; in addition, we will set up a Deed of Dedication to ensure that whatever should happen in future, the Hall, Recreation Ground and Playground can never be used for anything other than community purposes (i.e. it cannot be sold off to a developer).

Note that we are including the Recreation Ground and the Playground in this as well as the Hall. This way the whole can be managed by the one body for the benefit of the village, rather than part being run by the Trust and the rest by the Council. We can think of it when redeveloped as a “Community Complex”.

Charity law requires that the lease be held by Holding Trustees, and that the day-to-day management of the Trust be carried out by Managing Trustees, a majority of whom should represent users of the Hall. This did not prove easy to solve, as the hall is at present used by so few groups. However, I have identified the groups of the Council, the Church, the Playground, and the Kick-boxers, all of whom are providing local Trustees. In addition, there will be four elected Trustees, and anyone can propose themselves as such a person at the AGM of the Trust. Of course, once these arrangements are in place, the present Management Committee of the Hall will no longer have a function, and will have to be wound up by the Parish Council, presumably at the Council AGM in May 2010.

We are at present going through the legal formalities to set up both this Trust and the Lease. It is my hope that the work might be completed in September. Once this is done, we will have all the right things in place for serious fundraising to begin. The next few months will be exciting.

I would like to thank all members of the Council, the present Management Committee, and all those who have agreed to be Trustees for their help in this long-running process.

Nigel Strudwick  ncs3@cam.ac.uk  01223 207434

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Stop Press: Update on Affordable Homes

For many years, there has been a requirement for affordable housing in Whaddon, and the Parish Council has been attempting to address this need. It has taken far longer than everyone hoped, but in June of this year, the Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association put in a planning application for eight such houses at Church Corner, based on the concepts and plans presented most recently at the Parish Council meeting on 6 April 2009. These houses would be 100% for rental only, in perpetuity. The Parish Council strongly supports the proposal; it realises that Church Corner is not an ideal site for such a development, but extensive searches have not revealed an alternative site which would be both suitable and available, and the Council feels that it has a duty to try and provide for those who would want to remain in the village but have been unable to do so because of the house prices in this area.

The application was scheduled for consideration at the Planning Committee of South Cambridgeshire District Council on 2 September (see http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ie-ListDocuments.aspx?CId=768&MId=4322&Ver=4). It carried a recommendation from the Planning Officers for refusal, on the principal grounds that the application did not fully comply with the Local Development Framework policies on ‘Exclusion Sites’ for Affordable Homes. (It should be noted, however, that the SCDC Housing Department is fully behind the proposal.) On 26 August, the application was withdrawn by the applicants so that these comments can be further considered, and a revised application is likely to be submitted in due course.

The Parish Council very much regrets that this is going to delay the project even further. The Council is already working with the applicants and with SCDC to deal with concerns and raise the chances of another application being approved by the Planning Committee.

Anyone wanting to know more should contact the Council via the Parish Clerk.

Nigel Strudwick

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Whaddon Parish Council News—some items of news from over the summer months

The planning application for the Affordable Housing scheme was submitted to SCDC planners after further revisions based on discussions between the Parish Council (PC) and Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association (BPHA). The PC will remain closely involved to ensure that the properties will not later be re-designated as saleable. County Cllr Oliver confirmed that no other sites in Whaddon were supported by CCC for Affordable Housing other than Church Corner. The PC continued to investigate other potential sites during the summer and one of these was Pickering Farm. Unfortunately, it had not been possible to arrange any discussions with the owner of Pickering Farm. However, BPHA had commented that, due to the commercial-use status of Pickering Farm, the site was very unlikely to be affordable for low-cost housing. The planning application for Church Corner, was due to be discussed at the SCDC Planning meeting on 2 September, However, because there had been a recommendation from the planning committee for refusal, the application has been temporarily withdrawn to enable BPHA and its architects to spend time addressing the points raised. A very productive pre-meeting between SCDC and Whaddon PC went ahead on 27th September to discuss the various points raised and to clarify the PC views.

For the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) £400 grant had been received last financial year for painting and installing the new RADAR gate. The RADAR gate will be installed sometime after the Church fete. As this work will been done by volunteers the grant had been carried forward. An additional £350 grant had been received this year for improvements to the woods and permissive bridleways. The PC agreed to spend some of the brought-forward grant on the woods/bridleways subject to approval by CCC. Cllr Neale met with Andrew Stimson from CCC and the PC plans were discussed and agreed. A village working-day was suggested for the Autumn, to do some of the preliminary clearing and tidying in the woods. Watch out for a special day assigned for volunteers to come and help with this project.

On Roads and Transport, a suitable turning-point for the proposed bus-service has been agreed and the bus-operator has been asked to come out and assess the plan. County Cllr Oliver has forwarded to the PC the plan for the proposed turning-circle for school buses/coaches at the top of Bridge Street. She would also seek further information on timeframes. The work would not require the involvement of SCDC planners.

The village Design Statement was finalized over the summer months and the PC would like to thank David Grech and his team for the hard work in putting this informative and valuable document together. Every household in the village will receive a black and white copy together with the September Newsletter. Now that Clare Byatt has left the PC, there is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. This will be filled by co-option as there has been no request for an election. If anyone would like to apply for this post, please contact the Clerk to Council, Gabby. If anyone would like to find out more about the role, contact one of your councilors.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14th September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Compiled by PJN
It is particularly pleasing to report that there have been no incidents of any significance over the past three months. I cannot recall this happening before and is something that supports the view that Whaddon is a safe and pleasant place to live. That said, the Speedwatch team have been active and as you will see below things are not so good on the roads within the village.

Some matters the police have asked be emphasised: distraction burglary continues to be a problem in the county. Remember, if you can see a caller at your door that you don’t know, do not open the door without ensuring your back door is locked. Use a door chain if you have one and check ID carefully. Genuine callers will not mind your caution. With fuels and metal costs rising, theft of diesel from farms and yards as well as copper and lead is on the rise again. Police ask that owners secure their property and let them know if anyone is offered any of these materials. Finally, tack and horsebox thefts within the county are also on the rise and owners are asked to take care.

There have been some changes within our neighbourhood policing team. Sgt Mark Kathro has left and been replaced by Sgt Rebecca Williams, PC Rachel Mallender is our local beat copper and Lyndsay Wilkins joins John Coppard as our local PCSO. Also note that the non-emergency number for the police is 0345 456 456 4. The change from an 0845 number is to cover those who have free local calls. The number is staffed 24/7.

Finally for those on-line you can always open: www.cambs.police.uk/myneighbourhood to find out what is going on in the local beat area.

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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: 0345 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 0345 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.
WHADDON SPEEDWATCH

By now most of you will have seen the Speedwatch team out and about on the village roads. We share the equipment with all the local villages although until recently only Bassingbourn and Whaddon had trained teams. More recently, Meldreth, Great Chishill and now Hatley St George have joined. In Whaddon we normally deploy in the mornings and early evening when the commuter traffic between the A1198, Meldreth and beyond (in both directions) is at its peak. You might like to know that, with a village speed limit of 40 mph, the results in Whaddon up to Friday 21 August can be summarised as:

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The full results are shown on the village website under the “neighbourhood watch” menu listing.

We believe we are making drivers aware that when passing though Whaddon they should watch their speed. This is a subjective judgement and there will always be those that care nothing for the rules but if we can have some affect on driver’s behaviour then the effort is worthwhile.

By the way, despite some concerns that the Speedwatch team might face abuse this has not been the case. We have had a few glares but we have had far more thumbs up and our neighbours still speak to us.
Throughout the years several manor houses have been recorded in the village. Some of these have disappeared and we know little about them. The most prestigious one was Scallars Manor. The only remaining fragments lie underneath the driving range of the Golf Centre. We have been collecting facts about this manor for many years and have now assembled them in a booklet. As this is over 40 pages long it is impossible to include it in the newsletters.

If anyone would like a copy we are prepared to reproduce it for £3 to cover costs.
(Tel: 207242)

In 1821-22 William Cobbett, a journalist, made a journal of a journey he made through rural England. The following is the part of this account relating to the area immediately north of Royston and that adjacent to Whaddon as seen from the Great North Road (A1198). Whilst not mentioning the village by name, he gives a description of the area around the village and provides a few personal criticisms of local farming practices.

"Immediately on quitting Royston, you come along for a considerable distance, with enclosed fields upon the left, and open common fields on the right. Here the land is excellent – a rich dark loam free from stones, on chalk beneath at a great distance... Even here, however, I saw but a few Swedish turnips and those not good nor did I see any wheat drilled, and observed that, in many parts, the broadcast sowing had been performed in a most careless manner, especially about three miles from Royston, where some parts of the broad lands seemed to have had the seed flung along them with a shovel, while other parts continued only here and there a blade, or, at least were so thinly supplied as to make it almost doubtful whether they had been wholly missed. This is shocking husbandry. A Norfolk or Kentish farmer would have sowed a bushel and a half of seed to the acre here, and would have had a far better plant of wheat.

About four miles (from Royston), I think it is, you come to the estate of the Earl of Hardwicke. You see the house at the end of an avenue of trees about two miles long, which however wants the main thing, namely fine and lofty trees. The soil here being a very stiff loam at top, clay beneath for a considerable distance and in some places beds of yellow
Early Days in Historical Preservation

Ought Milestones be Preserved?
A question of milestones arose at a meeting of the Arrington and Caxton Highway Board on 19/4/1878. (Royston Crow P5 Col 3).

Rev E Cheere drew attention to the Board about the illegible character of the reading on mile stones on Old North Road from Royston to Kishy’s Hut near Papworth Everard. Stones which were very much out of proper order and one could not read a word of them. Finger posts had been put in order and now they ought to do the same with milestones. A Mr Johnson raised the question as to whether the Board was bound by law to keep up the milestones now that turnpikes had been abolished. Unless they were bound to do so then he should decidedly propose that the Board did not do them. Cheere said that all that was needed was refacing and letters renewed. The Chairman said it was a question whether they were bound to repair them. A Waywarden said he would like to know of what use they were and another remarked that they might be useful in a trotting match. The clerk produced an estimate for repair of 10s each stone and proposed that the Surveyor obtain other estimates. Mr Whitechurch (Barrington) proposed an amendment that stones should remain as they were. Mr Bedwell asked if the surveyor could not break them up for mending the roads. He thought that this would be the most useful thing to do with them (laughter). The question was put to the vote. 5 voted for repairing them. More than a score voted that they should remain as they were.

Luckily a modern day group exists for their preservation and we can see on the A1198 the result of their efforts.

S & J Ralls August 2009

Lord Hardwicke’s avenue appears to be lined with elms chiefly. They are shabby, he might have had ash, for the ash will grow anywhere, on sand, on gravel, on clay on chalk or in a swamp... (We have no tree that attains a greater height than the ash; and certainly none that matches it in beauty of leaf. It bears pruning better than any other tree. Its timber is one of the most useful; and as underwood and firewood it exceeds all others of English growth.) From the trees of an avenue like that of Lord Hardwicke’s, a £100s worth of fuel might if the trees were ash, be cut every year in prunings necessary to preserve the health and beauty of the trees.

Yet on this same land has his Lordship planted many acres of larches and firs...

This estate of Lord Hardwicke’s appears to be very large... In this part of his land there is a fine piece of Lucerne (alfalfa). They are now manuring it with burnt earth mixed with some dung; and I see several heaps of those wide and high ridges... The ridges are ploughed back or down but they are ploughed up again for every sowing.

(Cobbett’s Rural Rides Vol 1 Everyman Edition pp78 – 82)