DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13th September  
Parish Council

3rd October
Harvest Service

11th October
Parish Council

8th November
Parish Council

13th November
Village Quiz

14th November
Newsletter Deadline

5th December
Christingle Service

12th December
Carol Service

24th December
Informal Carols

25th December
Family Service

26th December
No Services

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday 3rd October
10 am
in the Parish Church.
ALL WELCOME
Please come and decorate the church during the week or on Saturday morning.

PARISH COUNCIL
Interested in what’s happening in your village?
Affordable Homes
Village Hall
Bus Service
A1198 Speed Limit
Broadband
Read the Parish Council news.

BLUE BINS
Unsure how to use the new Blue Bins?
Full details inside

QUIZ NIGHT
Support fund raising for the Village Hall.
Quiz Night 13th November.
Details inside
**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Deadline for the next newsletter will be **14th November 2010**. Items of village interest are always welcome.

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**WHADDON GOLF RANGE QUIZ NIGHTS**

To be held on the following Wednesday Nights - starting at 8pm.

- 15th September
- 13th October
- 10th November
- 8th December

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**WHADDON HIDDEN GARDENS**

THANKS so much for all the support received for the "Hidden Gardens of Whaddon". Altogether, we raised £1288.00 -all of which will be used towards the restoration of the village hall.

I wish to thank all the people who made cakes, and the kind volunteers who gave up their time to serve tea. I would like to say a special thanks to the owners of the eight stunning gardens open on the day:

Malan & Michael, Jan & Seve and Louise & Nick from Dyers Green, Mike & Rita and Jim & Dianne from Bridge Street, Chris & Anne and Jo & Peter from Church Street.

I have been asked if we will do it again and in response to many requests "yes we will", maybe leaving it for one year. If anyone else would like to put their garden forward for the next event please contact me, Wendy Evans.

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Once more it is very pleasing to note that Whaddon remains relatively crime free. However, in the local area, distraction burglary remains a problem with claims to be from the Water Board, the most popular excuse for access. The theft of catalytic converters from cars, particularly 4x4s (easier access), have recently affected Guilden Morden, Steeple Morden and Bassingbourn so the problem is very local.

Does: "the moss on your roof needs removing otherwise it will cause damage..."; "you’ve got a loose tile on your roof..."; "I have some tarmac left over from a job..."; "we were working on your neighbours when we noticed..."; "the trees in your garden need cutting back otherwise...". These are some of the false claims made by rogue traders who have cold-called to persuade people to pay for services or goods they do not want or need. Rogue traders target the elderly and vulnerable, and deliberately overcharge for unsatisfactory, unnecessary or even no work at all. Work is often left unfinished, property damaged and sometimes intimidation is used to obtain money. People have even been taken to the bank to withdraw their savings. The police are working with Trading Standards to catch these people but if you find yourself a target or see something suspicious then contact the police at the number below. We have had the problem in Whaddon.

There are some 1,400 police officers and around 200 Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in Cambridgeshire. We have come to rely on PCSOs for much of our routine contact with local policing so I thought it would be useful to remind you of their role as it is often misunderstood. Above all, it is important to understand that a PCSO is not a replacement for a police officer – they have a different role. PCSOs provide an important link to the community including attending local parish and community meetings. As they spend most of their time in their local community they are also better placed to understand the specific issues affecting villages. They form a visible police presence and while they do not have the power of arrest, they are able to provide valuable support to those officers that can and it is often their local knowledge that leads to a successful arrest. At a local level, PCSOs have played a significant role resolving anti-social behaviour problems in the larger villages. Yes, it might be said that PCSOs are policing on the cheap but in practice they are playing an important role in the community at a time when police funding and numbers are under pressure.

Incident Reporting: Please remember – dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk and for a non-emergency matter call 0345 456 456 4. If you report an incident to the police would you also let your neighbourhood watch coordinator know so that we can keep in touch with incidents in the village.

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SPEEDWATCH & SPEEDING IN WHADDON

Speedwatch has continued in the village in 2010 but at a reduced level as we have lacked volunteers to help. Our original team of 7 has reduced to 5 but this includes the Chairman and Vice Chair of the Parish Council who have plenty to do in support of the village already. I am pleased to say that we have had one volunteer come forward from Bridge Street which is a great help. He will be trained by the police in the near future.

A reminder that Speedwatch started in Whaddon in late March 2009 and by the middle of August 2010 our results were as follows:

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<td>764 (14%)</td>
<td>320 (6%) of which 9 exceeded 60 mph</td>
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There does seem to be clear picture developing that traffic is slower at the peak hours in comparison to last year although we still have more than our fair share of unthinking drivers. It would be encouraging to think that Speedwatch has been the reason but, for the moment, the jury remains out. The full Speedwatch results since we started are available on the village website under the “neighbourhood watch” menu listing.

What is encouraging is that the police now have speeding high on their agenda. Many of you will have noted that our departing Chief Constable, Julie Spence, attracted national media attention recently by claiming that rural speeding was blighting the countryside. She showed media awareness by suggesting that it was a “middle class” problem but by doing so she achieved valuable coverage. Those who have attended the quarterly police panel meetings will know that since their outset more than three years ago, villagers have placed speeding very high on list of local problems but it was some time before the police felt the same way. Crime remains at the top of the priority list but it is good to see that speeding in the villages is now squarely on the police agenda.

WANTED - VOLUNTEERS

There is nobody in the current team from Meldreth Road and yet that is the area we monitor most frequently! We want to add to the team and are asking for additional help for no more than one/two hours a week and probably less. If you have free time during the week and would you like to join the team (training will be given), please contact Mike Monks on 208236.

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Whaddon Parish Council News—some recent items of news.

Most of the issues with which the PC has been concerned over the last three months have been on the village agenda for a considerable time. Top of these is the plan for a group of Affordable Homes at Church Corner. This development has been long proposed as a partial solution to the inability of those with village connections, particularly the young, to stay in the village due to the dearth of both affordable houses and rental properties. The current proposal finally went to the SCDC Planning Committee for consideration on 4 August, with the Planning Officers recommending refusal. Following representations by several parties, including the architects, the owners of Rose Cottage, and the Parish Council, permission was granted. The PC breathed a sigh of relief, although we have to note that neither of our District Councillors was strongly in support, something we much regret.

There is still much work to be done before the scheme can become reality. The Parish Council will be working with SCDC, the applicants and the owners of Rose Cottage to improve the scheme so that it better fits into the environment, and further minimises effects on adjoining properties. The applicants, the Bedford Pilgrims, still have to obtain funding for the houses as well. So the scheme will not be making its last appearance in this Newsletter any time soon.

The drawn-out saga of the setting up of a lease of the Village Hall to a Charitable Trust also continues. The proposal has been delayed by several months due to the need to ensure that local government regulations concerned with PC assets are adhered to. This has now been cleared by legal advisors, and the PC has obtained a valuation of the assets to show that they fall into the value range in which we have discretion to use them for the benefit of the community. We are presently producing a public notice for the Royston Crow as required by law. It is then hoped that the trust can be set up, the lease signed, and serious fund-raising can begin.

Villagers should remember that the 127 bus service is still in its trial period. If use does not reach certain prescribed levels, it may not continue to run after October. As hackneyed as a phrase as it is, “use it or lose it” well describes the situation.

A few concerns have been expressed about cars parked at the top of Town Farm Close. We are currently taking the advice of the police on this, but parking too close to a junction, as well as the blocking of footpaths, have the potential to receive parking enforcement notices.

The County Council have been reviewing the speed limit on the A1198. The original idea was to lower it to 50 mph from the Barracks to Kneesworth, but, following representations from the Parish Council supported by our County Councillor, they have agreed to extend the 50 area to north of Whaddon Gap. While this is a welcome first step, with the dangers of that junction and the risks to persons crossing the road at the entrance to the Barracks, we and those in charge at the Barracks would like to see a 40 mph limit; we are told this is most unlikely. The PC will consider its response at the September meeting.

The playground goes from strength to strength. It is being inspected regularly by a rota of villagers, to whom we are all grateful. Little of note has happened, except perhaps the appearance of a wasps’ nest in the area! For the prompt removal of this at no cost to us, the village is indebted to Keith Harker. Thanks Keith!

Noises continue to be made as to whether faster broadband can be brought to Whaddon. The PC did investigate whether a feasibility study could be initiated by the PC, but the amount of discretionary money we have available is limited, and we have already spent this year’s sum supporting the bus service trial. However, a small group of villagers have put up the money and the results of the study are expected by the end of August. Watch out for possible public meetings to discuss options for the future.

Parishioners will have noticed signs up on Church Street and Meldreth Road about the replacement of the water main. Apparently the whole run from Rose Cottage to Green Farm needs replacement which will involve a variable amount of digging in the verges and in the road. There will inevitably be some disruption to traffic during the work which is scheduled to start on about 23 August; those whose properties are affected should already have been personally contacted by Cambridge Water. Anyone with a query or question should contact them on Cambridge 706050.

Phil Neale, Nigel Strudwick
ST MARY’S PARISH CHURCH

SEPTEMBER SERVICES
Sunday 5th Sept. 10:00am Family Service
Sunday 12th Sept. 9:15am Holy Communion
Sunday 19th Sept. 10:00am Third Sunday
6:00pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 26th Sept. 9:15am Holy Communion

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2010

Thanks to the efforts of those who collected and the generosity of people who gave in Whaddon we sent £322 to Christian Aid. Combined with Bassingbourn the total collected was £2296, just £6 less than last year.

The money will be used to give urgent aid in emergencies triggered by conflict or by natural disaster, such as the current floods in Pakistan. It will also be used for development work to abolish unfair trade rules, to fight for rights and justice, and to improve health. This will help some of the poorer people in the world to become more self sufficient.

Thank you all.
Jeff Hacon (Area organiser)
Jenny Grech (Whaddon co-ordinator)

DECEMBER SERVICES for St Mary’s Whaddon

5th Christingle 4pm
12th Carol Service 6pm Mulled Wine and Mince Pies TBC
19th Evening Prayer 6pm TBC
24th Informal Carol Service by candle light 5pm (bring lanterns, torches etc)
25th Family Service with shortened Communion 9.15am
26th No Service

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An invitation to explore Christian faith

In January of this year we introduced a new service on the third Sunday of each month. The service took the form of an informed talk on a topic relevant to the Christian faith today, followed by an open discussion around that topic, before closing with a period of prayer. These services appear to be answering a need amongst both regular church goers and those who might regard themselves as being on the fringe of the church, and the PCC has decided to continue the programme with a new round of topics this autumn and winter.

The new programme of talks will again take place on the Third Sunday of each month, beginning on 19th September at 10.00 am. (Once again, on each third Sunday there will also be a service of Evensong at 6pm.) Each will focus on a different topic (see opposite) relevant to belief in God and living out the Christian faith. As before, we’ll start with refreshments, and there won’t be any singing, but there will be simple prayers. The services are open to all and you don’t need to attend them all. You are welcome just to listen, or to join in the discussion. Either way I hope it will give you the opportunity to explore Christian faith in the 21st century.

Best wishes,
Donald McFadyen, Vicar

Programme

19th September 2010 Mediums and Spiritualists
Are they fake or real? What is the church’s view on them? Does the Bible mention them? What if I’ve been to one?

17th October 2010 The ‘Nunc and ‘The Mag’
What are they and why do we use them in services like morning and evening prayer? If Compline isn’t a nutritional drink, and Vespers is more than Italian scooters, then what are they?

21st November 2010 Medical Ethics and Faith
We can keep people alive with terrible injuries, so where are the limits? When do we judge life to have ended, and for that matter begun?

16th January 2011 The Creeds
Why do we say them in services? Where did they come from? How long have they been around, and who wrote them? Do we need to believe all of it?

20th February 2011 Denominations
In the past we emphasised the differences between the denominations that make up the church. Now we’re all friends. Is that necessarily a good thing? Or should we value our differences more?

20th March 2011 Women Ministry in the Church
Women have been ordained as priests in the CofE since 1994. Why are some people so opposed? Should we have women bishops?
Blue bins are hitting the streets of South Cambridgeshire.

Households across South Cambridgeshire will be taking delivery of their new blue bin between 31 August and 6 October. The blue bin will replace the green box scheme and be an easier and cheaper way of collecting dry recyclables. Collections will take effect from Monday 11 October.

Improvements to the recycling service take on board the comments of residents who want to be able to recycle a greater range of materials in a single, larger, easier to use container. The new blue bin will enable households to recycle up to 90% of their rubbish, meaning less waste will go to costly and ever-decreasing landfill.

The new service will also prove a more cost-effective way of collecting and recycling waste with an estimated saving of £400,000 by the third full year of operation.

On delivery, residents are asked to be aware that the blue bin lids may not close properly due to the way in which they were stacked for storage. The lid should settle after a week or so.

The blue bin will be for the dry recyclables that residents currently place in their green boxes, including plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars, and food and drinks cans, as well as new materials, including plastic pots, tubs, trays, film (e.g. carrier bags and clean food wrapping) and cartons (e.g. tetra packs). Residents will also now be asked to place cardboard in the blue bin for recycling, instead of in the green bin for composting. Items must be placed loose in the blue bin (not in plastic bin bags or other containers) and should be rinsed to remove any risk of food contamination.

The blue bin will come with an inner caddy specially designed to keep paper (which includes magazines, directories, envelopes and junk mail) separate from the rest of the recycling. This is because paper is more valuable when it is kept separate. Residents are asked to keep the caddy in the blue bin as it prevents people from heavy lifting and does not need to be removed.

The blue bin will be delivered with an information pack, which will be placed in the caddy, giving residents all the information they need about the new recycling service. In the pack residents will find a battery bag for recycling domestic batteries. This will need to be put out for collection with the blue bin and will be replaced each time it is used. There will be clear instructions on the bag to demonstrate how it needs to be attached to the bin.

If residents successfully manage to fill their blue bin, excess dry recyclables will be collected when placed in a returnable container and left alongside the bin. Similarly, excess paper will be collected when kept separate and left in a returnable container alongside the blue bin.
The green bin will continue to be used for garden and food waste. Residents are asked not to put cardboard and paper in the green bin any longer and to put this in the blue bin for recycling instead. The black bin will now only be for waste that cannot be recycled or composted. Excess black and green bin material cannot be collected. Residents are asked to take it to the recycling centre at Milton or Thriplow.

Portfolio holder for environmental services Cllr Sue Ellington said, “We hope that residents will be pleased with the improvements to their recycling service and that they will embrace the opportunity to recycle as much as possible. The idea is that the blue bin will become the main household bin with little non-recyclable and non-compostable material left for the black bin and, subsequently, landfill. “We are very proud to have one of the best recycling rates in the country and are keen to continue to listen to and work with residents to better our record further.”

The majority of residents will not experience a change to their collection day. The only residents that will see a minor change are those in Toft, who will receive the necessary information before their first collection. There may, however, be a small change to the time of some collections so residents are reminded to ensure their bins are out by 7am on their designated day of collection.

Residents are welcome to keep their green boxes if they have a use for them. For those residents not wanting to keep them, there will be drop off points at Morrisons Cambourne, Tesco Bar Hill, Tesco Fulbourn or Tesco Milton where they will be picked up and sent for recycling.

For more information residents are asked to visit www.scambs.gov.uk/bluebin or to call 03450 450 063.

POPPY APPEAL 2010

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 door to door village collection from 30 October until Remembrance Sunday which is on 14 November. As usual, Ken Green will also have a collecting box in the golf clubhouse.

The 2009 appeal by the Royal British Legion raised over £33 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

**Volunteer wanted:** we need a volunteer to do the door to door collection in Meldreth Road. Please contact Mike Monks on 208236.
News from Petersfield - Following Faded Footsteps

Earlier in the year, we asked for help in making a film about the history of Petersfield School in Orwell. We received lottery funding for the project and the children at school were heavily involved in the production of the film, with the help of professional film makers. They investigated the history of schools in Orwell and Whaddon, interviewed former pupils and learned a great deal about how things have changed. The film had its premier at school in July and was hailed a great success by everyone who saw it. It is a very endearing and thought provoking documentary starring the children – but with some fascinating stories of school in the olden days. Staff and pupils at Petersfield would very much like to thank those who came forward to offer help and to tell of their experiences. Your support has been fantastic. If anyone would like to purchase a DVD of the film, it is on sale at School, price £7. Ask any pupil for details – they will proudly tell you all about it!!