CAR BOOT SALE
WHADDON VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

10am—1pm

Sausage sizzle  Refreshments  Toilets  Park

PRICES:
Cars       £8.00
Vans or cars with trailers  £10.00

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NEW BUS No 28
Details inside of a daily bus service to Cambridge.

Whaddon News
We are planning to redesign the Newsletter and welcome your ideas and comments.
See inside for more details

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th Sept  Car Boot Sale
18th Sept  Cricket Match
2nd Oct   Harvest Festival
10th Oct  Parish Council
14th Nov  Parish Council
17th Nov  Newsletter Deadline
4th Dec   Christingle
11th Dec  Carol Service
16th Dec  Village Carol Singing
24th Dec  Informal Carols
25th Dec  All Age Service

WHADDON GOLF CENTRE
01223 207325
OPEN: 8.30 'til late
MORE THAN GOLF

BAR
COFFEE AND
SNACKS
FOOD

VILLAGE SHOP
PAPERS MILK BREAD
JUST ASK US TO ORDER

QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you to everyone who has helped by completing questionnaires.
We have received over 50 percent response rate and will be analysing all the feedback over the next month, applying for grants and reporting back to you in the next newsletter.
Thank you from the Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust.
Thanks
Jenna

Fountain Garden on Bridge Street

The area around the fountain on Bridge Street is being replanted. At the moment the village handyman, Dave Evans, is regularly hoeing and using a systemic weedkiller to try to get rid of pernicious weeds. The important plants that were previously located in the Fountain Garden have been potted up and will be replanted, along with donations from some of the villagers. The replanting will take place in the Autumn when it is hoped that the plants will get their roots down with the damper soil before coming into their best next year.
News about your Newsletter

New and improved
For a while now, a number of us have been thinking about improving the newsletter, to broaden its appeal to the village and refresh the design. With this in mind, Joan Pascoe (the editor), Nigel Strudwick and myself met a couple of months ago to mull over a few thoughts.

Smaller but bigger
We came up with a number of ideas, not least to make it a smaller A5 size (similar to the Bassingbourn and Meldreth newsletters and The Listing) but to increase the pages to around twenty from the current ten or so. We thought it would be good to have a colour cover, perhaps depicting a different local village scene each edition. Costs for doing this would really be not much more than the current black only edition.

Fun and features
Among the ideas for features we thought it would be fun to have a short interview with one of our villagers each edition, to see what hidden talents and tales we could unearth! We also considered that we should feature more about comings and goings in the village. I seem to remember that this was once a regular feature year’s ago.

More local stuff
Perhaps we could have quizzes and competitions, with a local slant? Features on the Parish Council, Neighbourhood Watch, the Village Hall and the Cricket should all continue but what about all the other activities and businesses in and around Whaddon, not least Bassingbourn Barracks, our biggest neighbour.

Can any one else help?
What do you think? Does any one else have other ideas? Is anyone else able to help out at all? Talk to Joan or myself.

Lee Ginger 07850 252015

POPXY APPEAL 2011
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. Flo Bye, Janet Leech and Henry Burgess will be collecting door to door in the village from the end of October until Remembrance Sunday which is on 13 November. Ken Green will also have a collecting box in the golf clubhouse.
The 2010 appeal by the Royal British Legion raised over £35 million which is being spent on supporting not only veterans of past wars but importantly our Service people in today’s conflicts. Over ten million people are eligible to receive help.

Whaddon currently holds the Diplock Trophy as the Cambridgeshire village with the greatest increase in funds raised year on year. It would be nice to retain the trophy.

Please give generously - Mike Monks

Melbourn Village College
Melbourn Village College has decided to close its Adult Learning Department, as of July, due to continuing low numbers. It has also cancelled the monthly village markets.
New Bus No 28
To Royston, Comberton and Cambridge, starting Monday 5th September

Charter Travel is to run a brand new bus service from Whaddon to Comberton Village College and Cambridge via Royston and Melbourn on Mondays to Fridays.

The bus will leave from the top of Bridge Street at 07h40, returning from Cambridge at 15h00.

It will also give a much earlier link to Royston Station, especially to the London fast train at 07h59.

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Fares to Cambridge
£4.10 single, £5.40 adult return
Concessionary Pass holders £3 single before 09h00, free in the afternoons

For further details ring Charter Travel on 01767 631475.

List of Parish Councillors

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I am pleased to say yet again that Whaddon has remained crime free over the past quarter, however, there have been some problems on the recreation ground in the first half of August that everybody should be aware of. On two occasions empty vodka bottles and stimulant drink cans (to be mixed?) have been found and, on the second occasion, a nearby resident reports that a very noisy period coming from the playground area culminated at around 1030 pm with three teenagers, who appeared to be drunk, walking down the centre of the main road close to the Village Hall, clearly placing themselves in a great deal of danger. We do not know where the youngsters come from, whether Whaddon or elsewhere, but clearly the parents should know that this has happened. From the village point of view, more checks will be made on the area in the evening and, hopefully, this can be nipped in the bud.

Moving on to other matters: the non-emergency 0345 police number is to be changed to a national number of 101. 101 is being introduced as part of the government's wider work to improve access to the police, ease pressure on 999, and help to tackle crime and disorder. 101 is being introduced across England and Wales progressively over the coming months with the change due for completion by the end of the year. Cambridgeshire will change in September although the 0345 number will continue in parallel for some time. Calls to 101 will be answered by police call handlers in the control room of the local police force. This ensures that staff with local knowledge can answer and deal with the calls and respond appropriately. You will not be put through to a large national call centre. When you call 101, the system will determine your location and connect you to the police force covering that area. You will hear a recorded message announcing the police force you are being connected to. For the moment, however, we will continue to use the 0345 number and will advise in due course when to change to 101.
DECEMBER SERVICES

4th December Christingle Service 3pm
11th December Carol Service 6pm
18th December Holy Communion 9.15am
24th December Informal Carols 5pm
25th December All age service with shortened Holy Communion 9.15am

1st Jan Bassingbourn & Whaddon Joint Service for New Year Time TBC

No III Sunday service for December

Harvest Festival
2nd October at 10am
Come and decorate the church any day during the week. The church will be open as someone will be doing the flower arrangements.
Bring your vegetables or flowers.

Whaddon Carol Singers
We will be Carol singing around the Village on Friday 16th December—weather permitting.
Meeting at 7pm at the Village Hall
Starting along Meldreth Road at 7.10pm
All welcome to come and join in
Transport and village locations will depend on the weather
Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies for the singers at the Golf Range.

COLLECTING FOR ST MARY’S CHURCH
Whaddon Parish Council News—some items of news from our recent monthly meetings………

The Parish Council would like to welcome Mrs. Kate French who was proposed and duly accepted by co-optation at the July meeting.

Election of Chairman/consideration of leave-of-absence – the Chairman, Dr. Nigel Strudwick, announced that he had accepted an overseas teaching assignment for a year starting in August. He has resigned as Chairman but would ideally like to continue to be involved with the PC via a leave-of-absence.

Affordable Homes – A formal Ground-breaking Ceremony took place on the site on Tuesday 12th July with members of the PC in attendance. Building works started in early August and a community event is planned towards the end of September. District Cllr. Cathcart expressed concern that Bedford Pilgrims Housing Association may be able to increase rents to 80% of market value which would not make them particularly affordable. He has advised the PC to keep an eye on this. A revised plan to alter the boundary fence from a metal railing and post fence to a picket fence has been received from SCDC. The PC are currently reviewing this change and will make representations to SCDC.

Speed in the village: CCC has advised the PC that it would not be able to display speed camera signs without formal police monitoring checks or equipment in place. This was not the advice that the Speedwatch team had received from the police and another CCC representative, and this will be taken up with the County Councilor. A Road safety briefing event was planned but then it was confirmed that many children had already been briefed on road safety at school events. The police would also be holding an open day at Melbourn Village College.

A map showing some proposed positions for further safety signage in Bridge Street has been circulated to residents in Bridge Street. If anyone has any comments or concerns with proposed positioning of the signs, then please contact one of your councilors. Please note that the size or height of these signs has not been decided yet and the positions are only proposed on the basis of best viewable options as one drives down the street.

Village Newsletter – It has been agreed that the format of the newsletter be changed to A5 leaflet style with a card cover. An electronic version would be produced for the website. A quote had been received of £137 per issue (£548 per year) using a printed coloured-card cover and for £185 per issue (£740 per year) using a more elaborate colour-printed cover. It was hoped to reduce net costs by increasing advertising income – a resident with experience in advertising sales had offered to advise the PC.

Bridge Street ditch – the drainage ditch had recently completely dried up and research has indicated that the pump which serves the borehole at Holland Hall had been struck by lightning and had broken. The borehole provides the water for Whaddon Brook and the pump is used to keep water levels up in dry weather. So together with the normally drier period during summer months this has contributed to the lack of water in the ditch. The Environment Agency is not concerned as it only acts as a drainage ditch, to enable any overflow of water to be taken away.

Broadband in Whaddon – Virgin Business Media are interested in finding a trial site for their Wi-Fi system. The PC confirmed that Whaddon wanted to be considered for a pilot scheme and County Cllr. Oliver will speak with Virgin Business Media.

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Footpath and byway resurfacing and asbestos

Cambridgeshire County Council has recently carried out some resurfacing work on the byway between the top end of Bridge Street and Kneesworth. As part of this work measures were taken to make safe the asbestos materials found there.

Since then I have met with an official from the County Council to look at the surfaces on some of the other footpaths, bridleways and rights of way within the village. Whilst some asbestos was noted - historically it was used as hardcore before any risks were known - the County Council are satisfied that there is no reason for concern.

In 2005/6 extensive testing was undertaken on the risks from asbestos dust on farm tracks in South Cambridgeshire. The results indicated that the risk levels from asbestos materials were below the nationally recognised exposure limits. The County Council do test and monitor the footpaths, bridleways and rights of way for asbestos, usually when resurfacing work is required, and will carry out remedial work if necessary.

I hope this satisfies any concerns you may have but should you have any further queries please call me, Cllr Malan Peyton, on 207358.

The Bridge Street ‘stream’

It may not be well known but the watercourse in Bridge Street is not in fact a stream but officially an overflow drain. However – whether it is a drain or a stream - many of you will have noticed that it dried up completely over the summer.

I was able to find out that the Environment Agency has a borehole not too far from Whaddon - at Holland Hall - from which they pump water to keep "Whaddon Brook" (the stream that divides Whaddon parish from Kneesworth parish at the bottom end of Bridge Street) at a certain level. Whaddon Brook runs through to Meldreth and is used to dilute the outflow from Royston sewage works – which is why the water level needs to be maintained.

Unfortunately at the end of June, the pump on the borehole was hit by lightning and was out of action for some considerable time, causing the water levels to fall dramatically in the area, including the drain in Bridge Street.

Over many years Bridge Street residents have become concerned whenever the drain runs dry. Whilst it is currently so very dry, following one of the driest years on record, residents could take advantage of a perfect opportunity to clear out the silt - particularly under bridges - so that when we do get some rain, the water can flow freely. By each resident tackling the piece that runs through, or in front of, their property the drain could be returned to it's correct profile and condition quickly. It could also help prevent flooding at the top and bottom ends of Bridge Street which has happened in previous years when heavy rain has caused the sewer to become overloaded.

If anyone has any questions please call me, Cllr M Peyton (as above) and I will do my best to answer them.

ENERGY METERS

Got better things to spend your money on than electricity bills? Borrow an energy meter from any Cambridgeshire library free of charge and find out how you could cut your electricity bills by as much as 15%.

The meters are easy and safe to use and show how much electricity is being used in your home at any one time. Using a meter can help you see just how much energy is used, for example, by lights in empty rooms, appliances on stand-by or boiling a full kettle. Studies show that households can reduce their bills by 5 - 15% by making small changes to use less electricity. Ask to borrow a meter at your local library today and start planning what to do with your savings!

Environment Management and Climate Change
Cambridgeshire County Council
CC1312, Castle Court, Castle Hill, Cambridge, CB3 0AP

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ANTIQUES FAIR
Orwell Village Hall
In aid of Milton Children’s Hospice
Sunday 11 September
10 am—4.30 pm
Admission £1
(Early entry 9.00 am—£2)