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Cambridge 03448 487979
Royston 03444 111444

Councillors:
County: Susan van de Ven 07905 325574
District: Joe Hales 01763 221058
Phillipa Hart 01763 261255

Doctors:
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The Health Centre, Royston 01763 242981
Market Hill Surgery, Royston 01763 848244
Roysia Surgery, Royston 01763 243166

Hospital:
Addenbrooke’s Hospital 01223 245151

Police:
Non emergency Number 101

Samaritans:
01223 364455 (charges)
116 123 (free)

Transport:
National Rail Enquiries 03457 484950
Stagecoach East 01223 433250
National Express Coaches 0871 781 8181

Utilities:
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Cambridge Water Company 01223 706050
Electricity Emergency & Supply Loss 08007 838838

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Half page advert for one year (4 issues) £40.00
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Contact Angela Bridges, the Parish Clerk:
whaddonparishcclerk@outlook.com

www.whaddon.org

September 2018
**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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**NEWSLETTER**

The deadline for the next newsletter is **November 12th**.  
Once again items of village interest are always welcome.
Joan Pascoe C208062  
joanpascoe@aol.com

**Village Hall Hire**

Special rates for those within the village - ideal for birthday parties and most functions.

- **Village Rate:** £7 per hour  
- **Non-village Rate:** £11 per hour  
Please contact: whaddonvhrgt@gmail.com

**Bin Collection Dates**

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**Mobile Library**

Every 3rd Monday  
10.00 - 10.30  
Meldreth Road

- Mon 17 Sept  
- Mon 15 Oct  
- Mon 19 Nov

**List of Parish Councillors**

- Mr Lee Ginger  
  Chair  
  07850  
  lee.ginger@btinternet.com  
  14 Carlton Rise, Melbourn SG8 6BZ
- Dr Nigel Strudwick  
  Vice Chair  
  C 207434  
  3 Town Farm Close
- Mr Will Elbourn  
  Councillor  
  C 208955  
  College Farm, Church Street
- Prof. Tony Milton  
  Councillor  
  C 207105  
  Chestnut Tree Farm, Meldreth Road
- Mr Randall Scott  
  Councillor  
  C 208253  
  26 Bridge Street
- Position Vacant  
  Councillor
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  Councillor
- Mrs Angela Bridges  
  Clerk/Finance Officer  
  C 31 Bridge Street,  
  whaddonparishcclerk@outlook.com

**Neighbourhood Policing Team (Cambourne):**

- [www.cambs.police.uk/LocalPolicing/SouthCambs/Cambourne/](http://www.cambs.police.uk/LocalPolicing/SouthCambs/Cambourne/)
- Sgt John Capes  
  Sector Sergeant
- Sgt Emma Wilson  
  Sector Sergeant
- Constable Alex Rendell
- John Coppard  
  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- Lyndsay Gardiner  
  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- Alex Giltinane  
  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
- James Lynch  
  Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
SUSAN VAN de VEN Cambridgeshire County Councillor
Monthly Advice Surgeries:
Susan van de Ven holds two drop-in advice surgeries a month for anyone who has a question or concern.
1st Monday of the month The Hub, Melbourn, 3-4pm (NOT in September)
3rd Monday of the month The Limes, Bassingbourn, 3-4pm
Alternatively if there are issues people would like to discuss at other times you can contact Susan on 07905325574 or susan@sclibdems.org.uk
Monthly Newsletter:
Susan writes a monthly e-newsletter on issues affecting our area – please do let her know if you’d like to receive it, or would like anything to be included in it.
Susan van de Ven
County Councillor for Bassingbourn, Melbourn, Meldreth and Whaddon

N. HERTS AND DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
Our area is served by ‘North Herts and District’ CAB, an independent charity that provides advice on basic rights and services, like housing and benefits.
A free drop-in service is held every 1st and 3rd Monday (9.30 am-12 noon), Melbourn Community Hub, and every Monday and Wednesday mornings (9.30 am-12 noon) at the Citizens Advice North Hertfordshire offices at Royston Town Hall, Royston, SG8 7DA.
Any questions, please ring the CAB Monday-Friday, 10-4, Tel 03444 111 444.

WHADDON VILLAGE HALL and RECREATION GROUND TRUST
Charity Race Night
6th October 2018
Advance notice of a fun evening at Whaddon Village Hall in October
Food provided but bring your own drinks
All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall and Playground
Please look out for posters and the Village email for more details closer to the date
This is a fun evening you won’t want to miss.

Your Library Access Point for Whaddon is at
BASSINGBOURN BOOK CAFÉ
The Limes Community Facility, High Street, Bassingbourn
Books, computers, tea and coffee, cake, free Wi-Fi and much more
Open
Mondays 3 - 5 pm
Thursdays 2 - 4:30 pm
6 - 8 pm
Saturdays 10 am - Noon
Telephone: 01763 247618
BASSINGBOURN BOOK CAFÉ is a Library Access Point
run by volunteers in association with Cambridgeshire Libraries

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
Wednesday 12th September
10.30 - 12 noon
in the Village Hall
Donations of cakes or raffle prizes would be much appreciated.
Please come and support this worthy cause.

WHADDON GOLF CENTRE QUIZ NIGHTS
Provisional dates for the Whaddon Golf Centre Charity Quiz nights will be the 2nd Wednesday in the month. Dates are subject to change.

2018
Oct 10th
Nov 14th
Dec 12th

2019
Jan 9th
Feb 13th
Mar 13th

7.30 for 8pm
£6 inc food
These quizzes are fun and open to all.
ALL WELCOME
**HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**

9th Sept 3:00pm
Come and decorate the church during the week.
Your help is much appreciated
Any donated produce left in church after the service will be passed on to the Royston foodbank and Jimmy’s Night Shelter.

**Remembrance Sunday**

11th November at 10.45am

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**CHRISTIAN AID**

Thanks to everybody who contributed to the Whaddon Christian Aid collection when we (Jenny, myself and Paul) were collecting last month. I am pleased to say that we raised £276.68 which isn’t bad at all and this will go to support all the great work that Christian Aid do to support sustainable development, stop poverty, and provide disaster relief.

Sue (114 Bridge Street)

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**ROYSTON & SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

**60’s NIGHT & DISCO**

Saturday 29th September
The Seth Ward Community Centre
Luynes Rise, Buntingford
SG9 9SG
7.15 for 7.30pm
Tickets: £15.00
Includes supper - hot dog
Vegetarian option available

**LITERARY LUNCH**

Tuesday 2nd October
The Old Bull Inn, Royston
Buffet lunch from 12.15pm
Chat 1.00 to 2.15pm
Tickets: £15.00
Jude Simpson hosts a chat with Gavin Clayton & Tom Sparke. Author and Illustrator of children’s book ‘Brollo’

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We are looking for home visiting volunteers for the Royston and Buntingford Area

Our volunteers are all parents or grandparents who can give a few hours a week to help families who are finding it difficult to cope.

All parents need emotional and practical help to get through the first few years, but not everyone has friends or family nearby.

This is where Home-Start volunteers can help! For further information please contact us.

**Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire**, Unit 6, Valley Farm, Station Road, Meldreth, Royston, Herts, SG8 6JP
Tel: 01763 262262 or e-mail admin@hsrsc.org.uk www.hsrsc.org.uk

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**St Mary’s Church Whaddon**

**Whaddon Church Fete**

Now I have all the takings and expenses for this year’s fete I am very pleased to announce a profit of £2143.69. This is an essential part of the income used for running the church, and in practice it will cover our annual insurance premium which falls due this month.

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day, and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying the afternoon. We are very grateful to members of the local community and local businesses who donated goods, refreshments and raffle prizes or helped in any other way.

Jenny Grech (on behalf of Whaddon PCC)
Heidi Allen MP
If you would like to contact Heidi about an issue or book a surgery appointment email: heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk Tel: 01954 212707

The next local surgeries:

**Friday 7th September 2018**
By appointment only
3.00pm - 5.00pm
Barrington Village Hall
55 High Street
Barrington
Cambridge
CB22 7QX

**Saturday 6th October 2018**
Drop-in - No appointment needed
10.30am - 12.30pm
Northstowe
Venue: TBC

**Friday 2nd November**
By appointment only
3.00pm - 5.00pm
Bassingbourn
Venue: TBC

**Saturday 1st December**
Drop-in - No appointment needed
10.30am - 12.30pm
Sawston
Venue: TBC

**To book an appointment please call 01223 830037**

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**PARTY IN THE BARN**
The Whaddon Party In The Barn 2018 fund raising event took place on 7th July, and the event was an overwhelming success, helped in part by the fine weather and the 130+ party people that attended. We are delighted to announce that the event made a fantastic profit of just over £2,000. A big thank you to all the revellers that bought tickets, the various volunteers, as well as the individuals and organisations that gave generous donations. Specific messages of thanks go out to farmer Roger for the use of his barn, Whaddon Golf Centre for providing the bar, and DJ Steve Cross who provided his time and night club set up for free, and who made the evening an extra special party.

Due to the generosity of all concerned, all profits from the event have been distributed to Whaddon groups and the nominated charities that were chosen as they have particular links with people that live in the village. The following organisations have received donations: Whaddon Village Hall & Recreational Ground Trust (£750), Whaddon Cricket Club (£500), Arthur Rank Hospice Charity (£250), Fertility Network UK (£250) and Leuka (£250).

Thank you again to all concerned, and here’s to the next time we get our dancing shoes and drinking boots on again for the next Party In The Barn.

Regards
Mark

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**REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

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Whaddon Mainly Gardening Club

Since the last Whaddon News we have had three very different monthly gatherings which amply illustrate that, while gardening is the theme of the club, it is certainly not the only topic. In May Tony Webb, a Master Carver formerly of St Paul’s Cathedral, and considered to be one of the world’s finest carvers in wood and stone joined us. In June, we met at Gransden Lodge Airfield for a visit to the Cambridge Gliding Club both to see the club in action and, for those keen to have a go, a chance to experience gliding in the flesh – a fascinating evening. Then in July we got back to our roots with a very enjoyable afternoon visit to Clare College Fellows’ Garden. In August we took a summer break.

As to what is coming up for the rest of 2018:

We will be getting together again on Wednesday 12 September when Sandra Barker will be talking on “The Wonderful World of Willow”. Sandra has the grand title of: Yeoman Basketmaker of the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers and she will be giving an illustrated talk and practical demonstration of this ancient craft. On 17 October, our own Malan Peyton will be talking on “Working in Leather”. Then on 21 November we have Richard Revels FRPS, the internationally known wildlife photographer, with an illustrated talk on “The Fantastic Falklands”. Finally to end the year our Christmas party is on Wednesday 19 December.

From the above, you will see that the Club is very active with an interesting and varied programme that we hope will appeal to many tastes. Details of each event will be publicised via the village email system and the website. Everybody is most welcome and although we do have a number of regular members it would be a great pleasure to see other residents from the village join us. We definitely have room for more. You would be most welcome.

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NEWS FROM HEALTHWATCH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

It Starts With You

Our local Healthwatch in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are launching their ‘It Starts With You’ campaign to encourage more people to share their experiences of using local health and care service.

The campaign runs from July to September 2018 and will tell the stories of local people who are helping to improve the services we all use. Have you got a story to share? Tell us about your experiences and ideas to help services understand what works, what doesn’t and what you want from care in the future.

No matter how big or small the issue, tell us about it. If it matters to you then it’s very likely it matters to someone else. Sharing your opinions with Healthwatch is quick and easy and could make a big difference. Tell us what you think and help make care better for you, your family and community.

Volunteer as a Community Listener and help us find out what people who live locally think about their health and care services. You will get training, support and out of pocket expenses.

Call our free Information Service if you have a question about local health or care services and need some help with what to do next. Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Healthwatch Peterborough work together as one organisation. You can contact us on:

Call us on 0330 355 1285 or text 0752 0635 176
www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk
Local News from County Councillor Susan van de Ven

Our roads and paths are officially no longer declining!
Susan submitted this question to the July full council meeting: ‘Given the state of ‘managed decline’ of the County Highway network, which is reflected in the dramatic jump in numbers of pot holes reported and compensation claims made thus far in 2018, should the County Council be reviewing and increasing its network inspection schedules?’
The response received states that inspection schedules need not be increased and claims that the Highway network is not in fact in a state of managed decline. This came as a surprise!

Changes to local bus services
We’ve seen contrasting changes to local bus services. The subsidized 127/128 service has now been amalgamated to form the new 127, with a mix of changes but essentially still an expensive and bare minimum service. As I’ve reported previously, current funding arrangements are unsustainable and the future beyond this financial year is unknown.
Recently the Campaign for Better Transport invited bus campaigners to contribute to its feedback to the Mayor in conjunction with the Mayor’s Bus Review. I attended this meeting together with the Cambridge Area Bus Users Group. The strong consensus was that bus franchising should be deployed by the Mayor, as it represents a unique opportunity for redesigning services and critically, supporting services in rural areas like ours.
Meanwhile, the Stagecoach 26 bus running from Royston through Melbourn, Shepreth, Foxton and Harston has been replaced by the Stagecoach ‘Busway A’, part of the Guided Busway network and running all the way to St Ives via Trumpington Park and Ride, Addenbrooke’s, Cambridge Station, Cambridge North Station, and up the Busway. This is a commercial service. You can look up the schedule at https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables.

Public meeting: New railway line via Bassingbourn, Whaddon, Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton?
It’s understood that the preferred option for the final Oxford-Cambridge ‘East West Rail’ link will be announced in the fourth quarter of 2018. This will almost certainly see the final Bedford to Cambridge link running via Bassingbourn, Whaddon, Meldreth and joining at Shepreth, though without passenger access unless Bassingbourn Barracks is developed. It is understood that only the one option will be published for consultation. We attended a presentation by the Cam Bed Rail Road group, chaired by retired civil engineer Brian Bell and introduced by County Councillor Sebastian Kindersley, setting out an alternative option that would follow

Village electronic ways of keeping in touch
Every month or so the village is welcoming new people who have done us the honour of choosing to live here. I just wanted in this brief note to tell those who were not aware of the electronic ways on offer in which you can keep in touch with what’s going on around Whaddon.
Firstly, there is the village web site, at www.whaddon.org. Here you will find information about the Village Hall, the Parish Council, St Mary’s Church and much more. There are links to local and national government, to the local health services, and to local train and bus services. We try and change the contents of the site as much as possible, and if you think there is something you could like to see on the site, or even if there is something you would like to contribute to it, please contact me (I’m the webmaster) at nes3@cam.ac.uk.

Next, the email list. This has been going since 2012, and villagers have found it very helpful for learning about what’s on. Notices of meetings and events in the village, plus other things that may be of interest, are circulated. If you are not signed up to it, you are strongly encouraged to do so. The system was started by Mike Monks and I have taken it over since Mike and Rita moved to Orwell earlier this year. Send an email to whaddonnhw@gmail.com and I’ll add you to the contacts. If you want something circulated, drop a note to the same address.

Note that, following new GDPR regulations, I must tell you that the data on the list is not used for any purpose other than sending these emails, and you can ask to be taken off it any time.
Lastly, we have a Facebook page; look for “Whaddon, Cambridgeshire”. News and events are also posted here, although perhaps a little less frequently than they are sent out by email.

If you don’t yet use any of the above and would like to, I look forward to hearing from you.
Nigel Strudwick
August 2018

Friends or tradesmen visiting?
The roads through our village are not that wide so it may be safer for their cars or vans to be parked off the road either on your drive or, if that’s not possible, in the village hall car park for the day.
Whaddon Parish Council News – some of the issues discussed at our meetings in June and July

Replacement Village sign
The sign is being made and should be delivered before the newsletter is published. Some work will be required to fit the sign and its new post at the site on the green at Ridgeway Close but I hope we should all be able to view the sign in position in the not too distant future.

Mobile Vehicle Activated System (MVAS)
This has been delivered and is being tested by the Speed Watch team at different locations around the village. Anecdotal evidence is that it is having an effect in reducing speed of traffic.

Highways matters
The white lines were repainted at key points on the roads in the village together with more ‘SLOW’ markings. Pot holes are generally filled but it is so important that we report any new ones on the County Council’s website - www.highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk, to ensure that the team repair them quickly.
As far as Whaddon Gap is concerned, we have had some eye watering costs for safety work and County Councillor Susan van de Ven and I shall be asking for further options to be considered to improve safety at the junction.

Eternit planning appeal
I am sure that you all know by now that the Government Inspector has dismissed the appeal by the developers and that the houses will not now be built at the factory site. This was a good result for common sense and it’s very satisfying to see that the speculative developers have been sent packing.

Footpaths
Thanks to much lobbying by Susan van de Ven and the PC, the County Council finally cut the paths at the end of June. The Parish Council are keen to take over the budget from the County Council and manage this process from next year but I have written to them to ensure that the paths are cut again before the end of this summer. Obviously the grass hasn’t grown very much through the hot weather but with the rains of recent days growing will soon resume!

All minutes of meetings are on the village website www.whaddon.org and on the notice board at the Village Hall in Church Street.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 10th September 2018 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

The Alfred Palmer’s Trust – a local charity to help villagers of Whaddon.

The Alfred Palmer’s Trust was originally set up in 1927 to purchase coal for distribution to the poor widows of Whaddon Parish.

Now it gives modest grants of up to £50 to people of Whaddon for whom a small cash injection could make a real difference. The Trust considers requests from all Whaddonians and especially from the elderly.

If you want to apply or know of someone else who may benefit from a grant, please either email Angela Bridges, the Whaddon Parish Clerk at whaddonparishcclerk@outlook.com or write to her at 31 Bridge Street, Whaddon.

WHADDON GOLF CENTRE
01223 207325
www.whaddongolfcentre.co.uk
9.00 til late
Open to all
DRIVING RANGE
BAR
9 HOLE COURSE
FOOD
TUITION
COFFEE
TUITION
NEWSPAPERS
(Ask us to order)
New bus times between Whaddon and Royston

To Royston
- buses leave top of Bridge Street for Royston to Tesco, Railway Station and Bus Station at:
  08h38 on Mondays to Saturdays – Bus 127 direct
  09h40 on Wednesdays only – Bus 15
  10h15 on Mondays to Saturdays – Bus 127 via Meldreth Road, Meldreth and Melbourn.

Return Buses
Please tell the driver if you want to travel to Whaddon
- buses leave Royston Bus Station at:
  12h30 on Wednesdays only – Bus 15
  13h10 on Mondays to Saturdays – Bus 127 via Melbourn, Meldreth and Meldreth Road.
  17h10 on Mondays to Saturdays – Bus 127 direct

All buses serve Royston Station and Tesco

Another bus change that should be of interest is the Stagecoach bus from Royston and Melbourn to Cambridge which now runs along the Busway every hour from Trumpington to Addenbrookes and then on to Cambridge Station and City Centre before travelling through to St. Ives. This is a major improvement and should make it much easier (and cheaper) for people to visit Addenbrookes and Cambridge City Centre by bus. Buses generally leave from Melbourn at half past the hour from 06:30 (no bus at 08:30), taking 40 minutes to reach Addenbrookes. The Stagecoach website has the full timetable – [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)
Local Wrestling

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, Whaddon, together with other villages in the area was a centre for the sport of wrestling (bareknuckle fighting). Wrestling matches were very common between this village and those of Bassingbourn (considered a good wrestling centre), Melbourn, Meldreth and the Mordens. However the fighting was not generally confined to the main contestants. If the day didn’t end with a fight between the two villages involved in the match, the spectators would have gone home feeling cheated out of their complete entertainment for the day.

One of the spots used for this sport was known as the Red Marsh. This field, today, is on the left of the A1198, just beyond Kneesworth, opposite the footpath surrounding villages. Hundreds of spectators from the good fights here watched by hundreds of spectators from the Whaddon. There were many

WHADDON, CAMBS

MESSRS. NASH AND SON

Are instructed by Mrs Judd, who is declining Farming, to sell by Auction, on Thursday, 8th October, 1868, at 1 for 2 o’clock, LIVE & DEAD

FARMING STOCK,

COMPRISING

3 WORKING HORSES, 3 MILCH COWS,
8 2-year-old Steers and Sturks, 2 Sows, and 14 Store Pigs,
Ploughs, Harrows, Roll, Dressing
Machine, 2 Carts, 8-couler Steer Drill,
Harness, Gig, 12-bushel Brewing Copper
and Plant, Implements and various
Effects.

May be Viewed on the morning of the Sale. Catalogues may be had on the premises, and of the Auctioneers, at Royston.

According to the 1861 census Mrs Sarah Judd was the wife of Joseph Judd who farmed a 100 acre farm in the High Street and employed four people.

SANCTUARY

In the thirteenth century a man who committed a serious crime had a choice: he could wait for the King’s justice, often very slow and not always fairly given, or he could seek sanctuary in a church. There he had to wait for an official to witness his leaving the country – *abjuring the realm*. In 1285 William Page and John Oter, strangers to the area with no possessions sought sanctuary in Whaddon Church.

DEATH ON THE ROAD

In 1609 one James Somerville, a gentleman of Edinburgh, died in the fields of Whaddon “*as he travelled*” and he was buried in Whaddon Churchyard. It was assumed that he was a Scot using the Old North Road “*following his King into the land of plenty*”

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SNIPPETS FROM THE PAST

Opportunities for the Adventurous

This advertisement appeared in the local paper for September 1867.

FEMALE EMIGRATION

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

Office – 20 John Street, Adelphi, London

MISS MARIE S. RYE (Hon. Sec.) has addressed the following note to her countrywomen:–

I have just returned from the Australian Colonies where the ladies are wanting servants very much. The country of Australia is very fine, the wages are good, and if you go you will be well taken care of after you arrive, and kept in clean barracks till you find a place, and every respectable woman who chooses to work there while she is young, can save enough money to live on when she is old.

I am going to send several servants to Victoria, Australia soon, and if you have a good character, and care to go, I will send you; and the only cost to you will be ten shillings, which you must pay for your bedding and messing utensils. If you do not care to go yourself, please pass this paper on to some other young woman who has to work for her living.

Wages vary from £20 to £35 per Annum

MISS RYE has sent about 1000 young women, under care of Matrons and Doctor, who are always in the service; and the Home in Melbourne where they will go on landing, free of expense, is particularly clean and well managed.

The next Ship will leave England in October.

Communications may be made through Mr Warren of Royston.

“PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE”

A Notice from the Workhouse (1866)

Precautions against Cholera and Diarrhoea

Boil all water to be used for drinking purposes fresh every day. Lime wash inside your houses. Clean out all Sinks and Drains. Remove all dirt heaps and slop holes from near your doors. Keep open the windows as much as possible. Use Lime and other Disinfectants for Privies and Sinks or Drains. Always eat a crust of Bread in the morning before you go out to work.