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September 2019
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**NEWSLETTER**

The deadline for the next newsletter is **November 10th**

Once again items of village interest are always welcome.

Joan Pascoe C208062  
joanpascoe@aol.com

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10.00 - 10.30  
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For a non-emergency matter dial 101.
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
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@scldems.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.

County Councillor for Bassingbourn, Melbourn, Meldreth and Whaddon

Foxton Scarecrow Festival – Saturday 12 October (12noon – 5.00pm)
St Laurence’s Church, Foxton will be holding its very successful Scarecrow Festival once again this year on Saturday 12 October, so please come along and join us for some scarecrow fun!

You’ll be able to wander through Foxton village from one scarecrow to another. Join in with the various fundraising activities along the way, including a special children’s quiz ‘Where’s Wally?’ Will you be able to find this special scarecrow, hidden somewhere in the village? We welcome you to stop in for some refreshments such as bacon butties, home-made soup or tea and cakes. This fun event for all ages will finish in the Church from 4.30pm with prize giving and Foxton Singers performing.

Programmes will be available on the day from the Church, the Village Hall and the Village Shop, Foxton. For further information, contact Jill Buggey jillbuggey@ntlworld.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning
(in memory of Annette Hill)

Friday 27th September 2019
10am - 12 noon
(raffle to be drawn at 12 noon)
Whaddon Village Hall
Donations of cake, raffle prizes and offers of help on the day would be much appreciated.
Raffle tickets on sale now
Everyone Welcome!
Let's raise as much money as we can for such a worthy cause!
For further information contact: Suzanne Hill - 07835 400637
Maureen Pinner - 01223 207678

Whitsun weekend.
Helen and I would like to thank everyone in the village for their help in making this year a great success. It was the 15th time we have celebrated Whitsun now in this way, and the weather also co-operated very nicely.
I'm glad to say that the overall result will be £274 to church funds.
I'd particularly like to thank the three Morris sides that appeared, with special gratitude to White Rose for coming all the way from Huddersfield. Another special call-

Village Hall - Film Night
The first film night in the Autumn will be 21st September.
Save the Date!

WHADDON GOLF CENTRE CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS
Charity Quiz nights will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

2019
9th Oct
13th Nov
11th Dec

2020
8th Jan
12th Feb
11th Mar

7.30 for 8pm £6.50 inc food
These quizzes are fun and open to all.

ALL WELCOME
We look forward to seeing you.

Lorna and Richard.
On the morning of Sunday 23rd June we discovered all the lead had been stolen from the nave and side aisle roofs at St Mary’s church, leaving the church exposed to the elements.

Such a major theft of lead would have required a well organised gang, and is likely to have taken place over three or more nights. Unfortunately, due to the remote location of the church in the village nothing was seen or heard.

After notifying the police and our insurance company, the most pressing task was to get a temporary roof in place so as to minimise the risk of consequential damage arising from water penetration. We were able to contact a roofing company that understood the need to get a temporary roof in place quickly and just 48 hours after the theft had been discovered two gangs of roofers were on site starting to install the temporary roof, which was completed by the following evening.

The temporary roof installed has a life of one or two years and this will buy us the time needed to obtain the necessary
SOUTH CAMBS RECYCLING ISSUES

The Waste Management service is delivering two important campaigns this year and is asking for your support.

1) Quality of recycling in blue bins.

Most of us recycle correctly but there still some items that cause issues when taken to Materials Recycling Facility to be segregated for further recycling. It costs Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service £10,000 every month to remove and dispose of incorrect items from recycling collected from blue bins.

When the wrong items are put in the recycling, this reduces its quality and can cause large quantities of materials to be rejected and not recycled. This means your Council Tax money is wasted, instead of being spent on improving local services.

These are some items which do not belong in your blue recycling bin:
- tissues and kitchen roll – can be put in green bin for composting
- black bags – place in black bin
- clothes, textiles, shoes – donate, swap, place in a textile / shoe bank,
- food and liquid remains - rinse containers and bottles, squash and replace caps.

Symbols like these (see below) are designed to give a consistent message about which packaging can be easily recycled across the UK. However they are just a guide, as recycling facilities vary from place to place. The ‘not currently recycled’ label is used on packaging which more than 80% of councils do not collect, such as plastic film. South Cambridgeshire is in the 20% which can recycle it.

More information on what can and can’t be recycled can be found in the South Cambs magazine or on the website at: www.scambs.gov.uk/bins A section of this website is headed ‘What goes in which bin’. This is a comprehensive alphabetical list of items and how they should be recycled or disposed.

2) Let’s S.C.R.A.P. Fly-tipping

South Cambridgeshire District Council has just launched its anti fly-tipping SCRAP campaign. Fly-tipping is the illegal disposal of waste. It can be anything from a bag of waste to a truckload. We have all seen such abandoned items. Around two thirds of fly-tips come from households.

Follow the S.C.R.A.P. code to make the right choices when asking someone to remove your waste: Suspect, Check, Refuse, Ask, Paperwork.

To help us deal with fly-tipping incidents efficiently, please report them to us noting as many details as possible.

Online: www.scambs.gov.uk/environment/envirocrime/
By phone: 03450 450 063

If you witness fly-tipping, call 999 to report a crime in action.

Please do not put your safety at risk.

DINNER

Fundraising for the roof, organised by Janet Leech
Saturday 28th September 2019
Whaddon Village Hall, 6.45pm for 7.00pm
Tickets £15.00 per person
Bring your own wine

Space is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance from David Grech, Spring Cottage, Bridge Street, Whaddon.
Tel: 01223 208938 (tickets will not be available on the door)
Whaddon Church Fete

We are pleased to be able to report that July’s fete raised a healthy £2,636, which is nearly £500 more than last year. We would like to thank all those who made the fete such a success, whether it was through contributing goods and cakes for the various stalls, tombola and raffles, helping with the lunches and teas, manning one of the stalls, helping with setting up the fete and clearing away afterwards, or generously opening your wallets and purses. Without ALL of you the fete would not be able to take place.

Normal Sunday Services
1st Sunday Morning Prayer - Churchwardens
2nd Sunday Morning Worship
3rd Sunday Morning Prayer - Churchwardens
4th Sunday Holy Communion
5th Sunday Joint Service

CHRISTIAN AID
Thanks very much to everybody who donated to Christian Aid. A total of £248 was collected.

Christian Aid raises money to support people in poverty worldwide. This year there is a particular focus on providing support in countries like Sierra Leone where there is a high mortality rate in childbirth, to provide better healthcare facilities.

Thanks again,
Sue, Paul and Jenny

Remembrance Day Service
10:45am
Sunday 10th November at St Mary’s

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.

ST MARY’S CHURCH
WHADDON

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
8th Sept 9.30am
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 Jimmy’s Night Shelter.

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WHADDON WEDNESDAY PROGRAMME FOR 2019
(Third Wednesday of each month)

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Garden Centre
Come and visit our friendly team for expert advice!
Extensive outdoor plant area plus two large glasshouses bursting with:
Seasonal perennials Homegrown plants
Trees & Shrubs Seeds
Bedding plants Gardening equipment
...and much more!

Cafe
Visit our welcoming cafe for light bites, cakes and drinks.
Choose from our seasonal soups and sandwiches, delicious home made cakes and a selection of beverages.

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ALL YOU NEED FOR YOUR GARDEN, THROUGH ALL THE SEASONS
Whaddon Wednesdays has continued with a monthly programme and, as promised, we have spread our net more widely to embrace almost any subject that we feel might interest Whaddon residents. It is still proving a challenge to get residents along to the village hall but we think/hope we may be slowly cracking it.

Since the last Whaddon News we had an excellent talk on timber framed building in Hertfordshire and Essex. Then Jennie and David Grech gave a summary of their work helping as volunteers at the archaeological dig at Wimpole Hall which precedes the new visitors’ centre and car park. And finally, before our August break we made a very enjoyable visit to view Newnham College Fellows’ Garden in Cambridge. Michael Peyton uses his very considerable influence (he denies this) in the colleges’ corridors of power to make these college visits an annual affair.

So that’s the immediate past what of the future. Well after our August break we restart on 18 September when Stephen Lacey, a volunteer at the Nene Valley Railway, will provide the story of: “92 Squadron, A Battle of Britain Class Locomotive - Her Restoration”. Clearly one for those who enjoy steam railways, which it seems embraces most of the population.

On 16 October, Peter Jackson, formerly of Scotsdales and a popular and well-known local speaker is coming to Whaddon to speak on “Plants for Winter Interest” which is a topical subject for the month of October. Peter is always worth listening to so this should be a good evening for the gardeners and those who feel a bare winter garden is to be avoided.

Have you ever wondered about the origins of some of those quirky nursery rhymes? If so come along on 20 November when Vic Bottrel will be “The Nursery Rhyme Detective”. Vic will explain why some of those verses are not as innocuous as they might seem. Hidden stories and secrets will be revealed – who was Georgie Porgie and how could Jack and Jill find water in a well on top of a hill? This is a fascinating and revealing subject which will certainly surprise you.

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 in the village hall on the third Wednesday of the month. Your £3.00 will go some way to provide refreshments, fund the speaker and pay for the hire of the village hall. Come along, you would be most welcome. MM

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Bassingbourn Book Café

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A reminder - electronic ways of keeping up with what’s on
in Whaddon

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 inform those who were not aware, of the electronic ways on offer which can keep you 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, Whitsun 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 often as possible, and if you think there is something you would like to see on the site, or even if there is something you would like to contribute to, please contact me (I’m the webmaster) at ncs3@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, including lost keys, glasses and pets, are circulated. If you are not signed up to it, you are strongly encouraged to do so. 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 the 2018 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 2019

Let’s be clear about two things this Autumn…..

A polite reminder to Whaddon householders and landowners from the Parish Council………

clear any overhanging hedges and branches from footpaths and signs…..

……and clear weeds and plants from ditches and streams

Thank you!

Village litter pick
Following on from my comments on the village litter pick in the last newsletter, someone continues to throw empty vodka bottles from a vehicle travelling along Whaddon Gap. We found many of these during the litter pick but a new batch of the same branded bottles has been found, with broken glass spread everywhere. If you see anyone doing this, please take the registration number of the vehicle and the time/date and I will forward to the relevant authorities.

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 9th September 2019 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

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 via Meldreth
  10h15 on Mondays to Saturdays – Bus 127 via Melbourn, Meldreth and Meldreth Road.

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 via Meldreth Road
  13h10 on Mondays to Saturdays – Bus 127 via Meldreth, Meldreth and Meldreth Road
  17h10 on Mondays to Saturdays – Bus 127 direct

All buses serve Royston Station and Tesco.
Whaddon Parish Council Matters

**A1198 speed limit**
The safety of the A1198 junction and speed of traffic on the main road was a major concern of Whaddon residents in the last Village Plan and is the last major issue to be tackled from that plan. Meetings with the County’s Highways Department to remodel the junction have produced cost quotations that are prohibitively high.

Cllr Susan van de Ven has now bought together interested parties to seek a reduction in the speed limit of the A1198 from the current start of the 50mph limit, just north of Whaddon Gap, right through to the 30mph limit at Kneesworth. There are five roads joining the main road over this section, including the entrance to the Barracks. The Army already have reported many near misses at that location and are very supportive of a speed reduction. We attended a meeting at the Barracks in July with the Commanding Officer, Bassingbourn Parish Council, Cambridgeshire Police and Susan van de Ven and we all agreed to bid for Local Highway Initiative funding to help make these changes. It was agreed that Whaddon Parish Council should be the lead partner but that Bassingbourn PC would also provide financial support.

Our plan is to make that stretch of the A1198 feel more residential, for example by putting a gate either side of the road such as at Wimpole and Flint Cross and other visual methods which encourage motorists to stick to the new speed limit. We shall also be able to monitor speeds through Speedwatch and a new Mobile Vehicle Activated System (the speed monitoring device we already use in the village). Our initial application has been made and we shall be working on the details with Highways in the Autumn. We should hear by the end of the year if we have been successful but hope the changes will help all road users feel safer but especially at Whaddon Gap.

**Phone box**
The Phone Box is provisionally scheduled for delivery at the end of August. It will then need to be properly secured to the concrete base and fitted out with shelves in order to become the village ‘library’. Anyone keen to help keep the shelves tidy, old or new, will be warmly welcomed by the PC and the villagers.

**Church Roof**
The Parish Council was extremely sad to hear of the theft of the lead from the Church Roof and we have offered to give as much support to the PCC as we can, to enable a new roof to be installed quickly. As I said before, we are fortunate that Whaddon is a relatively crime-free community, but we must all be on our guard. Another outbuilding break-in has been reported more recently at the Golf Range so please check your security. If you see anything that doesn’t feel right in the village, telephone the Police non-emergency number 101 straight away. **If there is a risk to life or limb do not hesitate to ring 999.**

Interest in FTT?
In July, wearing my hat as “broadband champion” for the village, I sent round an enquiry from Connecting Cambridgeshire (CC), who were instrumental in getting us the good broadband that we have at the moment.

They are presently exploring the possibility of getting funding for the next level of service, that is fibre to the premises (FTTP), whereas we have at present fibre to the cabinet (FTTC). CC want to know if there is much interest in Whaddon for the much higher speeds that FTTP would bring as it eliminates the last bottleneck outside the home/ premises, which is the copper telephone wire you all know and love to hate, or hate to love.

At the moment, it comes with a fairly hefty price tag if you try and do it yourself with Openreach, mostly because of the need to install the fibres to a termination point on your property. If there is enough interest, CC will try and see if there is a supplier who might be prepared to connect all or part of a community.

**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.
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TAXES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WITH US

Previous tenants of the village throughout the last six hundred years would find the world of the twenty-first century beyond their comprehension but the question of taxes might provide some common ground in understanding. The following are examples of early attempts to raise money.

SUBSIDIES

Before the fourteenth century the English Kings raised a fighting force by means of granting noblemen land in exchange for military service. In the fourteenth century they realised that this method was not working and they began to take on soldiers ‘by contract’.

To do this they needed money and the idea of taxation for special purposes such as wars grew up. These taxes were called subsidies and were collected as clerical subsidies from the church and lay subsidies from laymen.

One result was that the Commons became more powerful as the King had to have their agreement if he wanted taxes collected. The subsidies were assessed on a man’s goods and not his income and the rate varied, sometimes at a twentieth, sometimes a fifteenth and sometimes a tenth of his possessions. Lay subsidy details have proved invaluable for historians looking into the make-up of villages and towns.

The lay subsidy for Whaddon 1327
Total raised from village - £3 16s 9½d

The following is an example of the amounts demanded from some individuals in the village.

Lord Thomas de Scalers 18s 8¼d
Nicholas de Wangford 1s 1d
Walter Dynnok 9½d
John Wangford 6s 0½d
Warin Broning 6s 6¾d
Roger, son of Robert 8½d
Roberto Mally 1s 0d
Richardo le Heyr 1s 0d

SHIP MONEY!!!!

Ship money was a levy on certain port towns in time of war. It was first extended to inland areas in 1590s to help finance the war against Spain. In spite of protests the Sheriffs were made responsible for the sum that each county had to provide. £3500 was required from all Cambridgeshire towards the setting forth of one ship for the safeguard of the seas and defence of this realm.

Whaddon was required to provide £12.

HEARTH TAX

From 1662 hearth tax or ‘chimney money’ was levied at 2 shillings per hearth paid twice yearly except by those exempted on the grounds of poverty. The tax was repealed in 1689 as an oppression on the poor as well as an infringement of liberty in as much as it allowed the searching of taxpayers’ homes.

81 hearths were recorded in total for Whaddon in 1674, the largest residence having 19.

AND SO TO CRIME

Clearly taxes are not the only things still with us!

In May of 1835 it was reported that a quantity of lead was stolen from the roof of the chancel of the church and £50 was offered as a reward. Several other cases of the stealing of lead had been reported in the neighbourhood.

S&J Ralls May 2003

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

Not a good week for Whaddon!

On Tuesday last week a young lad named Bullen, in the employ of Mr W. T. Nash, had his leg broken. It appears he was engaged as shock (sic) boy in the field but returned to the farm and got with some other boys riding the elevator. They were riding on the shaft when Bullen fell off and broke the small bone of his leg in the spindle and if it had not been for the promptitude of the men on the stack he must have been killed. He was conveyed to Dr Bindloss of Melbourn and is, we hear going on satisfactorily.

On Monday last a man named John Easy, who was working for the same gentleman, while building a wheat stack, had the misfortune to get a hair or straw into his eye. He went to Dr Stephen but was advised to go to Cambridge Hospital and the obstruction was removed and the eye is now going on nicely.

A boy staying at Wendy Lodge got kicked by a colt in Mr Ablett’s meadow on Monday breaking the bridge of his nose. He was attended to by Dr Stephen.

Royston Crow September 26, 1902
S&J Ralls February 2004