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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st Sept	Cricket - home
7th Sept	Cricket - home
9th Sept	Parish Council
15th Sept	Cricket - home
19th Sept	New Vicar Licensed
29th Sept	Harvest Festival
14th Oct	Parish Council
11th Nov	Parish Council
1st Dec	Christingle Service
13th Jan	Parish Council
10th Feb	Parish Council

## NEWSLETTER

*The deadline for the next newsletter is **10th November**. Once again items of village interest are always welcome.*

*Joan Pascoe C208062  
joanpascoe@aol.com*

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Mrs Jennifer Lewis	Councillor	C 208356	20 Bridge Street
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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM

Mike Monks	Whaddon Village Coordinator	58 Bridge Street	C208236
Malan Peyton	Dep. Village Coordinator Parish Council NHW Rep	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	C 207358
<b>Coordinators:</b>			
Karen Coningsby	Meldreth Road/Church Corner	17 Church Street	C 207514
Carole Aldred	Church Street/Town Farm Close/ St Mary's Close	104 Church Street	C 208147
Wendy Evans	Church Street/Town Farm Close/ St Mary's Close	108 Church Street	C 207703
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Malan Peyton	Dyers Green	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	C 207358

### Local Enforcement:

Chief Inspector Darren Alderson	Area Commander
Inspector Chris Savage	Safer Neighbourhood Manager
Detective Inspector Ian Simmons	Area Crime Manager

### Neighbourhood Policing Team (Cambourne):

Sergeant Jon Capes	Sector Seargent
James Lynch	Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
Lyndsay Gardiner	Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

### RECENT BULLETINS FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

HARVEST is upon us and we're calling on local residents to help our fight against straw stack arson.

Stack fires can quickly spread and not only endanger people and livestock, but also life-long work on farms. Stacks burn very slowly meaning crews are committed for long periods of time, making them unavailable for other emergencies. Don't forget, many of the firefighters attending incidents like these in rural parts of our county are on-call personnel and their retention at a stack fire impacts directly upon business and services in their community.

We're working with police, neighbourhood watches and farm groups to drive stack arson down, including installing covert cameras to help bring those responsible to justice.

**What can you do?** We're urging residents and those passing through rural areas to keep a careful watch. Do you see someone acting suspiciously around stores of hay or straw? Is there an unusual vehicle near farm buildings? Become a community member of Arson Watch and keep an eye on stacks in your area.

Report suspicious activity to police on 101 and dial 999 if you see a stack fire.

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WHAT lovely weather we have seen across Cambridgeshire – and long may it continue! Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service hopes you have all been staying fire safe with your latest outdoor activities, but just in case, here are our firefighters' top tips:

- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent either.
- If cooking outdoors, keep barbeques on level ground, never pour accelerant on it and use it well away from fences, sheds and foliage.
- If you are having an open fire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave. When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.

Like our fan page on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/cambsfrs](http://www.facebook.com/cambsfrs), follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

### *We're off!*

**The biggest news in Whaddon for years is that the Village Hall refurbishment started on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August.**

After years of arguing, contemplation, planning, designing and fundraising, we've finally started. It's the news that most have been waiting for and heralds the start of a bright new era for the village.

### **What's happening...?**

The building company, a local firm - HNH from Cambridge - has now taken over the building and are busily stripping out the inside before getting cracking on the renovation. Our 'new' hall will have:

- *A completely new floor*
- *Affordable under-floor background heating from a state-of-the-art air source heat pump*
- *Full wall and ceiling insulation to keep the heat in!*
- *Secondary heat system*
- *New lighting and wiring*
- *Brand new kitchen, relocated to give a much larger working area*
- *New storage area*
- *Outside remedial work*
- *Brand new tables and chairs*

HNH are working to a 12-week schedule, so barring any unforeseen issues, we should be reopening the new hall in early November, once the car park has been landscaped and new tarmac laid.

### **Thanks Wendy....**

This is an ideal moment though for The Management Trust to pay tribute to Wendy Evans for her tireless fundraising and securing of grants, without which none of the work would be possible. She has been absolutely magnificent in securing more cash and pledges than Terry Wogan!

### **A polite word of warning**

While it'll be tempting to venture into the hall to see what's happening, please don't because it is now an official building site, with all the health and safety issues that brings. We must ensure especially that our young folk are kept well away! There will be many deliveries and trucks so the only way into the playground from Church Street will be on the recreation ground side.

**By the time the next Whaddon News is published, work should be just about completed. Look out for the opening event!**

## ST MARY'S CHURCH WHADDON

### New Vicar

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm our new Vicar, Caroline Yandell, will be licensed at St Peter & St Paul's Bassingbourn. You are all welcome to come and join us at this long awaited event. Below is a message from Vicar Caroline Yandell that appeared in the 30/6/13 Bulletin.

I am thrilled and excited that I will be joining you in Bassingbourn and Whaddon in September. I expect we will get to know each other well over the coming months, but here are a few snippets to get the ball rolling.

I was born in Bristol and have an older brother and a younger sister. As a family we moved a number of times during my childhood to live in different parts of the country. I became a Christian as a student in Oxford and since that time have had many wonderful experiences of seeing God at work in people's lives, not least my own. Life has never been dull and I have worked in a number of roles including as a CMS Mission Partner, in marketing, medicine and academia. These took me to places as diverse as Kenya, Brighton, Bristol and the Isle of Skye. More recently I lived for three years in Cambridge where I trained

for ordination at Ridley Hall and had the opportunity to do some further theological study at St John's College.

I'm currently coming to the end of four years as a curate in Bristol. I'm not a newcomer to part-time ordained ministry having combined my part-time curacy with working as a GP who has a particular interest in medical ethics.

In addition to clinical work this has involved teaching medical students in the university, and ordinands at Trinity Theological College. I very much hope to continue these other aspects of my ministry locally when I join you.

I know that God has wonderful things in store for us as we grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus, and I'm excited that we will be setting out on this next stage of the

[Shapeyourplace.org](http://Shapeyourplace.org) has been successfully running in other parts of the county for a few years and in June this year the website was launched in South Cambridgeshire. I am delighted to introduce the project locally and I am here to support you make the best of this website. In the next few months I will be out and about meeting with local residents and community groups so if you see me in your area, please come and say Hello!

I'd like to find out more about the positive things that happen in your community and learn about the local issues that may concern you - please get in touch if you'd like to meet for a chat and find out more about ShapeYourPlace.

### What is ShapeYourPlace.org?

ShapeYourPlace.org is an award winning website giving local residents across Cambridgeshire a real say about what matters most to them where they live. It acts as a one stop shop for the community where you can have conversations with each other and local public services about local issues and news.

On the site you can:

- Raise issues affecting where you live
- Start campaigns and debates and have conversations with other people
- Blog about local events and community activities
- Share community news and issues.

Where an issue is raised by a resident, the police, fire service and local councils have agreed to respond in 10 days about how they can resolve the issue if possible. With ShapeYourPlace you don't have to worry who is responsible for the issue as the team behind the website will direct your issue or idea to the right organisation.

Do get in touch to find out more!

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### CHARITY ANTIQUES FAIR

Orwell Village Hall  
in aid of Help for Heroes  
Sunday 29th September  
10.00 am - 4.00 pm  
Admission £1  
(Early entry 9.00 am - £2)  
The last fair in May raised £950  
for Help for Heroes



## ROYSTON & SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

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 when Home-Start volunteers can help**

A home visiting volunteer would normally have parenting experience with an understanding of the problems and pleasures of family life. We link this well-supported and trained volunteer to the most suitable family referred, offering home visits, usually for 2-3 hours a week. Our volunteers support families in a huge variety of ways which can include: offering a non-judgemental listening ear, helping parents to manage their children's behaviour, providing practical help around healthy eating, accessing other community services and supporting parents in keeping their children safe.

**A 10 session course for new volunteers is planned for February / March 2014 to be held between 9.30am - 2.30pm. Please contact us if you are interested in joining this course.**

Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire,  
Tel: 01763 262262 or e-mail [admin@hsrsc.co.uk](mailto:admin@hsrsc.co.uk)  
[www.hsrsc.co.uk](http://www.hsrsc.co.uk)

### **Royston Model Railway**

The Royston & District Model Railway Club will be holding its 27th Annual Exhibition at Bassingbourn Village College on Saturday the **16th November 2013**.

The exhibition will be open from 10:30 am until 5 pm. Approximately 50 stands will be present; about half will be layouts with the remainder being Traders, Demonstrators & Society -based.

Tea, Coffee and light refreshments will be available. Miniature train rides by members of the Royston & District Model Engineering Society on their outside track (Weather permitting!).

Admission £4.00 per Adult and accompanied children are free. We hope to run a bus service between Royston Bus & Train Stations and Bassingbourn Village College on the day. Please visit our web site [www.roystondmrc.co.uk](http://www.roystondmrc.co.uk) for further/updated information.

journey together. It has been said that the local church is the hope of the world - and together as the body of Christ we certainly can make a huge impact on the communities to which we are called.

The beautiful churches of Bassingbourn and Whaddon are at the heart of their communities and together we can reach out to those around us with the love of God to see lives transformed.

I'm delighted to be returning to Cambridgeshire, an area I already feel to be my home. In my spare time I like nothing better than getting my walking boots on and taking my three-year-old black Labrador, Meg, for a stomp through the countryside. She is also very happy to be coming to such a lovely part of the country!

With my love and prayers

Caroline

### **St Mary's Whaddon – Regular Services**

Regular Sunday services follow a monthly cycle as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month:	10:00am	Family Service
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month:	9:15am	Holy Communion
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month:	10:00am	Morning Prayer
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month:	9:15am	Holy Communion

**All Welcome**

### **St Mary's Church Fete**

On behalf of St Mary's PCC we would like to thank everyone who helped and supported us at the Church Fete on 13<sup>th</sup> July. What a lovely day we had - totally different from last year. With everyone's support we raised a profit of £2148.03 - up on last year.

### **Harvest Festival Service**

3pm

29<sup>th</sup> September

Please come into the church during the week to help decorate.





## WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

(whaddonnhw@gmail.com)



We have had a few problems in Whaddon in the last 3 months. Just as the last Whaddon News was being produced some teenagers, thought to be from the Meldreth area, created problems at the playground. One young girl managed to get stuck in a swing and had to be freed by the fire brigade. Result – the Village Hall Trust has had to replace the swing. In addition, the two commercial businesses in Church Street opposite the recreation ground have had intruders. In one, a van and building materials were stolen; fortunately, the van was recovered the next day. In the other involving Shire Tree Surgery, their building was entered but on this occasion nothing of import was stolen. Nearby neighbours heard noises and contacted the police but the intruders drove off before the police arrived.

Being a “good neighbour”: a survey published nationally in early August suggested that six in 10 adults are not talking to their neighbours and one in 10 has had a feud lasting more than four years. A quarter didn’t even know any of their neighbour’s names. This is clearly an urban problem and not one appropriate to Whaddon – or is it? Getting to know your neighbours (in most cases) is something many in Whaddon will take for granted and, importantly, can help in countering crime. Keeping an eye when your neighbour is away; watching for anything unusual, reacting if a house alarm goes off, putting wheely bins away for working neighbours who don’t get back until the evening – all can help in fighting crime and in building a closer community. You might give it some thought.

Following the last Neighbourhood Panel Meeting held on 16 July at Bassingbourn Village College the agreed priorities for the local police are:

- a) Tackle road safety issues including excess speed and obstructive parking, thereby providing support to active Speedwatch schemes;
- b) To address concerns from across the Neighbourhood relating to misuse of ‘green spaces’ including drug use.

The village email system is sponsored by Whaddon Neighbourhood Watch and has about 130 addressees. It offers a rapid means of disseminating information not only on crime but on other matters that might be of interest to villagers. If you are not receiving emails and would like to be added to the list please let me know on: whaddonnhw@gmail.com

Finally, as I have said many times before, crime is at a low level in South Cambridgeshire and Whaddon remains a peaceful, and relatively crime free village. By giving some thought to simple home and personal security measures we can easily keep it that way. Mike Monks

**Remember – dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk and for a non-emergency matter call 101. If you report an incident to the police please let your neighbourhood watch coordinator know.**

## Whaddon Parish Council News—some items of news from our recent monthly meetings.....

### New Councillor

At the June meeting we were delighted to co-opt Ms Amy Walker to the Parish Council. Amy lives in St Mary’s Close and we are really pleased to have a councillor from that area.

### Village upkeep

Some comments had previously been received about the poor quality of one of the recent grass cuts and we shall seek a review meeting with the contractor to seek an improvement. It was reported that the chevron signs were largely obscured at the bend in Meldreth Road near College Farm and various other signs were obscured or pointing the wrong way at Whaddon Gap. The Clerk is to contact Cambridgeshire Highways. Some new plants had been planted at the Bridge Street Fountain Garden.

### Bassingbourn Barracks

County Cllr Adrian Dent said no decision had been reached regarding the long term future of the Barracks and although the MoD had been trying to work with the various clubs, they could not accommodate them because of health and safety concerns. (This was before the announcement about the training of Libyan soldiers at the Barracks.)

### Broadband

Cllr Dent had put forward some proposals to Connecting Cambridgeshire but had received no reply

### Speed limit and traffic calming

There had been no movement on this save that following a restructuring the County Council are not now in a position to give advice on traffic schemes. The Parish Council expressed outrage at this development which could entail them to pay an independent consultant to give advice on a scheme for Meldreth Road. In the meantime, 30mph wheelie bin stickers had been distributed to residents.

### South Cambridgeshire Local Plan

There is a final public consultation on the local plan until 30<sup>th</sup> September, after which it will go before the full SCDC for ratification - residents to be emailed to urge them to participate.

All minutes of meetings are on the village website [www.whaddon.org](http://www.whaddon.org) and notice boards – in Church Street, Bridge Street, Cardiff Place and Meldreth Road.

**The next monthly Parish Council meeting is at 7.30 pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September but will be held at St. Mary’s Church, while the Village Hall is closed for refurbishment. This is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.**

**Compiled by Lee Ginger**

## SPEEDWATCH & SPEEDING IN WHADDON

Judging by the comments made to me by many villagers there continues to be concern at speeding through the village. It will be no surprise that the change to 30mph does not in itself mean motorists will reduce their speed; however, there is a glimmer of hope and a little good news to report. Since the reduction to 30mph the average speed of those we record exceeding the speed limit has dropped. Last year with a 40mph limit the average speed of those caught speeding was 48 - 51mph. Since the 30mph limit was introduced, the average speed of those actually caught speeding is 39 - 41mph. So while there are still motorists prepared to drive at lunatic speeds through the village, often using their mobile phone, overall, the speeding motorists are slowing down. It may be a small comfort but it is a start.

Efforts to combat the problem continue. The Speedwatch team is out and about recording vehicle details of all motorists travelling at 35mph or above and the police are being more proactive in dealing with these people. The police are also helping with additional checks of their own and signs will soon be put in place at the entrance to the village and elsewhere saying that "Community Speedwatch Operates here".

It's our village and our speed limit – please do your best to keep to it.  
MM

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## WHADDON GOLF CENTRE

### QUIZ NIGHTS

The Winter programme of monthly Quiz Nights will commence September 18<sup>th</sup> and will continue on the third Wednesday of each month.

Dates are:

2013	2014
Sept 18th	Jan 15th
Oct 16th	Feb 19th
Nov 20th	Mar 20th
Dec 18th	

### Help Wanted to Organise Village Litter-Picks

We are looking for a volunteer who would be prepared to organise litter-pick events in Whaddon on an ad-hoc basis. Duties to include agreeing and publicising dates and looking after the litter-pick equipment.

If you would like to get involved please contact the Parish Clerk, Gabby on 208450 or email [whaddonpcclerk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:whaddonpcclerk@yahoo.co.uk).

## BILL DUNCAN

It is with much sadness that we announce the death of Bill Duncan on 13th July. Bill passed away peacefully, at home, 31 Bridge Street after a long illness. He and his wife had lived in this area since 1965 and in the village for 34 years.

*His wife and daughter would like to thank neighbours and friends in the village for all their messages and flowers.*

## WHADDON GOLF CENTRE

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## MEMORIES OF WHADDON CRICKET AFTER WW2

My sister Pauline and I were the children of Jim and Lily Law who were very involved in Whaddon and its activities. The one I thought might be of interest to some of you is Cricket.

Dad was secretary before and after the war and according to Grace Rumsby (nee Butler) she scored for the cricket team until she left Whaddon in the early sixties, although many others also did it before her.

I have a cutting from a local newspaper saying Whaddon's team was made up of all locals and so was very much a village team. It's a shame it couldn't keep going until the new recreation ground was opened in 1962.

In my time the team played where the golf course is now, next to the Green and behind "Turpins". The pitch was kept cut and rolled but surrounded by an electric fence in the meadow to keep the cattle away, but you can imagine what it was like for the outer fielders as the cattle were moved only a few days before! Many were the stories of a "sticky wicket" to be told. The spectators watched from under a tree by the stream. (Dad called it 'Swans River' I believe.)

It was the family day out on match day which I and many children looked forward to especially if it was an away game. We would all travel on a packed Carters' coach of Royston to another village. The weather always seemed to be fine but I'm sure it wasn't! Whaddon were not big scorers but they had fun. My Dad loved cricket but was not a good sportsman himself although he would fill in as last man to make the team up! On the trip home we would often call in the local for a "lemonade and crisps" which was a real treat to us.

I also remember that Mum and Mrs Gwen Butler (plus many others in earlier times) would make cucumber and other sandwiches for the away team, also the tea urn was kept very busy. This was all done in what we called the Club Room next to the school – there's a house built there now.

That's how I remember cricket in Whaddon!

Eileen Izzard.

Any other memories of Whaddon are always welcome. Please contact Joan Pascoe  
C 208062 joanpascoe@aol.com

## WHADDON CRICKET CLUB

### FORTHCOMING CRICKET FIXTURES

Date	Venue	Team
1st September (2pm)	Home	Bridge Street v Church Street & Rest of the World (i.e. Wimpole, Meldreth, Bassingbourn)
7th September (2pm)	Home	Independent
15th September (1pm)	Home	Hare Street & Hormeads

### Apology!

One regretful omission from the previous Whaddon News regarding the cricket nets: additional thanks to Neil Smith for the very kind loan of his digger!

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