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Royston	03444 111444
Councillors:	
County: Susan van de Ven	07905 325574
District: Jose Hales	01763 221058
Phillipa Hart	01763 261255
Doctors:	
Orchard Surgery, Melbourn	01763 260220
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
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WHADDON NEWS ADVERTISING RATES

Half page advert for one issue £12.50

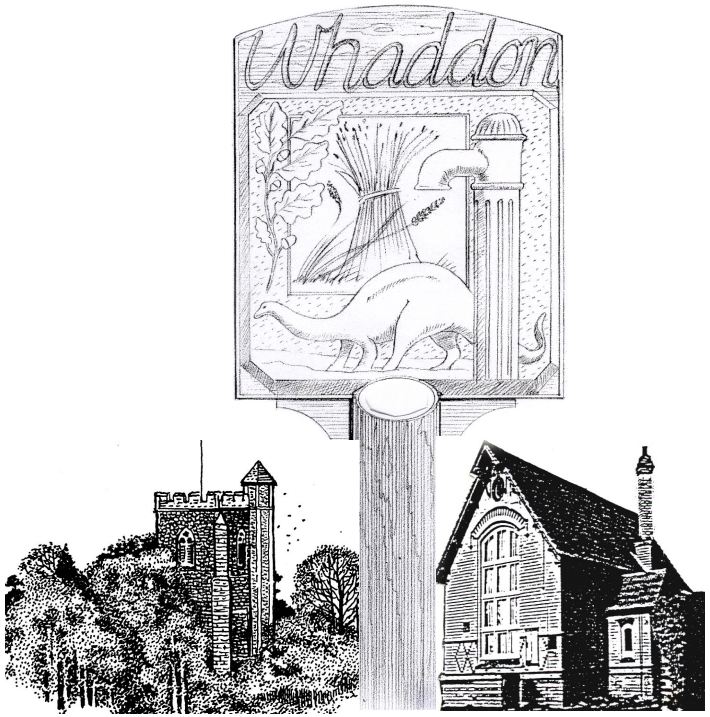
Half page advert for one year (4 issues) £40.00

Other options may be available on request.

Contact Angela Bridges, the Parish Clerk:
whaddonparishcclerk@outlook.com

WHADDON NEWS

June 2018



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd June	Cricket	18th July	Gardening Club
11th June	Parish Council	22nd July	Cricket (TBC)
13th June	Coffee Morning	25th July	Coffee Morning
17th June	Cricket	8th Aug	Coffee Morning
20th June	Gardening Club	19th Aug	Cricket (TBC)
27th June	Coffee Morning	22nd Aug	Coffee Morning
1st July	Cricket	2nd Sept	Cricket
7th July	Party in the Barn	9th Sept	Cricket
8th July	Cricket	10th Sept	Parish Council
9th July	Parish Council	12th Sept	Coffee Morning
11th July	Coffee Morning		Gardening Club
14th July	Church Fete		

NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the next newsletter is ***August 13th***

Future deadline:-
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

Wed 6 June	Black	Wed 25 July	Blue/Green
Wed 13 June	Blue/Green	Wed 1 Aug	Black
Wed 20 June	Black	Wed 8 Aug	Blue/Green
Wed 27 June	Blue/Green	Wed 15 Aug	Black
Wed 4 July	Black	Wed 22 Aug	Blue/Green
Wed 11 July	Blue/Green	Thurs 30 Aug	Black
Wed 18 July	Black	Wed 5 Sept	Blue/Green

Mobile Library

Every 3rd Tuesday
10.00 - 10.30
Meldreth Road

Tues 19 June
Tues 17 July
Tues 21 August

LIST OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mr Lee Ginger	Chair	07850 252015	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		
Position Vacant	Councillor		
Mrs Angela Bridges	Clerk/ Finance Officer	—	31 Bridge Street, whaddonparishcclerk@outlook.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM

Malan Peyton	Whaddon Village Coordinator	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	C 207358
Coordinators:			
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
Maria Mould	Lower Bridge Street/Ridgeway Close	39 Bridge Street	C 207231
Helen Smith	Upper Bridge Street	9 Bridge Street	C 207631
Malan Peyton	Dyers Green	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	C 207358
Local Enforcement:			
Paul Rogerson		South Area Inspector	
Rachel Carr		Community Safety Officer	
Neighbourhood Policing Team (Cambourne): 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 will be holding two drop-in advice surgeries a month for anyone who has a question or concern.

1st Monday of the month The Hub, Melbourn, 3-4p.m.
3rd Monday of the month The Limes, Bassingbourn, 3-4p.m.

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 Thursdays (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.

Home Start
Support and Friendship for Families

ROYSTON & SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Friday 22nd June

Meldreth Village Hall

7.00 for 7.15pm

Tickets: £12.00

Ploughman's Supper included
Licensed Bar

LITERARY LUNCH

Tuesday 3rd July

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 Kate Swindlehurst
Author of **Parkinson's and the Tango Effect: My Year on the Dance Floor**

For enquiries or to book please ring 01763 262262, email admin@hsrsc.org.uk or buy on line at: www.ticketssource.co.uk/hsrsc

All proceeds in aid of **Home-Start Royston & South Cambridgeshire**

Saturday 7 July 2018

☆ Party in the Barn ☆

☆ Leyhill Farm Whaddon ☆

Dancing from 8 pm until Midnight with guest DJ Steve Cross from London's Reflex Club

Bar - Champagne Bar - BBQ

Tickets on sale now!
Call Bob on 07788 950632
or visit Whaddon Golf Centre

Tickets are £10 per person.
(Over 18's only)

PROCEEDS FOR VILLAGE CAUSES

&

Arthur Rank Hospice Charity

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leuka leading leukaemia research

Having taken a rest for a few years, the Whaddon 'Party In The Barn' is making a comeback this year.

For those that don't know (or remember), the party was originally set up by parents in the village to help raise money to pay for all the play equipment which was installed at the recreation ground.

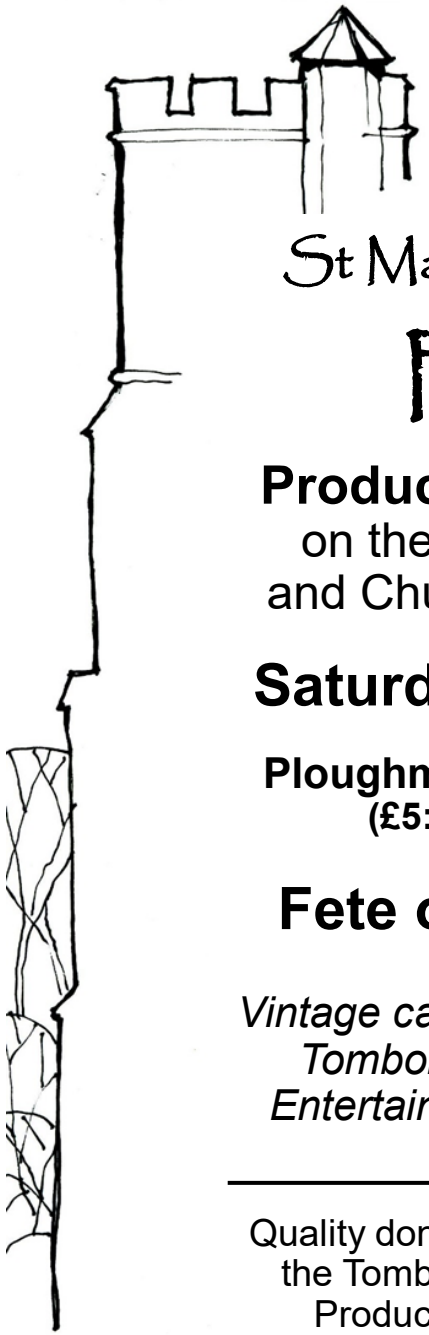
With the play equipment proving very popular and needing constant maintenance, it was felt that a further burst of fund raising was needed, and to be honest it is also just a good excuse to throw a massive party.

It was suggested that it would be right that the event should try to support other village groups, and so the village hall (maintenance fund) and the cricket team (junior equipment) are to receive a share of the profits. Three charities have also been nominated to receive donations, each one has a connection with local villagers that have received support and advice from the organisations in recent times.

The event is run entirely by village volunteers and farmer Roger Huffer generously provides the use of his barn and farmyard. Please help support the event by sharing news of the party, encouraging people to buy tickets, and if you have time to spare on the night to help out for an hour or so please get in touch.

Let's party!

Mark Newberry



St Mary's Parish Church

FETE

Produce Show & Auction

on the Recreation Ground
and Churchyard, WHADDON

Saturday 14th July 2018

Ploughman's lunch at 12:30pm
(£5:00 & £2:50 children)

Fete opens at 2:00pm

Vintage cars, Stalls, Games, Raffles, Tombola and FREE Children's Entertainment and Face-painting, plus Dog Show

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Quality donations gratefully received for the Tombola, White Elephant, Plant, Produce, Cake and Book Stalls.

Local Councils for a small charge, as otherwise the cost of engaging someone to take on this role would be prohibitive. This issue is still awaiting resolution.

Lastly, although the regulations come in on the 25th, the Information Commissioners Office has said that they do not expect immediate full compliance, but so long as bodies like councils have a positive attitude to the legislation and can show that they are taking steps in the right direction, the ICO will be "*pragmatic, fair and proportionate*". No doubt many aspects of the law will also be tested through the courts.

Nigel Strudwick
May 2018

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(Ask us to order)

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 surgery:

Saturday 9th June 2018 - Drop-in - No appointment needed
11.30am - 1.30pm
The Plough Public House
St Peters Street
Duxford
CB22 4RP

New Data Protection Legislation

Like me, you have probably been receiving a series of letters or emails from organisations with which you have dealings about the new General Data Protection Regulations or GDPR. These are intended to protect further your privacy in relation to any organisation who holds personal data.

These new regulations take effect on 25 May, which explains the flurry of communication. They are designed to make the dealings you have with people more "transparent", and one of the larger intentions is to get away from the assumed "opt-in" practised by so many commercial companies and mailing lists. There is still a great deal of uncertainty about precisely what is required of small bodies, as everyone has only really woken up to this legislation this year. A very simple guide of your rights under GDPR can be found here, from *Which?*:

https://www.which.co.uk/consumer-rights/regulation/general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr

I thought I ought to summarise how these new regulations are likely to effect Whaddon. The only places here where personal data is held is the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trust, PLUS the email list.

The PC has been attending meetings to find out about how it affects it, and it is still awaiting a check-list of advice from the National Association of Local Councils. As Whaddon PC is very small and does not run cemeteries or allotments and the like, the amount of data held on others is small to non-existent, but you will still have the right to know what data is held on you and how it is used, and similarly ask to have it destroyed.

The Village Hall only really has any data on those who hire the premises, and hirers have the same right to know what it has.

The most data is held for the email list, which I run, which currently has about 170 entries: for many people, the only data there is your name(s) and your email address(es), but some people have also given their address and phone numbers. I will be emailing everyone to remind them that they are on the list, and anyone is welcome to check with me what data on them is held. It is NOT necessary to give your express consent for me to retain this data, but you can remove anything you do not wish to be there at any time by writing to me.

Everybody holding data is supposed to engage an independent Data Controller to oversee how data is handled. The PC is hoping that this service will be offered to councils by someone such as the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of

FETE DONATIONS

We will not be collecting around the village this year, and are asking villagers to bring tombola prizes, raffle prizes, produce, books and bric-a-brac to the church and leave it in the porch, or you could leave it at Spring Cottage Bridge Street or 17 Church Street, and we will see how this works this year. If you do need anything collecting please either ring Karen Coningsby on 207514 or David Grech on 208938 and we will be happy to arrange a time to call and collect from you.

BRITISH RED CROSS

Thank you to everyone in Whaddon for generously contributing to Red Cross Week 2018. The total collected was £224.89

Many thanks

Iris Green

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

A big thank you to all who came and supported the Quiz night at the Village Hall in March. We made a profit of £501.

Well done everyone.

Whaddon Mainly Gardening Club

The Mainly Gardening Club monthly programme continues apace. Since the last Whaddon News in March we have listened to amusing advice for reluctant gardeners by the author Brian Carline in his talk: Soil, Sweat and Tears. In April Andrew Sankey, a landscaper, garden designer and nurseryman spoke on: Making a Garden from Scratch, in which he outlined his work in developing a newly acquired and large garden in Lincolnshire. As this piece is being written we are expecting on **16th May** Tony Webb, a Master Carver formerly of St Paul's Cathedral, to speak. Tony is considered to be one of the world's finest carvers in wood and stone and is noted for restoring Grinling Gibbons works. We expect a really good evening.

In June, our gathering on **Wednesday the 20th** sees us at Gransden Lodge Airfield for a visit to the Cambridge Gliding Club arranged by Stephen Gibson. We plan to meet there at 6.00pm and hope those coming will bring a picnic. This is not just a sightseeing trip as Stephen has arranged for those who might like to experience gliding in the flesh the opportunity to take a short flight at a cost of £18 for the first launch and £12 for the second. All further proof that we are the "***Mainly*** Gardening Club" with interests well beyond the garden. Finally, on **18 July**, thanks to Michael Peyton, we leave the comfort and security of Whaddon for an afternoon trip to Cambridge and Clare College Fellows' Garden. Detailed arrangements will be announced closer to the time.

From the above, you will see that the Club is very active with an interesting and varied programme. 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. You would be most welcome. MM

MAINLY GARDENING CLUB PROGRAMME FOR 2018
(Normally third Wednesday of each month in the village hall)

Date	Subject	Speaker
20 June	**Visit to Cambridge Gliding Club**	Arranged by Stephen Gibson
18 July	**Visit to Fellows' Garden, Clare College**	Arranged by Mike Peyton
16 August	**Summer Break**	
12 September	**The Wonderful World of Willow**	Sandra Barker
17 October	**Working in Leather/Making Soap**	Malan Peyton
21 November	**Wildlife Photography**	Richard Revels
19 December	**Christmas Party**	

SUMMARY OF RECENT BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Come and play!
A new interactive resource for young people.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) has launched a new interactive online learning site to promote fire and road safety to young people across the county.

Developed by Matmi, Sparkton is an online town that children can explore, play games and learn safety tips. From quizzes to spot the hazards, to testing road safety knowledge, there's lots to see and do.

The new initiative has been developed through a collaboration with a number of other fire services in England and Wales, including Cheshire, Leicestershire and Nottingham, where it has already proved popular.

The educational game is targeted at children aged seven to 11 in Key Stage Two and can be accessed from home or at school, across all different devices and platforms. It has been designed to help the next generation learn about fire and road safety in safe environment.

"Sparkton is a fun resource that will educate young people on the importance of fire and road safety and how to keep themselves safe now and in the future. It's also a great way for them to learn more about the fire service, and what we do in the community.

"By working with Matmi and in collaboration with a number of other fire services, Sparkton provided excellent value for money and has the potential to develop and make new content."

You can start playing on Sparkton at:
http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/games/sparkton/

FREE Business Seminars

Do you own or run a business locally? Attend one of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service's FREE business seminars and let us help you to 'keep your business in business'.

On average there are 165 fires in business premises each year and many of those businesses don't go on to trade again.

Attend a FREE Business Seminar with Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service and get the support you need to keep your business safe from fire. Seminars run across the county in various locations and can additionally be arranged ad-hoc to requirements wherever possible.

Contact us today – For more information on upcoming seminars or to book a place contact us on: 01480 444 500 or book online at www.cambsfire.gov.uk under Business Fire Safety.

Whaddon Parish Council News – *some of the issues discussed at our meetings in March, April and May*

Replacement Village sign
Hopefully the new sign should be put up over the next month or so. We have a company to make the sign but need to remove the old post, install a new one and tidy the seat around the bottom of the post.

Mobile Vehicle Activated System (MVAS)
This has been delivered and should be tested by the Speed Watch team over the next few weeks.

Village Litterpick
Thanks to a dozen or so villagers who spent Saturday morning 21st April picking up the litter between the village boundary and Whaddon Gap, it looked splendid…for a few days. It wasn't long though before the usual amount of mainly McDonalds' bags, cups, boxes and other detritus reappeared. It's all very depressing!

Highways matters
The Chair has held meetings with County Councillor Susan van de Ven and Highways over the state of our roads and the safety issues at Whaddon Gap. White lines are to be repainted at key points in the village together with more 'SLOW' markings. Pot holes are being filled but it is so important that we report them 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 are asking about what affordable options can be employed to improve safety at the junction.

PC Annual General Meeting
This was held as part of the May meeting. Lee Ginger was re-elected Chair for the year and Nigel Strudwick elected Vice Chair. Kate French and Amy Walker have both stood down at the recent election and we wish them well and thank them warmly for their work as Parish Councillors. As a result, we have two vacancies for the PC and would warmly welcome any interest from villagers – please see the separate article in this newsletter. The Planning Committee is now Chaired by Dr Tony Milton, assisted by Will Elbourn and Randall Scott and Nigel continues as one of the two PC representatives on the Village Hall Trust.
Because of the recent District Council electoral boundary changes, we also welcomed our two new District Councillors to the meeting, Phillipa Hart and Jose Hales. The PC thanks our previous two District Councillors, Nigel Cathcart and David McCraith for their work over many years representing Whaddon.

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 11th June 2018 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Councillor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for Parish Councillors. Your time will be well spent and there are no real barriers to becoming a councillor. The Parish Council meets 10 times a year, usually on the second Monday of the month and meetings are open to the public, normally lasting about two hours.

A parish council is the closest level of local government to the community. It is a local authority in its own right and makes decisions on behalf of the residents in its "parish" and has a District and County Council authority hierarchy that sits above it. Parish councillors represent the views and concerns of residents to the Parish Council, District Council and County Council and report back to residents on issues affecting their parish. Becoming a parish councillor can be a rewarding experience and is often viewed by those that get involved as a way of giving something back to their community.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a parish councillor and would like to find out more please contact Lee Ginger, the Chair of the Council, for an informal chat. Alternatively email whaddonparishcclerk@outlook.com for more information.

Closing date for expressions of interest: **Friday 8th June 2018**

Lee Ginger
Chair, Whaddon Parish Council
Tel: 01763 262430

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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 but the Trustees recently changed the aims to be more in line with the 21st century!
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.

PC Repairs

Advice & Installation of Home Networks

Help with Selecting a Computer

Fault Finding

Brian Girling 01223 208529 (Wimpole)

E-mail bg@moncraft.co.uk

We can also provide the following services:
Design of brochures, posters, business cards etc.
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Small print runs on A6 to A3 media

The (train) times they are a changing

With the new Thameslink service from 20th May, we have had the biggest change to our local train service since the railway was electrified. The new service will be gradually phased in over the next 18 months or so and to start with there will be a half hourly service all day from Meldreth to King's Cross and to Cambridge, with direct trains every hour from Royston, through Central London to Gatwick Airport and Brighton.

In the future, Meldreth trains will also run through to South London and beyond and the Gatwick and Brighton service from Royston will be doubled to run every half hour. Fast peak hour and evening trains continue to run between London and Royston and most trains are now formed of eight or twelve carriages, so many more seats are available.

Check out the new times and connections at www.railplan2020.com/timetables or call in at Meldreth or Royston stations.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm	Table Tennis	
Wednesday	10.30 - 12.00	Coffee morning (2nd & 4th Wed)	
	7.30 - 9.30pm	Garden club (3rd Wed each month)	
Thursday	6.30 - 7.30pm	Pilates	
	7.30 - 8.30pm	Pilates	
Friday	6.30 - 8.00pm	Dog training	6 week blocks
Saturday	8.30 - 11.00am	Dog training	
Sunday	8.30 - 11.00am	Dog training	

WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

(whaddonnhw@gmail.com)

After a very quiet end of winter and into spring Whaddon has remained crime free. We had one incident of minor vandalism at the Village Hall to a security light, making it unusable, and also littering in and around the Village Hall. The hall being adjacent to the recreation ground and the play area will attract people to congregate there. Please can all of you keep an eye out for any anti-social behaviour of any type in the village.

With all the building work going on in the village there have been a lot of problems with inconsiderate parking. Some has caused particular concern to various residents, especially on Church Street and also on the sharp bend at the top of Bridge Street. If you believe the parking is dangerous you can call 101 and report it or you can report it online http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking

Should you be the victim of crime there are various ways of contacting our local Police force either by ringing 999 if the incident is live or if it has happened by ringing 101 or now by reporting it online.
You can also contact your local team, which is based in Cambourne, by either dropping into the station (hours on the police website) or via email cambourne.npt@cambs.pnn.police.uk

We would like to welcome a new co-ordinator to the team, Helen Smith, who will assist Maria Mould in Bridge Street now that Mike Monks has left to live locally. Helen can be contacted on C 207631

Our Police Force has recently completed a local review and a complete restructuring has been undertaken. No police stations have been closed and our PCSOs remain in place. We are assured there are to be more 999 responders on duty at any one time which, if it is the case, all to the good as sometimes there were only 2 officers to cover 54 villages!

The officers are to be split into differing roles.
Community Action Teams - tackling local issues
Geographic Teams - tackling the 'causal factors' of crime including drug and alcohol abuse, forms of exploitation and dysfunctional families

So our local force is now:-
South Area Inspector Paul Rogerson and below him from our Cambourne station
Sgt John Capes, Sgt Emma Wilson, Constable Alex Rendell
PCSOs - John Coppard, Lindsay Gardiner, Alex Giltinane,James Lynch
We also have a Community Safety Officer - Rachel Carr

No doubt this will be subject to change.

Remember, Whaddon has, over the years, had a very low crime rate. We are a close and friendly community. Have a look on our village website whaddon.org for information about NHW and events and clubs in the village.

Malan Peyton
NHW co-ordinator

WHADDON CRICKET CLUB

DATE	MATCH	VENUE	RESULT
22nd Apr	v Sandon	Home	lost by 1 wicket
6th May	v Hare St	Home	lost by 14 runs
3rd Jun	v Johnson Matthey	Home	TBC
17th Jun	v Bassingbourn	Home	TBC
1st Jul	v Huffer XI	Home	TBC
8th Jul	v Sandon	Away	TBC
22nd Jul	TBC	Home	TBC
19th Aug	TBC	Home	TBC
2nd Sep	BRIDGE ST v CHURCH ST	Home	TBC
9th Sep	v Hare St	Away	TBC

Whaddon CC have had a good start to the season. Two really fun, close games that everyone has thoroughly enjoyed. We have narrowly lost them both, but with WCC its certainly not all about the results. It's about coming together and having great fun with a great bunch of people, and a few drinks afterwards on those long summer nights at the Golf Centre, this year's generous club sponsor. It's a great way to get to know people in the village, and we are always ACTIVELY looking for new players to come down and play with us. If you are a seasoned pro, someone who used to play, or someone who has never played but fancies giving it a go, we would love to see you! Boys or girls, young or old, there's no bar to entry!

Right through the summer months we will be doing some very fun and informal nets on the Rec every SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 2pm followed by a few drinks at around 4pm at the GC. Please just come on down and have a go.

We also have the annual village grudge match Bridge St. V Church St. on 4th September. A brilliant day of local rivalry that we would love to get many more villagers along to. Watch this space for more info on this day as we have some plans for a few other events around the cricket match itself.

So please drop me a line, or simply come along and support us (all of our match dates are above), play for us or have a drink with us.

You won't regret it!

Bob Strawbridge
07788950632
bobstrawbridge@hotmail.com
37 Bridge Street

TIMES PAST

Number 2

ST MARY'S CHURCH – THE ORGAN

The history of this organ was initially researched by the Rev. F C Clare, vicar of Whaddon 1943 – 1952 and he left the following in his notes:-

The organ was built by John Snetzler in or about 1740. His first organ built in England was that made for the celebrated composer George Frederick Handel and was used at the first performance of The Messiah in 1742.

Our organ, which has the old raised keys made in strips ivory and ebony, was built as a chamber organ (that is for a private home) without swell or pedal clavier and in its original condition was bought through a music dealer in 1857 by Mr John Beaumont of Town Farm, Whaddon. Mr Beaumont had the instrument rebuilt and enlarged by J W Walker and gave it to Whaddon Church.

There is a strong local tradition that at one time the organ was in the Parish church, now a cathedral, at Manchester. The fine carved angel blowing a gilded trumpet certainly suggests a former position in a great church.

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Following up the researches of the Rev Clare we have found that during the restoration of Whaddon Church in the late 1860s the organ was removed and placed in the Royston Institute. This removal was undertaken by the organ makers J W Walker & Sons Ltd. who charged the sum of £5 4s for:-

"Organ carefully taken down in church, conveyed to the Royston Institute and there refixed, regulating and tuning the same"

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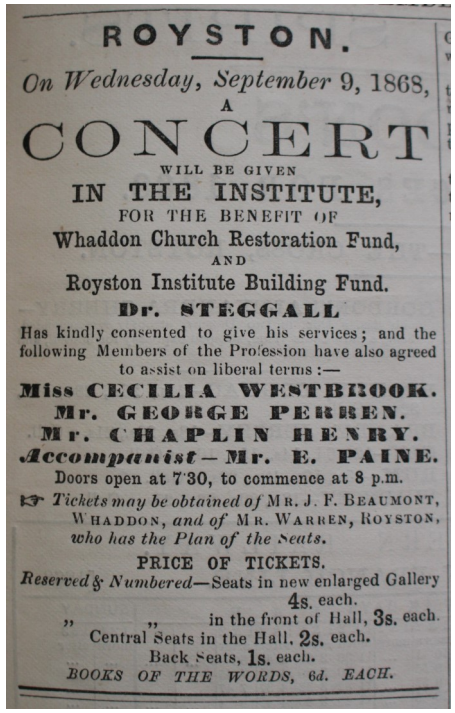

ROYSTON.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1868,

A

CONCERT

WILL BE GIVEN

IN THE INSTITUTE,

FOR THE BENEFIT OF

Whaddon Church Restoration Fund,

AND

Royston Institute Building Fund.

Dr. STEGGALL

Has kindly consented to give his services; and the following Members of the Profession have also agreed to assist on liberal terms :—

Miss CECILIA WESTBROOK.

Mr. GEORGE PERREN.

Mr. CHAPLIN HENRY.

Accompanist—Mr. E. PAINE.

Doors open at 7·30, to commence at 8 p.m.

☞ *Tickets may be obtained of* Mr. J. F. Beaumont, Whaddon, *and of* Mr. Warren, Royston, *who has the Plan of the Seats.*

PRICE OF TICKETS.

Reserved & Numbered—Seats in new enlarged Gallery 4s. each.

" " in the front of Hall, 3s. each.

Central Seats in the Hall, 2s. each.

Back Seats, 1s. each.

BOOKS OF THE WORDS, 6d. EACH.

Picture courtesy of Royston Museum

An article in the Royston Crow for September 1868 promoted a concert and explained the cooperation between Whaddon and the Royston Institute. It stated:

It is deemed advisable to explain how it is that Whaddon and Royston are united in an attempt to raise funds for their mutual benefit.. (Vide advertisement)
When Mr Beaumont proposed to place his Organ in the Institute during the restoration of Whaddon Church, it was felt that it would occasionally be a source of great musical enjoyment. The Committee of the Institute also felt that, with the Organ in their Hall, their income would suffer through them not being able to let the Hall for certain Entertainments requiring a large platform space. Both parties, therefore, appearing to have an equal claim, it was agreed that, whenever the Organ was used for any Concert or Entertainment, the profit arising from the sale of tickets should be equally proportioned between Whaddon and Royston.

The article also included a further item on Whaddon Church:

WHADDON CHURCH. – The Chancel will be restored at the expense of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. The important work of restoring the Nave and Aisles is now in progress, and it is hoped that sufficient funds will be raised ere long to complete the restoration. The Tower must be left for future effort.

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Before the advent of electricity a boy from the village was employed to pump the bellows. The organ was played by visiting organists as well as local ones and the amount of wind required was adjusted to each player's requirements.

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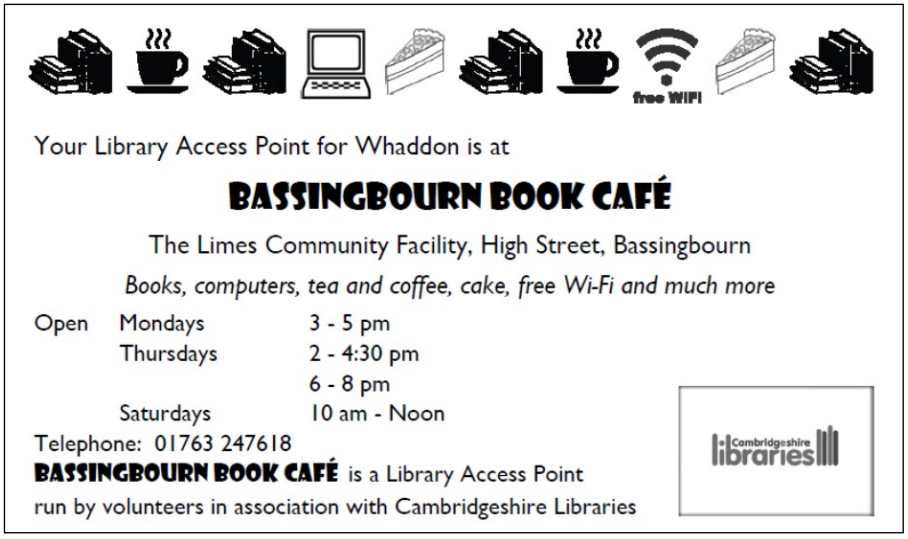
Recently (in 2001) the organ has been visited by a party of enthusiasts from the Netherlands and has been played by a Professor on holiday from South Africa.

S & J Ralls 2002