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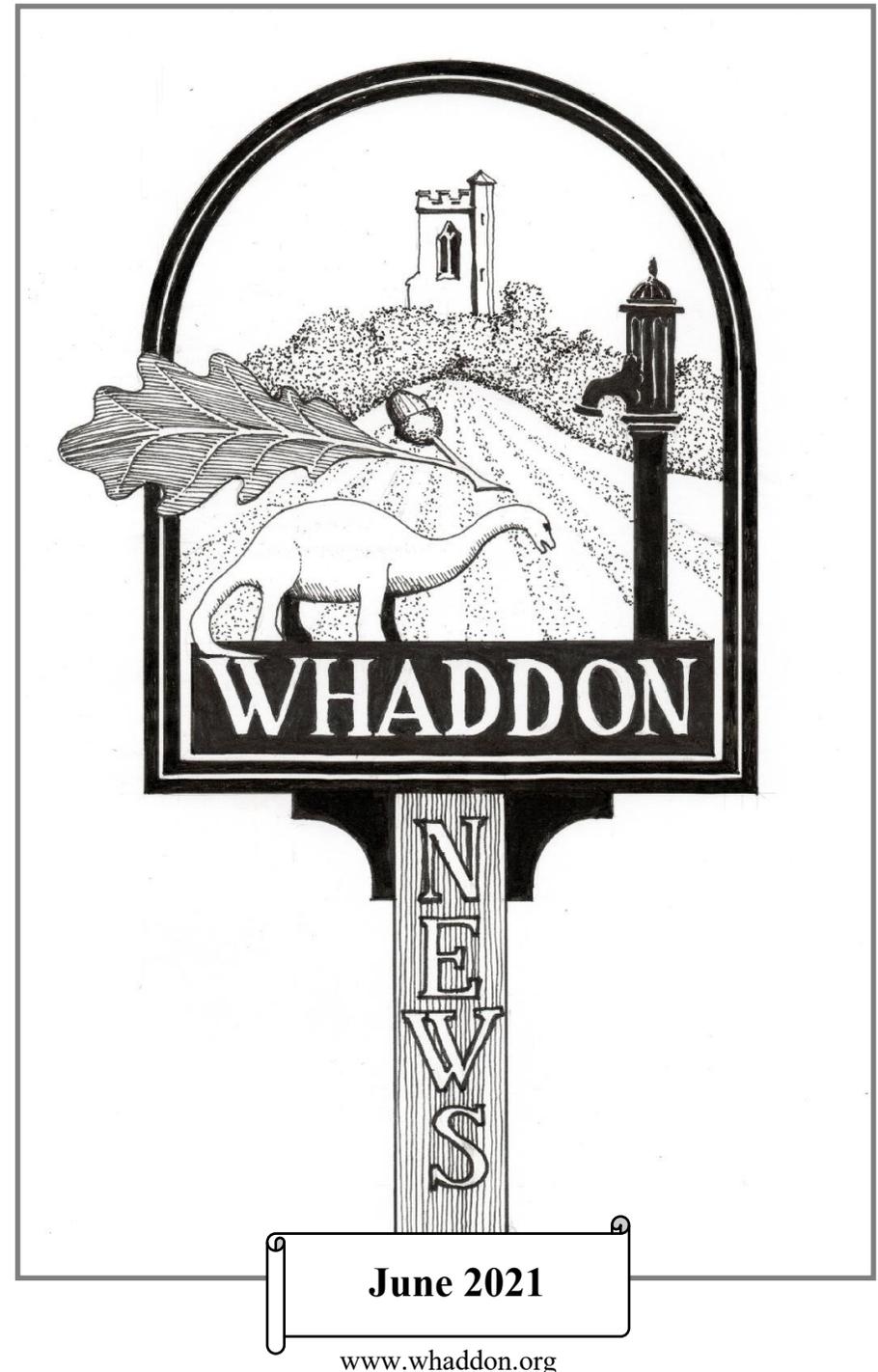
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NEWSLETTER

*The deadline for the next newsletter is **August 15th**.*

Once again items of village interest are always welcome.

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**RECENT BULLETIN FROM
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We want everyone to enjoy the sunny weather safely this summer. High temperatures and dry areas of land can be perfect conditions for a fire to spread.

Something as simple as not stubbing a cigarette out properly, or using a disposable barbecue on grass, can start a fire that can get out of control quickly.

There are some simple steps we urge residents to take to help prevent an outdoor fire:

1. Use barbecues on a hard, flat surface, away from grass, shrubs or fencing.
2. Put disposable barbecues on bricks, do not place directly on grass.
3. Ensure cigarettes are completely out
4. Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows onto grass verges or vegetation
5. Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground, the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire

Talk to your children about the dangers of starting a fire.

Whaddon Walking Market
Saturday 5th June 10am – 2pm



Eat, drink, shop and explore

We have food and drinks, cakes, plants, jewellery, bric-a-brac, pre-loved items, craft plus much more.

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WHADDON VILLAGE HALL and RECREATION GROUND TRUST

Well, finally the news we've been so eager to share.....the Village Hall is open. Following the Governments lifting of lockdown restrictions, the hall re-opened on 12 April, but was very much restricted in the activities that could take place. May 17, brought about Step 3 and saw us able to welcome all our regular hirers back to the hall.

We will of course continue to follow Government advice re the use of face coverings and social distancing (from group to group) inside the hall. However, individual groups of 6/2households, can now make a personal decision on social distancing whilst using the hall. Despite the few remaining restrictions, we are really delighted to see activities resuming and are keeping our fingers crossed for June 21st for all restrictions to be lifted. What a year it has been!

In celebration of lockdown ending, the Trust together with the Parish Council are intending to hold a village celebratory event on 7 August 2021. This will take the form of a disco on the recreation ground. We want to encourage everyone to attend therefore having it on the rec, rather than inside the hall, will enable those that would still like to maintain some distance from others, to do so. We are hoping

for this to begin early afternoon, with a view to encouraging all our younger families to come along too. Full details will be released soon

The Trust will also be delivering a questionnaire shortly, asking for your views on installing fencing around the playground. So please keep your eyes open for that. We would be really grateful if you could complete and return it, as per instructions.

Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust (WVHRGT) is a Registered Charity and is therefore organised by a management committee. The Committee is made up of a variety of individuals who live within Whaddon, associated with the Parish Council or represent a group using the hall. By the time Whaddon News goes to print, the Trust will have held its Annual AGM bringing with it, some vacancies for new Trustees. You are more than welcome to contact any of the Trustees, a list is available at www.whaddon.org, to chat through our role etc. We meet once every two months and are a friendly bunch who have the best interests of the village and its activities, in our heart. So, if you would like to join us please get in touch.

See you all soon.
Anita Birch

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.



Wanted: your views on health and care

What do you think about the health and care services you use? Good or bad, your views are wanted by Healthwatch.

Healthwatch is the independent champion for health and care in Cambridgeshire and it listens to local people and shares their experiences to help improve NHS and care services.

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- Hospital waiting lists - we know many people are waiting for treatment and procedures. Tell us what would help you while you wait.
- Home care services
- Care homes
- Using the NHS 111 First service

Get in touch

Give your feedback at <https://www.healthcambridgeshire.co.uk/share-your-views>

Not online? You can also call 0330 355 1285 or text: 0752 0635 176.

SUSAN VAN de VEN Cambridgeshire County Councillor

All drop-in advice surgeries are currently suspended.

Zoom Cuppa Surgeries: Wednesdays 5-6PM

If you'd like to meet with your councillors by Zoom, to bring any concerns or ask any questions, we're running a weekly Zoom Cuppa Surgery: Wednesdays 5-6 PM. Please contact Melbourn Parish Councillor Sally Ann Hart for a link to our next Wednesday Zoom: Sallyannhart@riskingonpurpose.com.

Alternatively, if there are issues people would like to discuss 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

Meldreth Marathon



Have you ever watched the London Marathon, the Olympic Games or any other endurance race and thought “Gosh, I’d like to do that!” No? Me neither. But if you would consider taking part in a **team-effort marathon**, maybe we can help!

Home-Start is proud to launch a new, virtual fun run, the Meldreth Marathon, which will be taking place throughout July this year. The main course of the run is based around the village of Meldreth (approximately 1.6 miles long) but participants are invited to select their own route. Suggested routes might include school playing fields, local footpaths or recreation grounds. Anywhere, in fact, where you can run safely! If you’re not sure where to find a good route, we might even be able to point you in the right direction.

All you need is a route-tracker, such as

Strava, Adidas Running, FitBit, RunKeeper or any other tracking system to track your distance, and some sponsorship from friends and family.

Teams can sign up to run collaboratively: maybe you could manage 5 miles, along with four other friends. With a little extra running, between you: you’ve got a marathon! And if 26.2 miles seems a little too much, then you can choose to run a half-marathon instead.

If you’d be interested in taking part in our virtual fun run, whether you’re a running enthusiast, a community group, a school teacher or just fancy taking on a challenge for charity, please get in touch with us:

www.hsrsc.org.uk 01763 262262
admin@hsrsc.org.uk

We’re looking forward to hearing from you!

Dance your way to freedom

The Parish Council and Village Hall Committee cordially invite you to a party on the village green,
on Saturday 7 August 2021
from 6pm till late
to celebrate the lifting of lockdown.
Bring your own food, drink, seating and dancing shoes,
and we will bring the disco.
We look forward to seeing you there.

WHADDON GOLF CENTRE

We are pleased to be open!

The Golf Centre is open for Golf on our par 3 approach course. Currently you need to book and to have your own equipment. The Golf range is open, 45 balls for £3. Sanitised balls and baskets of course.

We are pleased to have our covered seating and beer garden open too. We have a range of coffee, tea, beer, wine and ice creams. We are currently supporting another local business by serving Buntingford Brewery’s Hurricane bitter on draft and 92 Squadron in bottles.

We will be continuing to serve through the window behind the safety screen for the time being.

We are of course looking forward to being fully open in June subject to the Covid 19 restrictions coming to an end.

To all who are new to the village we welcome you to come and see us. It might be for golf or just pop in for a drink. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

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Whaddon Wednesdays

The months since the last Whaddon News have, thankfully, seen all those dreadful Covid statistics slowly improve and with continued care we are able to commence some of the village's activities once more. One such activity is Whaddon Wednesdays which we hope to get going again but to do so we need a couple of volunteers from the village who are willing to join the committee and help out. The current committee goes back to our origins as Whaddon Mostly Gardening Club. In fact, as background, we started up in 2014 by launching the club as follows:

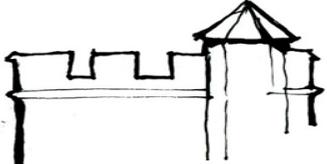
"The recent Village Plan revealed that a garden club would be popular in Whaddon. With this in mind a few people have got together to discuss what shape such a club might take and after some outline thoughts a good descriptive name came forward - so why "mostly gardening"? It was felt that a club meeting throughout the year which focussed solely on gardening would be too restrictive and that while this would be the core theme there should be room for a greater variety of activities. Early thoughts envisage visits to gardens in the region and specialist speakers but

also other interesting locations as well as speakers on a whole range of other topics."

In the following eight years we have successfully arranged a very wide variety of speakers and made some interesting local visits. All good news, but those eight years have also seen some members of the committee face health issues which means they must stand down. Also half the committee no longer resides in Whaddon, although they have stayed with the club after their move. For the future, it is our hope that we can continue to run Whaddon Wednesdays, which should be possible if a couple of villagers would like to become involved. This means identifying and arranging speakers, helping to arrange afternoon or evening visits to local attractions and encouraging villagers to come along to our monthly meetings in the village hall. Nothing too onerous nor difficult.

If you are interested please contact Jan Gibson on 07802 34668 or jmsy@hotmail.co.uk We hope to continue Whaddon Wednesdays after the pandemic but would value some help.

The WW Committee



ST MARY'S CHURCH WHADDON

Interregnum, Services and the Church Fete

In the last issue of the Whaddon News I wrote that we were hopeful that the Bishop's Council in the Diocese of Ely would, at their meeting in March, allow us to proceed and advertise for a new vicar for the parishes of Bassingbourn and Whaddon. That has now happened and the post is to be advertised in May, with a closing date for applications of the 5th of June. A shortlist will then be drawn up and it is hoped that interviews will take place late June/early July. With luck, we could have a new vicar in post by the autumn.

At the start of the last lockdown the PCC reluctantly took the decision to move our regular Sunday worship back on-line. Subsequently, the works to the roof, and the requirement to erect scaffolding within the nave, meant it was impossible to resume church-based services when the pandemic started to ease in the spring. However, the completion of the structural repairs and installation of the new terne-coated steel sheeting has allowed us to once again reopen the church for worship. Details of our services for each month are published on the church noticeboard and will be circulated via the village e-mail at the start of each month. From June the church will also again be open each Saturday between 11:00am and 4:00pm.

Finally, the PCC has pencilled in **Saturday 17th July** for the church fete, but we cannot make a final decision on this until after the Government's announcement on whether social distancing will end on 21st June. We are keen to hold the fete if at all possible, but putting it together in such a short time will be challenging and, if restrictions persist over the summer, then it may not be a practical proposition. As soon as a definitive decision is made, we will endeavour to let everyone know via e-mail, WhatsApp and the village notice boards.

David Grech,
Vice-chair of the PCC, St Mary's Whaddon

N. HERTS AND DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The Royston office is now open on Wednesdays 9.30 am to 12 noon.

To contact the local CAB please call 01462 689801 and leave a message or email northhertscab.org.uk

Alternatively contact the CAB national phone service: Tel 0800 144 8848.

Whaddon Parish Council Matters

A1198 speed limit and safety improvements

Great news! We have heard that our bid for safety improvements has been successful, subject to final ratification by County Council Highways Committee at the end of May. Whaddon came joint third in the bidding process, which was agreed to be an incredibly positive outcome for the village. The A1198 speed limit will be reduced from 50 to 40 mph and two central islands will protect the junctions at Whaddon Gap and the Barracks. Well done to Nigel Strudwick who made the presentation and grateful thanks to our County Councillor, Susan van de Ven for her support and guidance. Hopefully, detailed design work will begin very soon with implementation within a year. It is no exaggeration to say that this has been the most important issue for villagers for many years.

Covid-19

Having just passed the third stage of the road map out of the National Lockdown, we are all enjoying life slowly returning to more 'normal' but we must not be complacent if we are to remain on course for the final easing of restrictions in June. The Parish Council has carried on with its community support activity, sending out numerous communications by email, giving information and updates and generally supporting anyone who needs help in any way during the crisis. See the latest information elsewhere in the Whaddon News.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to our first Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall but we shall continue to stream our meetings by 'Zoom'. Although a limited number of people can join the meeting in the hall but the best advice is for folks to join by Zoom.

Grass cutting contract

Our new contractor began to cut the recreation ground grass from early April and very good it is looking too! We delayed the first cut of the verges because the cold and dry weather had rather kept the grass much shorter than usual but with the recent warmer and rainy weather, it has shot up in the past few weeks and should be cut by the time you read this article.

Village Hall car park railings

You cannot help but notice the splendid new railings installed at the car park at the Village Hall. The old railings were in a dreadful state and life expired and completely beyond repair. Many thanks to Nathan Morley of local Whaddon company, Morley Manufacturing for a super job.

Speculative proposals for a New Town in South West Cambridgeshire

There are no formal updates. Cllr Strudwick and the Chair continue to attend meetings held by the South West Cambridgeshire Action Group and we shall report any changes to villagers, should they happen but at present, the potential developer, Thakehams have made no application to the Planners at the District Council.

Parish Council meetings normally take place on the second Monday of each month but at the time of writing, the exact date of the next meeting has yet to be agreed.

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

Compiled by Lee Ginger

St Mary's Roof

A lot has happened on the church roof since the last issue of the Whaddon News. At that time we had just secured sufficient funding to allow the whole of the re-roofing to take place in two consecutive phases, and work on the north and south aisles then proceeded speedily and without any major unforeseen eventualities.

Unfortunately, when work commenced on the nave roof significant rot was found in the main roof structure and the re-roofing of the nave had to be delayed while we worked with our structural engineer to determine what remedial works were required, obtained permission to carry out those works, and secured the necessary additional funding to pay for the structural repairs. The community of Whaddon really came up trumps in providing this additional funding at very short notice, and the repairs were undertaken without further delay. These repairs were focused on five of the major members spanning the nave, all at their junctions with the ridge. Two of the repairs were quite extensive and required the original oak beams to be reinforced internally with stainless steel rods bedded in structural resin. The remaining repairs were to later Victorian roof timbers installed above the original medieval oak frame, and entailed cutting out and replacing the rotten sections.

Once these structural repairs were completed, the re-roofing works resumed and all the new terne-coated stainless steel sheeting was in place by the end of April. That left some finishing off works to the flashings to be completed in early May, and by the time this issue is printed the project should be complete and the scaffolding dismantled.

On behalf of the PCC at St Mary's, we would like to repeat our thanks to all those who have contributed to funding this project, including the community of Whaddon, Historic England, Amey Community Fund and Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. We would not have been able to complete this project without their help.

Karen Coningsby and David Grech
Churchwardens, St Mary's Whaddon.



St Mary's Whaddon. 23.06.2019



St Mary's Whaddon. 30.04.2021

Coronavirus Support

Covid-19 Rapid Testing

Residents in Whaddon are being urged to get twice-weekly rapid Covid tests.

The move is an important step forward to meet the aims of the national roadmap, allowing everyone to move safely out of lockdown.

Twice-weekly rapid testing is a vital tool in identifying cases of Covid-19 that would otherwise be missed. With 1 in 3 people with coronavirus showing no symptoms and potentially spreading it without knowing, rapid testing helps to identify positive cases quickly, preventing the spread of infection.

There are several ways you can access rapid testing. You can take a test at one of the rapid testing sites

locally. Your employer may be offering testing in the workplace. You can also collect tests to complete at home or order tests to be delivered to your home. Secondary school pupils are also being asked to take a twice-weekly test.

You can find out more about all of these options at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/rapidtesting

Dr Liz Robin, director of public health for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, said: "Getting into the habit of twice-weekly testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to keep each other safe. Alongside the ongoing vaccine rollout, it will help us to move forward with the roadmap out of lockdown

With the gradual easing of Lockdown and Coronavirus cases very low in our area, there is still be a need for us all to be careful and also to be aware if anyone needs help. If you need further help or advice, please contact the Parish Council (email coronavirus@whaddon.org or the Parish Clerk – whaddonparishclerk@outlook.com) or speak to one of the Parish Councillors listed below:

Bridge Street and Ridgeway Close

Anita Birch – 07748 908164 Email - anitabirch1@hotmail.co.uk

Deborah Townsend – 07388 033616 Email - debtownsend2007@btinternet.com

Church Street, Town Farm Close and St. Mary's Close

Joanne Hart – 01223 208009 Email - jev7459@btinternet.com

Nigel Strudwick – 01223 207434 Email - ncs3@cam.ac.uk

Meldreth Road

Will Elbourn – 01223 208955 Email – w.elbourn@btinternet.com

Tony Milton – 01223 207105 Email – asm27@cam.ac.uk

Cardiff Place, New Farm and Old North Road

Lee Ginger - 01763 262430 Email – lee.ginger@btinternet.com

run rate was fine, but soon we were struggling for wickets, at 94 for 8 after 22 overs, leaving us 13 overs to get 35 runs, but only a few wickets left. With due modesty, Your Beloved Captain sent himself in, ears full with pleas not to play the usual smash-everything-in-sight way, but to be "sensible". Henry and YBC tried hard to run each other out, until Henry got a vicious spinning googly (actually no idea what it was but it skittled the Field Marshal), leaving just HN Birch and YBC to get 28 runs. Never in the field of Whaddon cricketing conflict have so many dot balls and singles been achieved by two natural sloggers. No risks were taken, the ball kept down, every straight one blocked, every sniff of a bye taken. And with great and very surprised relief Whaddon got over

the line with 5 overs and 1 wicket to spare, with a very rare straight drive for 4.

Explosion of joy from the sideline, particularly Lionel who was moist-eyed as he rushed up to the batting pair. All adjourned to the Golf Centre for improbable tales of derring do and gentle ribbing of a fine opposition. Credit must go to Mark "Percy Thrower" Newberry for preparing a pitch that produced such a fine match, for Roger The Huff for confirming the match, though the BBC Weather app said that we were mad, and to Helen for such a fine scoring job; and to our supporters.

3 played, 2 won, one 1 tie. We happy few....

Peter Haselden



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DATE	MATCH	VENUE	RESULT
25 April	Steeple Morden	Away	Draw
9 May	Hare Street	Away	Win
16 May	Sandon	Home	Win
6 June	Bassingbourn	Home	---
13 June	Huffer XI	Home	---
4 July	Sandon	Away	---
11 July	Royston Dads	Home	---
18 July	Guilden Morden	Away	---
15 August	Train Boys	Home	---
5 September	Church St v Bridge St	Home	---
19 September	Hare Street	Home	---

Match Report 16 May 2021

After an unprecedented unbeaten start to the post-Covidian year, time for our habitual foes of Sandon. Last time out, we experienced an Englandesque collapse, and after a fine bowling effort, we batted like noobs. Time to set things aright.

A fine toss saw Whaddon fielding once more, and under greyish skies with ever-threatening rain, the 2021 opening bowling partnership of HN Birch and Your Beloved Captain (YBC) again produced the goods, restricting the oppo to 18 runs off 8 overs for 3 wickets, aided by some rare catching from Jason and Ollie. This pressure started to lead to rash some shots, and they paid dearly when Jason “I like to bowl second to get more wickets” and Michael B continued the pressure on run-rate and wickets, and at the halfway mark Sandon were at only 48 for 5. But then the batting got tasty, and Graham K’s first over was painful for

the upper end of Church St tarmac. Then St George of Pinner came on, with his new spin action, assisted by Graham, and the wickets flowed once more. Ollie, Henry and Looky kept it tight until the end, and Sandon just managed to complete their 35 overs, making 129 for 9. Whaddon engaged in much self-congratulatory back-slapping, musing on how one week a bowler is excellent, the next it all falls apart. And vice versa. Cricket’s a funny old game.

After a delightful tea of mainly ice cream, courtesy of Mr Whippy and his flakes, Whaddon strode out confidently to bat. It was soon clear that it was no easy track, the ball keeping low, and the loopy bowling proving very difficult to get off the square. The openers RVP and Frank fell cheaply, as did George, but Michael B (as ever) and Mark B (as never) soon started to get their eye, particularly Mark with some blistering exocets that threatened those on the climbing frames. The

The Whaddon village email list in 2021

The Whaddon email list is far and away the most efficient method for village organisations or individuals to send information electronically to those who live in Whaddon. For example:

- The Parish Council sends round not just information relating to council meetings, but also very timely public service announcements—this has been very true over the last year with the need to keep you informed about extra local services being made available because of the Coronavirus, and the recent increase in all sorts of scams;
- The Village Hall Trust has this year used the list to keep parishioners informed of the hall’s closing and re-openings, again connected with the virus;
- The Churchwardens send round news and information about St Mary’s, including changes to church services at this very difficult and complicated time; this year it has also included a lot of updates about the church roof;
- And lastly, we have heard about villagers announcing items for collection, Teddy bear hunts, Halloween pumpkin competitions, various jigsaws, or asking for recommendations, and also messages about lost and found pets.

Emails from the Whaddon email list now come from emallist@whaddon.org. As the one who runs the list, I respect everyone’s privacy, and individuals are only on the list because they have given me their explicit permission to be contacted for the purposes of village-wide emails ONLY. Remember, you only have to drop me an email to be removed and I will do it immediately.

There are always new people moving to the village, and there are others who are not on the list but have been in the village and online for years. It is probably the most immediate way of finding out what is going on in Whaddon. All you have to do is send an email to emallist@whaddon.org asking to be added to the list, and I will gladly do so. There are usually no more than three to five messages in an average week, and I promise not to clog your inboxes with messages!

Don’t forget that we also have the web site (<http://www.whaddon.org/>) and Facebook (WhaddonCambs)

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TIMES PAST

Whaddon Village School (2)

There have been schools of sorts in Whaddon since the 17th century, and in 1610 it is recorded that the vicar of Whaddon had a licence to teach in the village. In the 19th century the Hardwicks of Wimpole Hall owned much of Whaddon and showed an interest in the education of children in the village. By 1818, 12 girls were taught reading, sewing and knitting at Lady Hardwicke's expense, and in 1833 Lord Hardwicke supported a day school attended by 11 boys and 24 girls paying school pence. This closed after his



death, but by 1846 Whaddon had a dame school, probably in the thatched cottage now known as 'The School House'. This was enlarged in 1869, and in 1873, 23 boys and 21 girls attended a day school there.

As early as 1859 Lady Hardwicke was supporting plans to build a new school opposite the school house, and this was completed in 1875. A church school was established there, supported by subscriptions and school pence and attended by about 30 children. Numbers rose to 68 in 1884 and then fell gradually to 47 in 1898. From about 1914 attendance fell steadily, to only 13 in 1938. The seniors had been transferred to Meldreth and Bassingbourn in 1924. This 'new school' is now the village hall. However, by the time the minute book begins in 1949, numbers had increased again to 26.

In 1949 Whaddon School was very much run by the Church of England. The Rev Frank Conquest Clare (vicar of Whaddon from 1943 to 1952) acted as

chairman, correspondent (secretary) and treasurer of the Board of Managers, and meetings were held in the vicarage. Other members of the board were Mr A. Coningsby, Mr J. Law, Mrs Clare, Mr S.E. Oliver and Miss Lovely.

Early meetings are dominated by finance and building maintenance. In January 1950, "... a specification and estimate prepared by Mr Ablett for external repairs and painting at a cost of £95. It was agreed that the work urgently needs to be done, but that before any order is given an application be made for a grant from the Bishop of Ely's Appeal Fund." Mr Ablett was from Arrington, and his estimate of £95 equates to £3,280 at today's prices.

July 1950: "The work ordered from E. Ablett to the extent of £95 was done during the Easter holidays. Mr Ablett has generously reduced his account by ten pounds, and the £85 has been paid, as to £15 from the School Managers' account and £70 by the Parochial Church Council, of which £10 had been lent by the Vicar [and the remainder from the Church Fete]. The School drain was overhauled at the same time at the cost of about £30, part of which is expected to be borne by the County Education Committee."

In August 1950 the Board of Managers appointed an Assistant Teacher, but funds for the work needed to overhaul the dividing partition and replace the stove to create a second classroom proved to be the last straw for the Board of Managers, and in September 1950 they passed a resolution to apply for Controlled status for the Whaddon Church of England School as soon as possible. Under this arrangement the Local Education Authority became responsible for the upkeep and repair of the buildings, but the church retained places on the Board of Managers.

By November 1951 the old school house was in a dilapidated condition and, "After considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr Law, seconded by Mrs Clare, and carried unanimously, that the Local Education [Authority] be informed that the School Managers see no further use for the house and hope that it may be sold. The Chairman said that he thought that the paving tiles in the old kitchen might be disposed of separately."

In October 1955, "A list of names of Managers appointed for the three years ending 30th June 1958 was read they being as follows. County Council Managers: Miss A. Lovely & Mr G. Coningsby. Parish Managers: Mr L. Andrews & Mr J. Law. Foundation Managers: The Rev R.L. Houghton & Mr S.E. Oliver." The Rev Houghton was elected as Chairman and Mr G Coningsby as Correspondent.

Jenny Grech December 2020