

WH DDON

NEWS

JUNE
2026



A warm welcome to the June issue of the Whaddon News.

Some of you have shown an interest in Perry Littleboy's background, so he has kindly written a forward to his wonderful Nature Notes. He has had a really fascinating life immersed in nature alongside his banking career. Perry lives in Bassingbourn.

The Sustainable Whaddon team is looking to establish a baseline view of current transport use, home heating and insulation across Whaddon. To this end they have devised a survey which they are hoping will be completed by each household. This can be done online- details will be coming on Whaddsapp and the Village Email shortly. If you would prefer to complete a paper version there is a pull-out survey in the centre of this newsletter, along with details of where to take it once completed.

If you are new to the village do check out all the communication possibilities. They are brilliant sources of information. Details in this issue.

The deadline for submissions for the next edition of Whaddon News is August 15th. Should your organisation meet after this date please let me know and I will do my best to accommodate you. Contact Viv at newseditor@whaddon.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

3rd Coffee Morning

8th PC Meeting

17th Coffee Morning

17th Motorcycle event pm

July

1st Coffee Morning

11th Whaddon Village Fete

13th PC meeting

15th Coffee Morning

August

5th Coffee Morning

19th Coffee Morning

Dates for a Race Night and a Quiz Night - events that raise funds for the Village Hall Trust have yet to be finalised.

Coffee Mornings are held at the Village Hall

10.30am to 12pm on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month.

Parish Council meetings are held at the Village Hall on 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm except August and December. All welcome.

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FOOD WASTE CADDY'S COLLECTED EVERY WEEK			
<i>Thursday 4th June</i>			<i>Thursday 11th June</i>
<i>Thursday 18th June</i>			<i>Thursday 25th June</i>
<i>Thursday 2nd July</i>			<i>Thursday 9th July</i>
<i>Thursday 16th July</i>			<i>Thursday 23rd July</i>
<i>Thursday 30th July</i>			<i>Thursday 6th August</i>
<i>Thursday 13th August</i>			<i>Thursday 20th August</i>
<i>Thursday 27th August</i>			

LOCAL EVENTS

ROYSTON AND DISTRICT MOTORCYCLE CLUB ANNUAL SHOW JUNE 2026

On Wednesday 17th June, Royston and District Motorcycle Club will hold its 41st annual show at the Eternit Social Club on the Whaddon Road, Meldreth.

This year we expect to attract over 3,000 visitors who will arrive on foot, by car, but mostly by motorcycle. In fact last year there were well over two thousand bikes attending the show. A good number of these motorcyclists will arrive through Whaddon so there will be a good opportunity to do some bike spotting as they pass through the village—usually from about 5:30 onwards.

We are very conscious of the potential noise impact and implore our visitors to ride with consideration both to and from the event. We also do not include live music acts and restrict the use of a public address system to try to keep inconvenience to a minimum for our immediate neighbours. Sadly in the past a very few of our visitors used our event as an opportunity to try out their noisy exhausts and for this we can only apologise. This year we will endeavour to deal with this issue at source.

So, some history.

The RDMCC was reformed in 1985. I have no idea what went before that date, as the origins of the first iteration of



the club are lost in the mists of time, but right from the outset the words 'to support local and motorcycle related charities' were enshrined in the club's constitution. The running of the annual show is our biggest commitment to meeting that objective set over forty years ago.

The show is our headline event, traditionally held on the third Wednesday of June and the proceeds from the event are divided between East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA), and the SERV Bloodrunners in the Suffolk/Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire/Bedfordshire areas.

Last year the show raised just over twenty thousand pounds which was donated to our chosen charities. In the last fifteen years we have donated over a quarter of a million pounds to those charities.

EAAA is a charity that is independent from the NHS and receives no government funding. It relies almost entirely on public donations and community support to provide 24/7 life saving care by air and road in our surrounding area.

Meanwhile SERV provides a completely free of charge essential service to our local NHS teams by transporting a whole range of items including blood and donated human milk.

RDMCC also support other charities on an *ad hoc* basis including a Mental Health provider, Prostate Cancer Research and the Easter Egg / Christmas Toy runs to Addenbrookes Hospital or the Lister in Stevenage.

The show has developed from very small beginnings to the event we see today. Having outgrown our previous home at what was the SCOPE site in Meldreth we moved to the Eternit Social Club about ten years ago.

So who are the exhibitors at the show? First and foremost our visitors themselves are the main attraction. Motorcyclists enjoy looking at other people's motorbikes, and with almost two and a half thousand in the bike park there's plenty of choice. We also have a smaller area containing bikes that we think will be of particular interest; veteran and vintage models, classics from the 50s through to the 90s, custom bikes and anything that our 'spotter' thinks worthy of inclusion.

Inside the main arena there are a good number of exhibitors which include the Police and our chosen charities, plus others that have a strong emphasis on road safety and motorcyclist training.

There are trade stands, not all motor-cycle related, and club stands (including our own with a fine display of member's machines).

The Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club always put on a good show of machines that remind many of us of our ill spent youth.

Numerous catering outlets offer lots of choice for hungry or thirsty visitors.

The Royston and District Motorcycle Club has about 60 members and could not put on the show without the help of others, including the local branch of the air cadets who do a very good job of keeping the site litter free.

If you want to join the club, or get involved in some way, please take a look at our website (<https://roystonmotorcycleclub.co.uk>) or come along to a club night, details of which can be found on our website. We look forward to seeing you.



SHRED THE SHIRES

Over the weekend of May 1st – 4th, the third annual Shred the Shires took place, with over 150 Onewheelers (a record number for a Onewheel event in Europe) along with family and friends coming together on Whaddon Green.

Riders from across the world came to our little village, to take part in the biggest Onewheel race and festival in Europe. Riders came from the Czech Republic, Denmark, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Portugal, Scotland, Italy, The Netherlands, Slovakia and Whaddon!

Riders competed, 8 at a time (never before seen in Onewheeling) for European Onewheel League points for the Pro Riders and the STS Championship Race podiums. 34 under14s joined in with the races (another record) with local riders Daniel and Mathew Coningsby placing 6th and 7th.

The STS raffle helped raise over £500 for The Hedgehog Hospital at Shephreth Wildlife Park.

The fastest rider and top podium winner 3 years in a row – and already looking towards his 3rd win at the European Onewheel League Championship Race (Portugal) in October – was Jay Kenward from Surrey.



WHADDON FETE



Whaddon Village Fete

Saturday July 11th 2026

1pm - 4pm



Craft
Stalls



Beer
Tent



Tea &
Cake



Village
Show



BBQ



Children's
Games



Raffle &
Tombola

and so much more.... Come join the fun





WHADDON VILLAGE FETE – 1:00pm to 4:00pm – SATURDAY 11TH JULY 2026

Our annual Village Fete is now only a few weeks away and this year Cambridgeshire Fire Service have agreed to come and open the Fete. A big, red fire engine should be on the Recreation Ground **at 1:00pm** – so long as they don't get a call-out – and it would be great to see as many villagers as possible come along to meet Fireman Sam's mates!

A reminder that entries for the Produce Tent should be delivered to the Recreation Ground between 9:30am and 11:30am on the morning of the Fete and, in case you have lost it, the categories for the Produce Show follow.

The Fete is pulled together by a small committee and they are reliant on help from other villagers to run a successful Fete. While a number of villagers have already stepped forward and offered to help run stalls, serve teas, drinks and the BBQ, the more helpers we have the more games and stalls we can offer. If you are able to help, then please get in touch with any of the committee members listed below. Help will also be needed on the Friday evening before the Fete to set up the marquees etc on the Recreation Ground and in clearing everything away on Saturday evening after the Fete.

Donations are needed for raffle prizes and the tombola stall and these can be left any time ahead of the Fete at the Whaddon Golf Centre, or Spring Cottage Bridge Street. More mugs for Lorna's stall are also needed and these can be dropped off at the Golf Centre. Cakes and home-made biscuits will be needed to serve alongside the teas, together with plants for the plant stall. These should be brought to the Recreation Ground on the morning of the Fete. If you are not going to be around on the day of the Fete, then cakes can be delivered to the Golf Centre on the Friday.

Fete Committee: Anita and Jonathan Birch, David Grech, Lorna Green, Deborah Townsend, and David Short.



Whaddon Village Fete Show Schedule Saturday 11th July 2026

Vegetables

1. Four Potatoes (any variety)
2. Four Carrots (any variety)
3. Four Spring Onions (any variety)
4. Four Beetroot
5. Four Broad Beans (any variety)
6. One Cucumber (Outdoor or greenhouse)
7. Four Courgettes
8. Four Onions

Fruit and Home Produce

9. Six Tomatoes
10. One Lettuce
11. A Selection of soft Fruits
12. Six Eggs
13. A Jar of Jam
14. A Jar of Marmalade

Bread

15. A Loaf of Bread
16. A Bread Product
17. 12 Shortbread Biscuits
18. 6 Scones (any type)
19. A Cake (any type)

Children's Classes

An Open Table for children of any age to bring an item they have made, crafted, grown or baked that can fit on a dinner plate. There will be a small prize for all entries.

Flowers

20. A Single Specimen Rose (not a spray)
21. A Selection of Cut Flowers
22. A Display of Sweet Peas

Flower Arrangements

23. A Colourful Arrangement

Handicrafts

24. A Knitted or Crocheted Item
25. An Item made from Fabric ie a cushion or clothing
26. A Quilted or Patchwork Item
27. A Needlework Item

Photography

28. Local Wildlife (photographed within 10 miles of Whaddon) or Whaddon Pets
29. Somewhere in the World
30. The Glories of Whaddon
31. A Close Up

Produce Rules

- Entries must be booked in from 9.30 – 11.30am on Saturday 11 July
- Judging will begin promptly at 11.45am
- Please ensure your entries are presented for booking in well before judging begins
- Vegetables may be cleaned and onions tied down
- Entry – 50p for each entry
- All fruit, vegetables and other entries to be sold at auction (3.30pm) in aid of funds
- Please remove exhibits by 3.00pm if you do not want them included in the auction

The **Jim Law Memorial Shield** will be awarded for the Best in Show to any one entry in the grown and edible produce classes (vegetables, flowers, cakes, scones, jam etc), worthy of the title.

The **Maria Mould Trophy** will be awarded for the photograph deemed the best in the photography classes
An overall **Best In Show** certificate will be awarded to the item in the handicraft craft class judged worthy of the title.



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WHADDON CRICKET CLUB

Date	Opposition	Home/Away	Result
May	10 Sandon	Home	WON
	17 Young Farmers	Home	
	31 Granchester	Away	
June	21 Huffer XI	Home	
	28 Sandon	Away	
July	5 Royston Guests	Home	
	9 Royston CC (20/20)	Away	
	26 VP XI	Home	
August	2 Woodcutters	Home	
	16 Train Boys	Home	
	30 Church St V Bridge St	Home	
September	13 Hare Street	Away	
November	21 Awards Dinner		

Final Fixtures for the season

The match played against Young Farmers on 17th May was a Home Win for WCC

After an incident with a civilian walking their dog on the base Basingbourn Barracks have asked us to put this notice out.

Basingbourn Barracks would like to remind all local residents that the airfield is Out of Bounds to all civilian personnel. There are no public rights of way on the airfield and there is signage around the perimeter identifying that it is a military training area and dangerous. If residents are curious as to what is happening on site, please feel free to ask the question through the correct channels (parish committee) and I am sure that we will be able to assist.

Kind regards,

Daniel

WO2 D J T Fox RA | Unit Welfare Warrant Officer | Mission Ready Training Centre (MRTC) | Basingbourn Barracks | Royston | Cambridgeshire | SG8 5LX |

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Neighbourhood Watch in Whaddon

Whaddon has an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme, which is co-ordinated by Malan Peyton. Malan can be contacted on 07836 549871.

Dial 999 to report a crime in progress, or when lives are at risk.

For non emergency matters please consider using
www.cambs.police.uk/report or
web chat #safercambs to report a crime.

Both of these are likely to have a quicker response than calling 101.

The “WhaddsApp” group also works very well for immediate alerts to the village. The village remains a very safe community with very little crime.

Unfortunately one of the crimes we do see from time to time is hare coursing. Please dial 999 if you suspect that this is occurring but **do not approach** those involved.

MEET OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

LYDIA OATES – KINESIOLOGY

How long have you lived in Whaddon?

I've been in the village almost 10 years now. I live here with my husband and two daughters and a couple of ginger pets.

What brought you to Whaddon?

My husband grew up in Cambridge so we decided to move back to the area, from London, after the girls were born. I'm originally from Yorkshire so being out in the countryside but still within easy access to city life suits me really well.

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I'm often found supporting hockey and cricket matches, but when I'm not doing that, I love food, so can often be found in the kitchen. I'm currently planning a friend's wedding cake which I'll be making in a few months. Other than that, I'll often be spotted out with the dog enjoying the countryside or in the garden trying to work out what's a weed and what's a plant – an area that still needs a lot of practice!

Jam or marmalade?

Definitely marmalade although I'm a late adopter of peanut butter so probably have that more often now.

Tea or Coffee?

Both. Coffee in the morning and tea in the afternoon.

Sunshine or snow?

I do love the sunshine but my favourite kind of days are the crisp frosty mornings when the sun's shining.

What do you like about Whaddon

The countryside and how lucky we are to have access to such lovely walks from the doorstep.

Anything you'd change about the village?

More outdoor entertainment for teens. Much to their dad's delight the girls are starting to make more use of the golf club which is great!

Tell us something about you that people may be surprise to know/learn

I used to work on "Britain's and World's Strongest Man", working with a team of ex-strongmen to come up with new events. The amount of food consumed by the competitors during filming was a real eye opener!

PC Repairs

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WHAT IS KINESIOLOGY?

Kinesiology is a holistic therapy that uses gentle muscle monitoring to identify where the body holds stress. When stress accumulates, it often manifests as seemingly unrelated symptoms. These can range from digestive disorders and food intolerances to aches, pains, tight muscles, anxiety, headaches, hormone dysregulation, water retention, learning difficulties, the list goes on.

Once these stress patterns are identified, a kinesiologist determines what the body requires to restore optimal balance across the following areas:

- Mental – Identifying impactful feelings and building emotional resilience
- Physical – Targeted massage, physical alignment and structural release
- Electrical – Unblocking and balancing the body's natural energy channels
- Chemical – nutritional support and dietary adjustments

Kinesiology operates on the core principle that the body possesses an innate ability to heal itself once its specific needs are met and balance is restored.

Kinesiologists do not diagnose or treat, instead they work with the client to explore how to bring the body back into balance.

How it works

The core tool of kinesiology is the muscle test. Rather than testing physical strength, by applying gentle pressure to a specific muscle, usually in the arm or leg, we can monitor the body's neurological response to different stressors. Each muscle is linked to a specific organ or body system via energy channels known as meridians. When a muscle shows as being unable to resist gentle pressure, it signals that the associated system is imbalanced. This allows us to move past the symptoms and investigate exactly what the body needs at that point in time.

What to expect during a consultation

The initial consultation is approximately 1.5 hours and a full client history is taken with an opportunity for the client to explain how they are feeling and explain any symptoms that are being experienced.

Sessions are carried out with the client fully clothed, lying on a treatment couch undergoing various muscle tests. It is a gentle, non-invasive treatment where clients leave feeling lighter, more balanced and with a greater understanding of what is going on in their body and how to best support it.

Further information:

I work out of my garden treatment room on Bridge Street
To find out more please visit www.nalukinesiology.co.uk

LYDIA OATES

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

Home–Start Royston, Buntingford and South Cambridgeshire (HSRBSC)

Charity Number: 1105385 | Company Number: 05183873

Vacancies and volunteering opportunities

Part-time Co-ordinator

Home–Start is looking for a caring, organised person to support local families with young children.

Part-time: 20 hours per week. Salary from £26,760 FTE (*pro rata*).

For details and an application pack, please contact Jackie.

Email recruitment@hsrsc.org.uk Tel 01763 262262.

Closing date: 26 June 2026.

Melbourn Fete – Saturday 13 June

We are also preparing for the Melbourn Fete on Saturday 13 June and are looking for cake bakers for the Cake Stall and helpers on the day.

Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts running from 11:00am to 5:00pm (2 people per slot are needed). If you can help with a shift, bake a cake, or support both, please let us know — any help would be very much appreciated.

♥ We're Also Looking for a New Trustee

If you or someone you know would like to make a meaningful impact locally, we are currently seeking new trustees to join our board. Please see the enclosed information.

Good listener? Empathetic? Reliable? Your strengths could change lives....

Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire are looking for people to join the Board of Trustees.

Home-Start Trustees help guide our charity and support local families through challenging times. You don't need board experience, just a commitment to doing what's right and a desire to make a difference in your community.

What's involved?

- Around 8-10 hours a month including 5 board meetings a year
- Helping to shape strategy and support good governance
- Championing kindness, inclusion and family support
- Bringing your lived experience, ideas and experience

What you bring:

- A warm, people-centred approach
- Willingness to listen, learn and support
- Reliability and curiosity
- A passion for helping families thrive

Interested? Let's talk

Find out more: www.hspsc.org.uk/become-a-trustee

Or contact us to arrange an informal chat with one of our team on **01763 262262**

SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES

Tiggywinkles World Leading Wildlife Hospital

With so much awareness of our need to care and protect our wildlife on a personal level, it seemed time to focus on a wildlife charity that has been doing amazing work since 1978.

Tiggywinkles is a charity close to many of our hearts. Based in Haddenham, Bucks and started by the Stocker family in their back garden nearly 50 years ago, it has become a remarkable, specialist wildlife hospital – open 24/7, 365 days year – caring for all sick, injured and orphaned british wildlife.

With no Government or Lottery funding, they rely on public support and donations. They offer a free service dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating over 13,000 animals annually. Since opening they have treated almost 500,000 patients, while pioneering and perfecting techniques for hedgehogs, badgers, deer and other wild species. They are committed to passing on all that they have learned by way of books, papers, courses and lectures at Veterinary schools.

The Stockers funded the rescue from their own savings for the first 5 years, then in 1983 a Registered Charity was set up enabling them to expand and build the custom designed hospital in Haddenham that they still operate from today.

The drought in 1984 saw them launch a nationwide awareness campaign to help save the lives of many hedgehogs that were suffering– both from the drought but also from the public putting out food that caused them harm.

In 1985 they opened a dedicated hedgehog unit named St Tiggywinkles as the demand was so great.

Their website is a mine of information in what to do if you find an injured animal, and they run nationally recognised

courses to enable people to gain qualifications in Animal Care and Management. Their courses cover 3 levels for those wanting to expand their knowledge.

Nikki Cross- a member of the Knit and Natter group in Whaddon - is a dedicated supporter. Her family has a family membership handed down from her grandmother, and Nikki supports the charity by making adorable knitted, crocheted and sewn hedgehogs and hedgehog-related items for the shop to sell.



If you have a heart for supporting a really worthwhile cause, Tiggywinkles welcomes donations to support their work.

They have a visitor centre where animals that can't be returned to the wild are looked after. There is a playground, a picnic area and an arts and crafts centre, so lots to do and see. They also have a kiosk serving refreshments. It's a great place to take the family for a day out, and there is also a shop where you can adopt an animal, pay for a dinner for one or buy a gift for those who love wildlife. Every purchase helps to fund their vital work.

See Tiggywinkles website for details of their opening hours. www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk

The Library Presents is back, with upbeat events and intriguing tales for all ages.

The Library Presents has lots of feel-good events to keep you entertained from 16 May until 25 July. Tickets are available to book from 17 April.

Chosen by over 500 local residents, this season has a line-up of 29 different events in 24 towns and villages.

Come along to laugh, relax, meet new people, express yourself or support your wellbeing.

Events in your local area include Comedy and Magic, Romeo and Juliet, Secrets of soil and Water Portals, LGBTQIA+ Zine Making, Fused Glass Workshop and Tiny Planet. A full list of events across Cambridgeshire can be found on the website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk, along with details of availability and how to book tickets.

Email: thelibrarypresents@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01223 70357

Mobile: 07425 615684

Rupert Woods

Business Officer, Libraries and Culture

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Bassingbourn Village College is looking for potential new members for their board of governors.

Currently there is no representative from Whaddon and the board would like to include someone from the village.

Ideally, they are looking for a candidate who is not a parent of a pupil at the school, but they will be willing to consider any potential candidates.

Should you be interested please email smartin@anglianlearning.org who is currently on the board.

SUSTAINABLE WHADDON ENERGY SURVEY 2026

Thank you for taking part in this survey. It is intended to give a baseline view of current transport use, home heating and insulation across Whaddon. It will also provide insight into the use of newer 'eco' technologies in the village, along with the issues limiting their wider adoption. If not completing the survey via the online link that will be provided on WhaddsApp or in the village email, please complete the survey here (one response per household) by ticking the options given and providing more information in the text boxes as needed. Replies can be dropped off at Spring Cottage, Bridge Street, 54 Cardiff Place or 89 Meldreth Road. Alternatively, if you need to arrange collection please call Ruth on 07581791606.

1. What is the main method you use to heat your home?

- A: Oil fired boiler
- B: Propane/calor gas
- C: Open fireplace burning solid fuel/wood burning stove
- D: Electric storage heaters/other forms of traditional electric heating
- E: Heat pump – air source
- F: Heat pump – ground source
- G: Wood pellet boiler
- H: Other – please add below

2. How are your household vehicles powered?

Please tick all that apply.

If you have more than one vehicle in the same category, please state the number/category in the box at the bottom.

- A: No household motor vehicles
- B: Petrol/diesel (not hybrid)
- C: Plug-in hybrid
- D: Self charging hybrid
- E: Fully electric
- F: Other (please state below)
- G: Number of vehicles in same category if more than

one. Please state number and which category in box below.

3. Do you have an electric car charging point at home?

- A: No
- B: Yes

4. Do you use any of the technologies listed here? Please tick all that apply.

- A: Solar panels wired into house
- B: Solar panel used independent of house wiring to charge individual items
- C: Wind turbine
- D: Battery storage for generated energy
- F: Solar water heating
- G: Heat pump – ground source
- H: Heat pump – air source

Please describe below why you have adopted the ticked technologies.

If you run out of space please include a continuation sheet of your choosing.

5. If you don't use non-traditional/eco technologies to heat your home or run your motor vehicles what are the main reasons why? Please tick all that apply.

- A: High upfront costs
- B: Lack of Infrastructure and practicality (e.g. limited car charging points, difficulty in retrofitting technology)

- C: Doubt about truth of sustainability claims
- D: Limited availability and awareness
- E: Habit – prefer products that are familiar
- F: Feel that personal action won't make a difference
- G: Restricted by listed building regulations
- H: Other – please state

6. Home insulation – please tick all the options that apply currently to your home. If you know your EPC rating, please add in the box at the bottom of the question.

- A: Loft insulation at current recommended value e.g. 270mm mineral wool or equivalent
- B: Loft insulation, but below recommended value/ don't know
- C: Cavity wall insulation
- D: Underfloor insulation
- E: Double glazing less than 15 years old
- F: Double glazing older than 15 years
- G: Triple glazing
- H: Other – please state in box below

7. What is the approximate total annual mileage done by your household's motor vehicles?

- A: Not applicable – no household motor vehicles
- B: 0–3000
- C: 3001–10000
- D: 10001–25000
- E: More than 25000

8. Does your household use any of the options below as alternatives to using your own motor vehicles? Please tick all that apply.

- A: Bicycle
- B: Train
- C: Bus
- D: Share Lifts
- E: Walk
- F: Don't use alternatives

9. How often do you or someone in your household walk/cycle/use public transport or share lifts as an alternative to using your own motor vehicle? Please also describe the main barriers to using alternatives more often in the box below.

- A: Most days
- B: At least once a week
- C: At least one a month
- D: Rarely or never
- E: Main barriers to greater use of alternatives

10. Please indicate if anyone in your household works from home.

- A: No one works from home
- B: One person or more works part time from home
- C: One person or more works full time from home

11. Are you considering using plug-in solar panels after regulations have been finalised (expected later this year)?

- A: Yes
- B: No
- C: Don't know – need more information

Thank you for completing the survey and contributing to the village results



ST MARY'S CHURCH WHADDON

St Mary's Church Services

1st and 3rd Sundays Morning Prayer 9.30 am

2nd and 4th Sundays Holy Communion 9.30 am

5th Sunday Joint Service with Bassingbourn 9.30 am

6th September Harvest Festival 3pm

4th October Pet Service 3pm

8^h November Remembrance Sunday 10.45am

Church Wardens

Karen Coningsby
Peter Haselden

CONTACT DETAILS FOR REV HELEN ORR

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My days in the parishes are Tuesdays and Thursdays and weekend services



Cambridgeshire Community Lottery marks first anniversary



Cambridgeshire Community Lottery marks its first anniversary with over £20,000 raised for local good causes. 89 charities, community groups and voluntary organisations have benefitted – and the momentum is growing!

- Launched in May 2025 by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
- 89 causes signed up so far
- Over £20,000 raised already
- Over 34,000 tickets bought by over 600 supporters across the county
- For every £1 ticket, 50p goes directly to the player's chosen cause and 10p supports the wider work of Cambridgeshire Community Foundation
- Players have a 1 in 50 chance of winning every week, with prizes ranging from £25 to a £25,000 jackpot

From sports clubs to charities, PTAs to CICs, causes across the county are benefitting from adding the lottery to their fundraising mix, offering a reliable, steady flow of income that's increasingly welcome in a tough climate, especially for smaller organisations. It's a wonderful way to engage supporters, who love having the chance to win something while supporting a cause close to their hearts.

Three examples of local good causes which have benefitted from the lottery

1. Something To Look Forward To

Since joining the lottery as one of the first causes in May 2025, the charity has raised £2,900, supported by 69 loyal players purchasing 159 tickets every week helping to support families facing cancer-related financial hardship.

2. Friends of St John, Parson Drove

For small charities, every penny counts. In less than a year since Friends of St John, Parson Drove joined the lottery, 26 supporters buying 65 tickets a week have helped the group raise vital funds. So far £800.00 has been raised.

As Paul Unwin, Chair of Friends of St John, Parson Drove puts it: “Not only does the lottery raise lots of money but it does so much more to publicise so many worthwhile causes in Cambridgeshire.”

3. 3 Pillars Feeding the Homeless and Supporting the Community

Since joining the Cambridgeshire Community Lottery in July 2025, 3 Pillars Feeding the Homeless and Supporting the Community now has 41 supporters buying 114 tickets a week. Thanks to their generosity, the charity has raised over £1,677 to date. One lucky player has already scooped a £250 win, proving the benefit runs both ways. The money raised helps the charity to deliver almost 200 fresh food and grocery bags to the homeless, elderly, vulnerable and young struggling families in the St Neots area.

If a Lottery player is undecided on which cause to support through the lottery, they can select the Fund for Cambridgeshire. Managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, the fund pools player support to distribute grants to a variety of community projects tackling some of the county’s most pressing issues.

Over the last year, the Fund for Cambridgeshire has invested in two amazing projects:

- Helping Cambridge Cyrenians to fund a Horticultural Therapist to lead an Allotment Community Project that uses therapeutic horticulture to support people experiencing homelessness.
- Helping Cogwheel Counselling enable people on low incomes to access vital mental health support.

To buy a ticket, sign up as a cause, or find out more, visit: www.cambridgeshirecommunitylottery.co.uk/

or contact

Julia Cieslak, Marketing & Communications Manager,
Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

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or

Michael O’Toole, CEO, Cambridgeshire Community
Foundation Email: michael@cambscf.org.uk

NATURE NOTES

As some of you have enquired about my background, I have written about how my interest in nature has evolved throughout my life.

I was born in May 1961 on a farm in North Yorkshire, equidistant between Thirsk, Ripon and Masham. I went to boarding school locally from seven to thirteen and then to Rugby School. I hated school, but loved school holidays.

I am almost Chris Packham's twin in age and like him I had a menagerie of creatures to tend (which my mother continued to look after when I was away). Instead of a Kestrel, as Packham had, I had a pet Jackdaw called Pip. I took it to Rugby School and it would recognise my house mates by their ties and would fly down on to their shoulders.

I had a ferret, harvest mice, chickens, an aquarium of fish and insect life which I would net from the River Swale and, on one holiday, three African Clawed Toads and some locusts (I was science prefect at prep school, so had to look after the "livestock" during holiday time).

My mother, wonderfully, bred ornamental waterfowl and pheasants which captivated me. I also had the run of a farm to go shooting and fishing, snaring and trapping and ferreting and learning how to see and hear and smell the natural world around me. I learned how to be observant and curious. At home no one would question my whereabouts until supper time, when my parents were very obliging about eating anything that I had caught, prepared and cooked, even if it was eel, pike or moorhen breasts.

I was always going to take over the farm, in my head at least, but my elder brother thwarted that ambition (I should have seen it coming) and so I fell into banking in London for my career. As I can't add, have no memory for names, can't play golf and am not interested in football, it is rather amazing that my employer, a private bank called Coutts, kept me for my entire career of 37 years. I was very lucky to work for them in Switzerland and the Channel Islands as well as in London and I had a wonderful career.

During all that work stuff, I married a Yorkshire lass and we had our children – Alice and Digby. I then married again, to Fiona, who brought Mark and Owen in to the family. Between them all, we have three gorgeous grandchildren. Perhaps the only other angle to mention is that my mother was born in East Africa and my father farmed for a while in what was then Rhodesia, so I was privileged enough to spend many holidays on safari in Africa. That has absolutely reinforced my love of the wild and the natural world.

JUNE 2026 NATURE NOTES

If you pass a small tree alive with the sound of bees, and you look up and can't see any flowers that might attract the bees that seem to be making such a buzz, then it is quite likely to be a Common Buckthorn (*Ramnus cathartica*) or Purging Buckthorn. It's yellow-green flowers are tiny and insignificant but the bees go wild for it. To humans though, all parts of the plant are mildly poisonous. The birds eat the purple-black berries and thereby spread the seed, but the seeds cause diarrhoea in humans (hence Purging). It is called Buckthorn because of the small spines on its branches. The caterpillar of the Brimstone butterfly depends upon this tree.

Two other flowers that are favourites for bees at this time of year, and both smell divine to us, are Lime tree blossom and the candyfloss flower heads of Meadowsweet that grow abundantly along our chalk stream distributaries. Meadowsweet was once strewn over the floor of your house to sweeten the air, but it also has painkilling properties similar to aspirin, and so was steeped in hot water to make a pain-relieving tisane.

Honeybee workers have two stomachs, one for honey storage and one for herself. When they get back to the hive they will regurgitate nectar from their honey stomach into the mouth of another worker bee, and they will keep spitting this nectar into each other's mouths to reduce its water content from 80% to 20%. Only when it is the perfect concentration will they then spit the honey into a comb cell and cap the cell with wax. Thousands of bees are also engaged in flapping their wings (230 times a second... I'll

just let that sink in...) to act as a dehumidifier within the hive, which means that the honey is very dry, and the reason why honey lasts for thousands of years.

A lot less charming are the Deer flies that start hatching around now. They are smaller than the Horse fly but with the same bulging eyes, and the same horrible habit of landing on your back or arm, all unawares, and giving you a horrendous bite. Only the females bite us (the males eat pollen, the darlings) and she does so by carving a chunk out of your flesh, sometimes even through a shirt (obviously I only wear the very finest cambric shirts...). She has **two pairs** of blades protruding from her mouth, which ensures that your blood starts to flow freely. She, the vicious brute, then “soaks (your) blood up with her spongy mouth area” (I quote distastefully, from WebMD). Some people have a strong allergic reaction to their saliva. You can tell the Deer fly apart from Horse flies by their wings. The Deer fly wing is translucent but with dark bands or spots, whereas the larger Horse fly has smoky translucent wings.

Right now many of our garden birds are busy feeding their fledglings on these very insects (just as the Sparrowhawks are busy feeding their fledglings on their fledglings...). Our Great-spotted woodpeckers will fledge at the beginning of the month and the Green woodpecker, at the end of the month. Both of their young bounce around our garden, noisily playing tag, or so it seems. For woodpeckers, as well as Tawny owls, Kestrels and Jackdaws, our many Crack willows generate good nesting cavities, from where limbs have broken off the main bole of the tree.

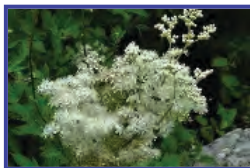
And so back to matters vegetative, and to remind us of our school biology: what an extraordinary machine is the tree. Beneath the outer bark of a tree is a “skin” of phloem, containing cells that transport the sugars, made by the tree’s leaves using photosynthesis. The phloem is essentially the energy transporter for the tree, allowing for growth upwards and outwards. The next layer, beneath the phloem, is the cambium layer, too thin for the naked eye to see, but this makes new cells and allows the tree trunk and branches and roots to grow thicker each year. Next, after

NATURE NOTES continued

the cambium layer, is the sapwood, made up of the xylem cells which transport water and minerals up and down the tree. Each year, the tree adds a fresh new xylem layer outside the previous layer, which is why we have rings, with the oldest rings nearest the centre. As the outer xylem layers of the sapwood are added, so the innermost layers are not needed and die off, and these rings are called the heartwood: denser, drier, heavier than sapwood and dead. This dead wood makes up the bulk of the weight of the trunk, but does not help it survive or grow and this is the bit of the tree that hollows out as lightning or age exposes it to fungi such as Turkey tail, Oyster mushrooms or Chicken-of-the-Wood. These use their enzymes to break down the tough heartwood tissue over time. As an aside, the perfect English longbow had both sapwood for flexibility and heartwood for tensile strength. The conditions of any particular summer (the lighter shade of a tree ring) or winter (the darker shade of any ring) in a particular year, will mean a tree ring will differ in width, and that is not just countrywide, but can be continent wide. The “Great Frost” of 1709 was so abnormally harsh that it, apparently, left its mark on a single tree ring across Britain, France, Germany and Sweden. Tristan Gooley named the double marker of tree rings from the particularly harsh seasons of 1975–1976 and 1989–1990, as the “twelve year sandwich”.

In early June, we see Venus and Jupiter getting closer and closer together, but only really in the hour after sunset, after which they, too, will set. Their conjunction is scheduled for 9th June. The Strawberry Moon will be on 29th June.

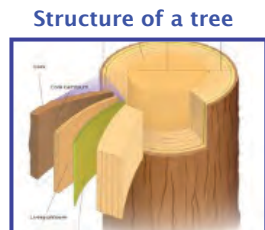
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Meadowsweet



Deer Fly



SUSTAINABLE WHADDON

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Farmland Birds Around Whaddon

In the last issue I wrote about garden birds, so this time will look at some of the smaller birds which inhabit the farmland surrounding Whaddon.

Birds of Conservation Concern is a document compiled by a coalition of the UK's leading bird conservation and monitoring organisations. It divides all the birds found in the UK into three lists, red, amber and green. The Red List contains 70 birds which are causing the most concern and, in Whaddon, we are fortunate to have a number of these living on our doorstep.

Some of the small birds don't stay still, and now that the leaves are out the hedges are dense which makes them hard to see. Added to this some species are mainly brown, so it helps to listen as well as look to make a definite identification. I know a lot of you in Whaddon have the (free) Merlin Bird ID app downloaded, and this is a real help in learning birdsong, and it is right most of the time! If you are lucky, you might even see a bird in all its finery at the same time as listening to its song, with its beak moving in time.

I don't know where they get their energy, but the Skylarks seem to sing most of the time. They are hard to see on the ground in camouflage brown with a bit of a crest on the head, but you may see them as they fly higher and higher. Another familiar song is the little-bit-of-bread-and-no-cheese of the Yellowhammer. The male is easy to identify with his bright yellow head and chest. If you see a strikingly patterned Yellowhammer with smart black stripes through its eye, under its chin and across its head, then it is likely to be the rare Cirl Bunting. A much more delicate bird with a bright yellow chest and longish tail, will be a Yellow

Wagtail. It has a peep-peep song both when perching and flying.

Although rare in much of the country, we have lots of Corn Buntings, a chunky brown bird with some speckles down the front. The male sings in short bursts with a sound that has been likened to jangling keys. I'm not sure about that, but he does make identification easier by perching on top of a bush or hedge. Walk a hundred yards and you will be in the next Corn Bunting's territory with another bird on another bush. If a Corn Bunting is particularly vocal it might be because he has several mates rather than just one. Linnets have a forked tail and the male has a crimson forehead on its grey head and crimson patches on its breast. They are particularly jumpy and won't sit still to aid identification.

These six birds are all on the Red List, threatened with falling populations, along with the Reed Bunting and Common Whitethroat on the Amber List and Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Chiffchaff and Blackcap on the Green List. I saw or heard all these birds as I walked along field paths within sight of Whaddon today (7th May). We are lucky to have such a variety, and have our farmers to thank for caring for the land and taking up initiatives like introducing wild flower strips along the field margins, planting new hedges and trimming old hedges in rotation. The Skylark, Yellowhammer, Corn Bunting and Yellow Wagtail are ground-nesting, making them extra vulnerable, but they appear to be happy in Whaddon.

Birds of Conservation Concern gives information on an ever-changing situation. For example, the current list was published in 2021 and the Starling, Greenfinch and House Sparrow appeared for the first



time in the Red List, moved from the Amber List. Things taken into consideration include the rate of decrease of a particular species, the distribution of habitats, and the proportion of the worldwide population found in the UK.

Data is continually being collected and reviewed and will be published as a new list in 2027. It will be interesting to see what changes there are.

Jenny Grech

The Big Garden Birdwatch

Sustainable Whaddon hopes to gather information on all species present in the parish and, over time, build up a picture of which species are doing well and which are declining.

Jenny Grech



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RECIPES

This month I have been looking at ways to enjoy treats while using less sugar, “unhealthy” fats and flour. I had to buy a few ingredients that I don’t have normally in my kitchen, but hopefully I will continue in this experiment and use them up. My exploration into “Modern baking” suggests substituting nut butters for fat and adding vegetables such as sweet potato, courgettes and carrots, thereby increasing the protein and fibre, in order to enjoy the beneficial effects of a more plant-based cuisine. I wanted to understand what made one ingredient preferable over another, apart from the obvious gluten intolerance, so here are a few thoughts lifted from AI.

Maple Syrup

Pure maple syrup is considered better than refined white sugar because it is less processed, contains beneficial antioxidants, minerals (like manganese and zinc), and has a lower glycemic index, causing a slower rise in blood sugar. It offers superior flavour and nutritional value compared to the “empty calories” of white sugar.

Coconut oil

Coconut oil is extracted from the coconut flesh. It is 92% saturated fat and therefore raises cholesterol levels similar to animal fats such as butter and lard. However it contains a unique type of medium chain saturated fat called Lauric acid that research shows raises good cholesterol levels which may lower overall heart disease risk. As a plant food, coconuts also contain disease fighting phytochemical or antioxidants. Some research suggests that coconut oil may boost metabolism, but studies are not conclusive to prove health benefits.

Nuts and seeds

I was always taught that these are the enemy of dieters due to their high calorific value, but they are nutrient dense foods that support good gut bacteria, heart health, and overall wellness due to their protein, fibre, healthy fats, vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants.

Chocolate

Chocolate receives a lot of bad press because of its high fat and sugar content; however, research into chocolate’s properties and compounds suggests it may not be all bad

news. Eating moderate quantities of dark chocolate may have the following benefits: increase good cholesterol and lower bad cholesterol, reduce the risk of high blood pressure and DVT's, improve cognitive function in young adults, enhance moods and thereby reduce depression, and to be fair it just tastes great.

Oat biscuits

100 ml maple syrup
2 tbsp coconut oil
50g nuts (pistachios/walnuts /hazelnuts)
75g flaked almonds
30g sunflower seeds
30g raisins
50g rolled oats
100g dark chocolate

These need to be pressed into a shape - a cup cake tin or similar is fine.

Melt the coconut oil and maple syrup gently in a bowl in the microwave

Chop nuts and seeds and mix in well

Grease cup cake tin and divide the mixture - press down and then bake in a hot oven for 10-12 minutes until golden.

Cool then remove

Spoon melted chocolate on the top and use a fork to create wavy lines.

Chill and enjoy.

Brownie slices

1 cup nut butter (peanut/almond etc)
3/4 cup cooked, pureed sweet potato
1/2 cup maple syrup
1 egg
1/3 cup cocoa
1 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup choc chips

Whisk together first 4 ingredients. Add the cocoa, salt and baking soda

Fold in the choc chips. Spread into an 8x8inch cake tin

Cook at 350 for 25 minutes. Cool and slice

I think a healthy exchange of ideas would be a brilliant addition to the newsletter, and I look forward to any corrections, comments or questions from you about any of the recipes. Viv

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Monday	17.00–19.00	Knit and Natter
Tuesday	09.15–10.15	Yoga
	18.00–19.30	Dog Training
	20.00–21.00	Table Tennis
Wednesday	10.30–12.00	Coffee Morning (1st and 3rd)
Thursday	18.25–20.25	Pilates
Friday	19.15–11.30	Yoga
	17.45–19.15	Dog Training
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Table Tennis in the Village Hall

Tuesdays 20:00 to 21:00



We have two table tennis tables and other equipment is provided. The cost is £2.00 per person per week (£3.00 if fewer than 5 players). There are about half a dozen regular players.

Anyone who would like to join us are very welcome. An hour of fun and exercise and an opportunity to meet other villagers.

Those interested please contact Nigel Strudwick, ncs3@cam.ac.uk

WHADDON PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Whaddon Annual Parish Meeting –Monday 28th April

The Parish council recently invited you along to the annual meeting to share the successes of the last year.

This meeting was open to all living in the Parish of Whaddon including New Farm and Cardiff Place

This was the Agenda for the evening

1. Parish Council year review – Will Elbourn
2. District Councillor and County Councillor reports – Sally Ann Hart, Adam Bostanci & Jose Hales
3. St Mary's Church – David Grech
4. Alfred John Palmer's Trust update – Chris Coningsby
5. Sustainable Whaddon – Jenny Grech
6. Bassingbourn Barracks / MRTC– Capt Todd Martin
7. Neighbourhood Watch / Police – Malan Peyton
8. Speedwatch and Mobile Vehicle activated signs (MVAS) provision update – written report from David Short
9. Village Hall and Recreation Ground – Jonathan Birch

The evening was very informative and whilst numbers were low it does give you the opportunity to see what has happened over the last year where you live.

The Chair would like to thank all the groups who fed into the presentation.

Please do come along to next months session if you are able.

The Parish council met for their Annual Parish Council meeting 11th May 2026

Election of Chair and Vice chair was carried out and there are no changes to last year. Both Will Elbourn and Deborah Townsend are happy to carry on in their roles.

Reviews were carried out on Council Policies and Procedures, standing orders, Memberships, assets and Insurance cover.

The committee also agreed Parish Council Meeting dates. They will continue to meet on the second Monday of each month apart from August and December

There was no representation or reports from District and County Councillors or other groups this time.

Vacancies

We have two vacancies for councillors to the Parish Council. We are looking for a wide representation of the village and Cardiff Place. If you are interested, please contact our Clerk Angela Culver. whaddonparishclerk@outlook.com

Deborah Townsend

A word of thanks from the Chairman, Will Elbourn, on the retirement of Nigel Strudwick from the Parish Council.

As the chairman I would like to thank Nigel Strudwick for his long service to the parish council and the village. He has served on the parish council for at least 20 years, both as a councillor and he also did two stints as Chairman.

Perhaps the two biggest projects he pushed through were the affordable homes at St Mary's Close, and the alterations to the junction at Whaddon Gap. Both projects required an immense amount of work and indeed the second project mentioned may well have saved lives.

This is on top of the normal, more minor things needing to be done to try to ensure the smooth running of the village. He continues to run the village email and also the village web site. He and Helen also organise the Whaddon Whitsun weekend.

So a big thank you, Nigel, for all you have done for the village over the years.

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The Whaddon village email list web site and Whaddsapp group

As a number of families have moved in and out of the village in the last year or so, I just wanted to summarise what we have in Whaddon for communication.

Email list: this 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 emaillist@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.

- The Parish Council sends round not just information relating to council meetings, but also very timely public service announcements—the usefulness of it was demonstrated when we were all restricted at the height of Coronavirus.
- The Village Hall Trust announces its public events.
- The Churchwardens send round weekly news and information about St Mary's.
- 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 and keys.

Emails from the Whaddon email list come from emaillist@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.

We also have the web site (<http://www.whaddon.org/>) and Facebook (WhaddonCams for the village and StMarysWhaddon for St Mary's Church).

Ideas and especially contributions for both would be welcome!

Whaddon's own "Whatsapp" group run by volunteer administrators is a popular source of information around the village as well. Some of the recent posts have included;

Alerts regarding delays on local roads.

Lost dogs to be looked out for.

Trapped sheep needing rescuing.

Recommendations for local trades.

Items of all sorts free to villagers- including waste food.

It's easy to use and great for getting to know your community. – just ask an administrator to add your details and explain how it works. Highly recommended especially if you're new to the village.

Current admins; Anne Newberry, Annabel Bradford and Deborah Townsend.

Nigel Strudwick

Whaddon's local Bus 17 now gives a direct link with Cambridge via Royston

Our local Bus 17 has some journeys that run **to and from the centre of Cambridge via Royston**, giving nearly two hours in the city on Mondays to Fridays and over four hours on Saturdays. The key times for Whaddon are:

To Royston and Cambridge

	<i>Mondays to Fridays</i>		<i>Saturdays</i>
Whaddon, top of Bridge Street	08:31	10:15	10:15
Royston, Tesco	08:39	10:35	10:35
Royston, Bus Station	08:57	10:50	10:50
Cambridge, Drummer Street	10:02	11:55	11:55

From Cambridge via Royston

	<i>Mondays to Fridays</i>		<i>Saturdays</i>	
Cambridge, Drummer Street	11:55	15:00*	11:55	16:02
Royston, Bus Station	13:10	17:10	13:10	17:10
Royston, Tesco	13:21	17:21	13:21	17:21
Whaddon, Bridge Street	13:33	17:28	13:33	17:28

*Take Bus 26 from Cambridge and then change at Royston to Bus 17

Extra journeys also run on Bus 17 to and from Cardiff Place -

- to Cambridge via Royston at 12.15 and to Royston at 14.40 and 16.40
- from Royston at 09.10 and 11.10 and at 14.15 from Cambridge (15.30 from Royston).

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