

WHADDON NEWS

MAY 2012



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th May	Whit Sunday Events
4th June	Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
11th June	Parish Council
24th June	More Hidden Gardens
6th July	Party in the Barn
9th July	Parish Council
14th July	Church Fete

NEWSLETTER

This edition of the Whaddon News includes details of several village functions taking place during the summer. All villagers are welcome at these local fundraising events to improve village facilities.

*The deadline for the next newsletter is **6th August**. Once again items of village interest are always welcome.*

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WHITSUN AT WHADDON: SUNDAY 27 MAY

THIS YEAR ONLY, we will not be having a Folk Evening on Saturday. Instead, events will start on Sunday morning at 10.30, with Morris dancing from both ends of the village, meeting up at the church for a service at 12 noon. This will be Donald's final service as our vicar.

After the service, the festivities will continue at the Golf Centre where Ken and Iris Green are having a barbecue and their beer festival will be in full swing. There will be Morris dancing from about 1 o'clock onwards, followed by a presentation to Donald and ceilidh dancing for everyone.

Very approximate timetable:

10.30-12.00	Morris dancing from both ends of the village
12.00-12.45	Pentecost service
1.00-1.45	Morris dancing
2.00	Presentation of gifts
2.10-3.0	Ceilidh dancing for everyone

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Sunday 24th June 2012

11am until 4pm

EIGHT STUNNING GARDENS

**£5 Entry to include tea and home made cake
(Children under 16 free)**

Tickets available on the day from the Village Hall.

All proceeds towards the Village Hall restoration fund—we now have some more new double glazed windows in the hall, and our next challenge is to do something about the floor.

Donations of home made cakes for refreshments and plants for the plant stall would be very welcome. So invite your friends and make this a memorable day and money for your Village Hall.



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ROYAL CELEBRATIONS

KEEPING UP TRADITIONS

In celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on June 4th 2012, we know, thanks to the detailed reporting in the *Herts and Cambs Reporter (Royston Crow)*, that Whaddon is to follow a pattern set over the past 125 years. Actual extracts from the *Royston Crow* appear in italics.

Any activities, if any, that took place for the Coronation 28th June 1838 and Silver Jubilee of Queen Victoria 1862 will probably never be known as there are no reports for Whaddon in the local press.

Queen Victoria

Golden Jubilee 23rd June 1887

The proceedings commenced with a short service at the Church, after which the choir and a large congregation marched to a field kindly lent by Mr A Coningsby, *'where a bountiful supply of boiled and roast beef with beer, followed by tea, bread and butter and cake were provided for the whole parish. Cricket, scrambling for nuts, with the accompaniment of a troupe of minstrels from Melbourn enlivened the afternoon. Dancing was indulged in until a late hour'*.

Diamond Jubilee 25th June 1897

This Jubilee was celebrated through the kindness of Mr and Mrs Palmer. The festivities were again held on Mr Coningsby's ground. *'At 4 o'clock the children were regaled with a meat tea, cake etc., and were each presented with a Jubilee mug. A presentation was made to Mr and Mrs Palmer as a mark of esteem'*. A Cricket Match between Married and Singles was played in the afternoon, the Singles winning easily. A string band was provided and dancing *'freely engaged in after tea'*. Athletic Sports were arranged including races for women and children and at the close there was a firework display and the National Anthem was sung.

Edward VII

Coronation 26th June 1902

The village had made all the arrangements for the Coronation of the new King but a few days before the ceremony, the news came that the King was ill and the ceremony did not take place. As the food had already been prepared it was agreed the village should meet and have the meal as arranged. The day began with a Church Service. Dinner and tea were served in a large tent erected with sets of hay poles and cloths in the grounds of Mr A Coningsby. The programme of fireworks, bonfire and a band was cancelled. A Cricket Match was played in the afternoon. Married v Singles, Singles winning on the second innings. A tug-of-war was also arranged. Married v Singles, Married winning easily.

The King had an emergency operation for appendicitis on June 24th - the actual date of his coronation, after his recovery, was August 9th. The village managed a celebration on that day too. The children were presented with Coronation mugs.

Sports: Climbing Pole for leg of mutton; Sack Race; Balancing Broomstick; 3-legged Race; Blindfolded Race; Wheelbarrow Race (blindfolded); Women's Race; Mounted Combat, Tug-of War. Prizes for Races: 1st Prize 3/-; 2nd prize 2/-; 3rd prize 3/-.

George V

Coronation 22nd June 1911



Whaddon celebrated the Coronation of King George V with a service in the Church at 11 o'clock and at 1 o'clock a dinner was provided in Mr Coningsby's barn. After dinner each child under 14 was presented with a Coronation mug. Tea was served in a large marquee. Sports were followed by a large bonfire and dancing. *'The inhabitants were well entertained and spent a thoroughly enjoyable day'.*

Silver Jubilee May 6th 1935.

During the morning a Thanksgiving Service was held in the Church and at 2.30pm a Cricket Match, Married v Singles, took place. Singles won. Later, Children's Sports took place followed by tea for the children in the Church Room where mugs were presented and photographs taken.

The big event of the day was *'a meat tea for all the adults in the schoolroom. This had been transformed for the occasion, and tables resembled those of a banqueting hall. Justice was done to the bounteous fare provided'*



Adult Sports followed with a tug-of-war (Singles winning) and a Wheelbarrow Race. Refreshments were served in the schoolroom followed by a social and singing. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

George VI

Coronation May 12th 1937

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| 10am | Special Service in Church |
| 2 to 3pm | Fancy Dress Procession |
| 3.30 to 5pm | Children's and Adults' Sports in meadow near school |
| 5 to 6pm | Meat Tea in School for adults. Fruit tea for children. Children presented with Coronation beaker |
| 6 to 8pm | Continuation of Sports |
| 8 to 12pm | Musical evening in School. It is requested that each person bring two plates, glass, knife, fork and spoon, also cup and saucer.
Singing to Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem. |

'The inclemency of the weather did not materially dampen the ardour of the inhabitants of Whaddon who under a hardworking Committee, arranged and carried through a long-to-be remembered Coronation programme of events.

The musical evening was much enjoyed, each item being received with much applause.

Special mention should be made of the rendering of the Whitsuntide song by Messrs J and A Smith .(men in white hatbands below) They were bedecked with ribbons and branches of oak and it gave younger inhabitants the opportunity to hear this old song’.



Elizabeth II

Coronation June 2nd 1953

The Coronation of Elizabeth II followed the age old pattern: Church service in the morning: 2.30 Fancy Dress Parade through village commencing at the *Queen Adelaide* at 2.30 and eventually arriving in Bridge Street: 4 pm a meat tea was provided in the schoolroom in two sittings ‘175 enjoyed the good things prepared for them by the Committee’



Coronation Mug 1953

After tea, although the weather was cold, the sports took place in New Close and a stage was erected in the school ready for the evening. At 8 pm ‘Prizes were presented, the children gave an hour’s entertainment and local entertainers kept the crowded hall in good humour with songs, monologues, sketches and community singing Shortly after midnight, a happy but tired crowd of Whaddon folk rose , sang the National Anthem and went home to bed’.



Procession passing Town Farm

Silver Jubilee 1977

A Jubilee Committee was set up early in the year to discuss what money could be raised for celebrations and something permanent for the village. The seat outside the village hall was bought.

Fund raising Events during 1977 and programme:

March 5th Bring & Buy Whaddon W.I.

April 30th Bring & Buy Mrs Butler & Mrs Jarman

May 12th Whist Drive 7.30pm

June 9th Display by the Band of the Queen's Division on Recreation

Ground 7pm. Presentation of Jubilee Crowns

Wine & Cheese Party in Village Hall – 8pm

June 25th Barn Dance & Barbecue

October 1st Musical Evening Whaddon Church



Jubilee Crowns presented 1977



Band of the Queen's Division playing for Jubilee 1977

Royal Wedding - Charles & Diana July 29th 1981

The function commenced at 5pm when Lord and Lady Whaddon walked across from the old Vicarage to present every child with a souvenir mug. Sports and games for the children and a competition for decorated prams, followed by a Barbecue with a bar provided by the *Waggon and Horses*. Later there was singing and dancing in the Hall and a raffle raised £43. A contribution was sent to the Cambs. Cancer Scanner Fund.

Golden Jubilee June 3rd 2002

Jubilee Party - Programme

Procession of Floats starts 2pm.

'Kings and Queens' Fancy Dress for all

Events on the Recreation Ground 3pm.

Bouncy Castle Races, Man-Sized Table Football Game,

Entertainers, Children's Tea Party. Tickets £1

Whaddon Jubilee Presentation to Children

(Commemorative Silver Spoon)

Races and Entertainer

Evening Barbecue (Tickets £5), Live Band (Candyman) and Bar

Fireworks to Finish



Spoon presented to children in 2002



Procession passing down Bridge Street June 3rd 2002

Jean & Stan Ralls

Diamond Jubilee June 4th 2012:

WHADDON JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2012

Monday 4th June

2.30 till late

ALL AGES WELCOME

Bouncy Castle

**Inflatable
Gladiator**

Paper plate painting

2.30pm Fancy Dress Parade
Royal Theme

3.30pm Children's Games

4.30pm Tea for Everyone

**Jubilee
Medals**

Bar

**Sumo
Wrestling**

Cup cake decorating



We are looking forward to a celebration which embraces all age groups with lots of activities for children of all ages.

Contact Anne Newberry C207555 if you can help with food. Further information from Nick Shaw C207400 or Wendy Evans C207703.



WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



While Whaddon has had a quiet time over the past three months when it comes to crime, others have not been so fortunate. The police report that there has been a rise in rural crime in South Cambridgeshire with burglaries being a particular problem. In many cases properties have been approached from the rear across open land – a situation that prevails in Whaddon. The intruders appear to have studied their target and, in the police words, “have a way of determining that the premises are not occupied”. Burglars have had considerable success in gaining entry in this way and an untidy search leads to the theft of jewelry, cash, electrical goods and vehicles. One aspect of these crimes has been the theft of expensive cars from domestic homes in local villages as close as Melbourn, Fowlmere and Haslingfield. Often some simple good housekeeping measures to secure your home and vehicles are all that is needed; most notably, secure external doors and windows, keep car keys out of sight and avoid obvious signs that you are away. In their follow-up to burglaries, the police often find that modern doors with multi lever locking systems are not fully engaged when locked at night. More often than not some simple measures will discourage the walk-in burglar who

would rather move on to easier pickings than risk being caught.

On a domestic note, I would just like to thank two of the Neighbourhood Watch team in Whaddon who are stepping down. Anne Brandon has looked after Meldreth Road for a very long time but she has decided now is the time to move to pastures new and Andrew Townsend in Bridge Street has decided to leave the committee for other challenges. Many thanks to both Anne and Andrew for their help. We now face a gap in Meldreth Road which Karen Coningsby will fill until we find a volunteer. While the commitment is far from arduous it is important that we cover the whole village. Would somebody please offer to help and contact me.

Finally, you will find in this Whaddon News a request slip for your contact details so that we might start to develop a database listing the primary contact in each household. Initially this will be to allow crime or other security matters to be occasionally passed to residents but fairly quickly we hope that this facility can be extended so that it is another means of communicating details of the many events that we have in the village.

MRM

Incident Reporting: Please remember – dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk. For a non-emergency matter call 101. If you report an incident to the police would you also let your neighbourhood watch coordinator know so that we can keep in touch with incidents in the village.

ST MARY'S CHURCH WHADDON

Dear Friends in Whaddon,

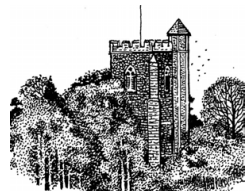
All of my adult life I've found Jesus' words 'Follow me' irresistible. After seven years of being your Vicar, I believe he's now asking me and my family to follow him to a new place, and so I've taken the hard decision to accept the invitation to become Rector of Orton Longueville, a large village just south of Peterborough. My last Sunday at Whaddon will be 27th May - Whitsun - when we welcome Morris Dancers to Whaddon.

It's a very strange 'job' being a vicar, because you meet the widest range of people in the most acute situations - some of great joy, some of deep sadness. I've shared a good number of both with many of you. This has been my first incumbency (being in charge!) and Whaddon will forever be a very significant place where I met lots of warm-hearted, courageous and interesting people, learned many vital lessons, and made some mistakes. I've counted it a real privilege to be your vicar, and I want to thank you for trusting me, often with precious and fragile parts of your lives.

Change is difficult for all sorts of reasons, but God has created a world that is constantly changing and developing, so we can't avoid it. He's drawing all of us forward, so that we can discover his kindness and grace in all the 'ordinary' aspects of our lives. I hope you'll see St Mary's Church more and more as a special place for you and your families, that you'll hear Jesus' words 'Follow me' to be directed at you, and that you'll find that obeying them brings joy and peace that you can find in no other way.

God bless you, Whaddon - thanks for having me!

Donald McFadyen



CHURCH FETE

St Mary's Church, WHADDON

Ploughman's lunch at

12:30pm Saturday 14th July 2012

(£5:00 including wine, £2.20 children)

Please come and support the lunch in aid
of church funds

Fete Opens at 2:00pm

*Vintage cars, Stalls, Games, Raffles,
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These can be delivered to Bill Knight or
Karen Coningsby, Tel: 208052 & 207514

**We will be calling Monday 9th July
from 7pm**

Thank you in anticipation

WELCOME

Whaddon welcomes all
residents who have moved
into the new houses in St
Mary's Close. We hope
you have a happy time in
the village.

VACANCIES

Whaddon Parish Council
have two vacancies for
Parish Councillors at the
moment. If you would like
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the village then please
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Party In the Barn 2012

Party in the Barn will take place on Friday 6 July. Originally, this event was organised to raise funds for the village playground and with great success! The event has raised around £2000 each year. We have been able to continue to fund the ongoing maintenance of the playground as well as support other village fundraising schemes such as the church tower and, most recently, the village hall refurbishment. We have helped fund the village Children's Christmas Party and we are contributing towards the cost of the inflatable games for the Jubilee celebrations. Every penny raised goes back into the village. The best part of it is the fun we have on the night. It is a great party and everyone enjoys themselves—we are always being asked when the next one is going to be! We hope you will support us once again this year—have fun and support your village at the same time!!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH VOLUNTEERS

You may have seen us around the village each weekend with our high visibility jackets on and you may have wondered what we were up to? We have been doing our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and for the volunteering challenge, we decided to ask the Parish Council if we could help them. We started in November last year and we finish at the end of May. Most weeks we have been litter picking and we have, on average, filled 2 bin liners of rubbish each week. Mostly, the litter has been thrown from cars and consists mainly of tins, bottles and general litter. However we sometimes come across some more surprising finds, for example, a brief case, a pile of old 78 records, a radio and a teddy bear!! We reckon over 6 months we will have cleared over 60 bags of litter, the worst place being the Whaddon Gap road. We hope that you have noticed the village looking a bit tidier.

John and Keith.

Meldreth Tennis Club
"Open Afternoon"
Sunday 1st July 2012
2.00 - 4.00 p.m.

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JUBILEE OAK

Although it has rained a lot in the last few weeks, as the summer progresses (hopefully!) we need to make sure the oak is watered. There is no water supply close to the tree so if people nearby in the village could put water into the plastic gaiter at the base of the tree we may save this tree from turning its toes up during the course of the summer. It would be possible to park nearby if others are willing to help. After its initial year hopefully it will get its roots established and will not require so much help.

Wendy Evans



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Mrs Kate French	Councillor	C 208207	21 Bridge Street
Mr Lee Ginger	Councillor	C 208077	43 Bridge Street
Mrs Jennifer Lewis	Councillor	C 208500	20 Bridge Street
Mr Philip Neale	Councillor	C 207706	104 Bridge Street, Dyers Green
Mrs Gabby Van Poortvliet	Clerk/ Finance Officer	C 208450	134 Bridge Street, Dyers Green Whaddonpcclerk@yahoo.co.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM

Mike Monks	Whaddon Village Coordinator	58 Bridge Street	C 208236
Malan Peyton	Dep. Village Coordinator Parish Council NW Rep.	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	C 207358

Coordinators:

Karen Coningsby	Upper Meldreth Road/Church Corner	17 Church Street	C 207514
Carole Aldred	Church Street/Town Farm Close	104 Church Street	C 208147
Wendy Evans	Church Street/Town Farm Close	108 Church Street	C 207703
Maria Mould	Lower Bridge Street/Ridgeway Close	39 Bridge Street	C 207231
Mike Monks	Upper Bridge Street	58 Bridge Street	C 208236
Malan Peyton	Dyers Green	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	C 207358

Local Enforcement:

Chief Inspector Darren Alderson	Area Commander
Inspector Chris Savage	Sector Inspector
Sergeant Jon Capes	Sector Sergeant

Neighbourhood Policing Team (Cambourne):

PC Clare List	Neighbourhood Policing Constable
James Lynch	Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
Lyndsay Gardiner	Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Royston 08444 111444

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