

WHADDON NEWS

WINE TASTING EVENING

Saturday 29th November
7.30pm
Whaddon Village Hall

Sample 14 Wines from around the world
Introductory talk and advice by expert vintner
Blind tasting competitions
Win bottles of wine
Raffles
Cheese supper
Tickets £9.50

BOOK BEFORE 24th NOV.

Mark Newberry 01223 207555
Joan Pascoe 01223 208062

WHADDON CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY
13TH DECEMBER
at
3.15PM
in the
VILLAGE HALL

Inside for more details.

Carols & Candles

A Christmas Celebration
introducing
CHRISTINGLES
into the
CAROL SERVICE
(mulled wine & mince pies after)

Sunday 14th December
3.00pm
in the church

CHRISTMAS DAY IN WHADDON

Family Service
at 9.15am
in the
Parish Church

This short service will be followed
by
Communion.

Please come and join us.



Wine Tasting

Book before
24th November

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

**SERVICE OF
CONFIRMATION
IN WHADDON**

**Sunday 7th December
at 6pm**

with

**Bishop Barrington Ward
The Deanery Choir
&
Organist Richard Harker**

ALL WELCOME



Don't forget. . .

**Our regular Family Services are now
well-established and good fun . . .**

**St Mary's Parish Church, Whaddon
Sharing and Learning together . . .**

**All welcome to these half-hour
services**

**At 10.00am (Christmas day
is earlier)**

25 January

22 February

28 March



ANIMAL CRACKERS 2004

After last year's successful event Animal Crackers 2004 will take place on 13th June and will run from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm.

A meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Friday 16th January for those interested in giving their help, in whatever way, during the preparation, sponsorship or on the day.

Further information to follow.



**Petersfield School,
Orwell**



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 6 December 2pm.

Santa's Grotto, Quality Craft Stall,
Children's Entertainment, Secrets Room,
Toy Stall, Refreshments and more— lots
of seasonal fun!

DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter will be 29th February 2004. Please ensure all items are received in time.

Contact Joan Pascoe C. 208062

November 2003

WHADDON VILLAGE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



This year the village party will be held on **Saturday 13th of December at 3.15pm in the Village Hall.** 'Just Puppets' have been booked and we have invited Santa too! All children within the village of primary school age and under will receive a personal invitation towards the end of November. A fun party is guaranteed!!

We have 52 children on the invitation list at the moment, which must be one of the largest child populations for some time. We make a big effort to ensure that every eligible child is invited however we rely totally on word of mouth to discover any changes.

If you have recently moved into the village (or you are expecting an addition to the family by then) and you haven't told us yet, then please let us know so that we can send out invitations. **Contact Anne Newberry on 207555 or Lorna Green on 208203.** If you have started at secondary school (year 7) this year could you also contact us so that the list can be updated?



GRAND SLIDE OPENING.

At the end of August the Village held a ceremony to officially open the new village slide. The event was a huge success with afternoon tea, various competitions, a tombola and carriage rides to keep everyone entertained. Mary Course, our District Councillor cut the red ribbon, surrounded by a crowd of local young children and many of the not so young! The event raised nearly £120 for the Children's Christmas party.

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to this well supported village event.



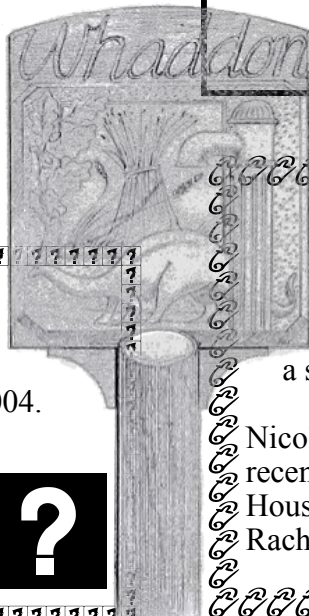
WELCOME TO WHADDON



Jane and her son James have moved in with Jane's sister, Wendy and Matt in Bridge Street

Paul and Kim with their children Louisa & Timothy have moved in to Church Street, next to the Village Hall.

Colin and Janet have moved into Town Farm Close



WHO? WHAT? WHERE?

The Village Quiz will be held on Saturday 7th February 2004.

Fish and Chip Supper.

Please see Notice Boards etc for further details nearer the time.



NEW ARRIVALS

Fleur born to James and Vanessa in Bridge Street,
a sister for Isabella.



Nicole born to Henry and Judy who recently moved into Walnut Tree House on Bridge Street with daughter Rachael who is 2.

November 2003

Join us for a night of. . .



Elvis

Royston Heath Sports & Social Club
Thursday 20th November, 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 ★
(includes nibbles & dips)

★ **Tickets available by calling** ★
01767 631636 or 01763 242963

All proceeds to The Children's Liver Disease Foundation

Elvis Night

You are all invited to an Elvis Night – Live Music, starring Elvis impersonator Pete Webb - See the box above for details.

We are organising this event to raise funds for the Children's Liver Disease Foundation.

The CLDF is organising a "baby jaundice campaign". This is aimed at helping health professionals in the early diagnosis of liver problems in infants. If left too late, small babies with liver disease can suffer permanent liver damage. The campaign will also raise awareness amongst health professionals and the public as to the possible outcomes of prolonged jaundice. By supporting the fundraising for this campaign you can help improve the survival chances of some very vulnerable babies.

I am involved in helping this cause as my friend Helen, who lives close by in Kneesworth, was told her son had liver disease a little too late. Her son, Oscar, has survived major surgery and is now a thriving 2 year old. However, his liver is permanently damaged and he and his family will always have to live with the consequences.

So, go on, make a difference! Bring your friends and have a lot of fun at the same time! Tickets are available from Helen Slater on 01763 242963 or contact me on 01223 207555.

Anne Newberry.

DRUG & ALCOHOL AWARENESS EVENING

Are you a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle...? If so, you are invited to attend this event, to be held at Petersfield School, Orwell on Tuesday November 25th, 7.30-9.00pm.

Young children are aware of many different types of drugs. This awareness evening is planned to enable members of the community to work together to ensure that the knowledge the children have is accurate and that they are able to practise the skills they will need to deal with drug related issues and situations.

The evening will be run with the help of Cathy Murphy from the county PHSE Service. It follows the launch of the Basingstoke Community Drugs Initiative on November 3rd which staff, parents and governors of Petersfield School played a part in developing. The evening is intended to share information with you, to respond to your questions about drug use and to discuss ways in which you can prepare your children for the drug using society in which they will grow up. The event is free, just turn up if you are interested. Contact the school for more information on 01223 207382.

Mother Goose Christmas Fair



Friday 12th December
11.30am until 2pm
Wimpole Village Hall

Everyone welcome! Do join us for the fair, have some festive fun and take the opportunity to find out more about this well established pre-school. As a registered charity, all proceeds from this event will be used for providing quality pre-school education for 2½ to 5 year olds from the local area.



For further information about this event or more generally about Mother Goose contact Caroline Maskell on 01763 220622.



SEEKING INFORMATION ON FAMILY ROOTS.

I recently received a letter from a Mr and Mrs Morris of Allenbry Village, Coventry who are seeking to research the history of their Family and relatives who they say resided in Whaddon in the early 1900s. Their ancestors were – Mr William Jarman and his wife Emily Ethel Jarman. They resided at a house called “Hawthorn”, which is now Number 129 Church Street, Whaddon.

Their family was daughters Barbara and Doreen and their son William Reginald. Reginald was organist of The Parish Church, Whaddon.

The Morris Family has asked me if I know of any persons in the village of Whaddon or indeed the surrounding villages who might be related to the Jarman Family.

If anyone should know of persons who might be related please ring the telephone number below and the information will be passed on to the Morris family.

*Mr Ted Webb, Tel No 01223 207564
42 Bridge Street, Whaddon.*

ROYSTON AND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER BUREAU

Have YOU ever thought about volunteering?

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in your local community, have fun, learn new skills and make friends.

The bureau covers anyone with an SG8 postcode in North Herts and South Cambs. We have details on more than 100 volunteering opportunities in the local area, so there is something to suit EVERYONE!

Phone Angie on 01763 243020,
email roystonvb@care4free.net
call 2nd floor Royston Hospital. Tuesday and Thursday 10am—1pm

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police:

Cambridge.....01223 358966
Huntingdon.....01480 456111

C.A.B.01763 238020

Hospital:

Addenbrooke's01223 245151
Royston..... 01763 242134

Services:

Cambridge Water.....01223 706090
Anglian Water08457 145145
Electricity Emergency..... 0800 7838838

Transport:

National Rail0845 484950
Stagecoach01223 423578

Council:

Housing repairs0800 0851313
Pest control01223 443145
Refuse collection01223 235468

Councillors:

County
(Anthony Milton).....01223 207105
District
(Mary Course)01763 260284
Parish (Ted Webb)01223 207564

Doctor:

Orchard Surgery Melbourn. 01763 260220
Royston Health Centre01763 242981

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

During the October Parish Council meeting councillors discussed the village hall chimney stack, which had recently been inspected. Three suggested options were for it to be removed completely, to be reduced by fifty per cent or to be reinforced by a steel rod and filled in with concrete.

Council Chairman Ted Webb felt the chimney was part of a historical building and therefore should be retained, and Councillors agreed to arrange full costings for each of the suggestions.

It was also agreed that the Village Hall Dilapidation Report, authorised at September's meeting, should also include a risk assessment for the new Disability Act. Clerk Yvonne Albery said she had written to four contractors and had two replies, who detailed estimates for report costs. The Council agreed to carry out further research into the type of Dilapidation Report required and will contact the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Councillor Goddard had met with Mrs Harrison from the County Council's environment and transport department to discuss the village planting scheme. This will be the last time the scheme will be offered to the Parish and she felt it should be given one last chance. Councillor Goddard suggested a range of trees for the recreation ground which were small at maturity and had no poisonous parts. A full costing will be made for the scheme and Councillors will decide on the tree types at the November meeting.

Councillor Wilson's report on Chatrooms-futuristic buildings used as youth shelters- was discussed. Councillors felt there were more important financial priorities, including two new bus shelters and a lay-by on Church Street for

the school bus.

Mrs Albery said that the proposed lay-by had been included in a bid for road improvements for the period between 2004 and 2005, the result of which is due in December. The bus shelter will be discussed at January's meeting. Councillor Wilson was thanked for her hard work.

The Council agreed to back Meldreth Parish Council's request for a late night train service to stop at Meldreth on Friday and Saturday nights. The last direct train currently leaves Cambridge at 9:54 pm.

County Farms said that there was no funding left for this year for a height bar at Whaddon Gap car park, but suggested there would be money available in the next financial year and advised the council to make a bid then.

A parishioner emailed the district council to obtaining more information regarding getting broadband internet and was told Whaddon was not eligible for funding from the East of England Development Agency. Councillor Goddard said she would make further enquiries and discuss it at the November meeting.

Councillors agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting would take place in November, when the new Village Hall Committee would be formed.

MELBOURN & DISTRICT LIBRARY

After months of careful planning Melbourn Library will re-open on **Saturday 22nd November.**

Volunteers are still urgently needed to staff the library.

It is hoped to have refreshments available after the initial setting up.



Congratulations to Anthony Milton, resident of Whaddon, who had a convincing win in becoming the County Council Representative for Melbourn Division that includes Whaddon.

WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A MESSAGE FROM CAROL WILSON – SAWSTON SECTOR COMMUNITY CONTACT OFFICER

"This month has seen me covering a variety of situations – and getting more involved in aiming to reduce crime by sending out information. Some of you will have read an article in the Cambridge Evening News stressing the need for this.

I have also got involved in the **Stack Fires** that we have had so many of. We are in close touch with the fire service and it is so good to witness at first hand the determination from all groups involved with this crime to prevent it happening on such a wide scale in future. If you do have any information regarding any of these arson attacks, please let us know.

I have been really pleased to have met so many NHW co-ordinators and to see how the scheme assists the Police. The good news is that **Neighbourhood Watch** is growing, as recently three new village schemes were formed, as well as new streets being added to the scheme. One of these, Whaddon had suffered a spate of crime and realised they needed to do something to try to prevent it happening again. We had a village meeting and, along with the dedication of the new NHW cluster leader, Chris Fisher, we have a scheme of eight co-ordinators and six deputies – thus ensuring that every street has a NHW co-ordinator. Such is their enthusiasm that I have also given a Distraction Burglary talk for their pensioners.

For those who have set up new street schemes, I would say a big thank you. I get very good reports of the social activities you all do – whether for fund raising or just to be seen – so keep up the good work!"

CAROL WILSON

Stay safe this winter

This message is meant to **inform, NOT alarm**. At this time of year there is the potential for house burglaries. Having put the clocks back recently - and as the nights draw in –it is easy to identify those homes whose owners have not returned from work. Opportunists target houses that they can see are unoccupied and commit these crimes.

Bear these simple points in mind, they may stop you becoming a victim.

- ☐ 1. Don't advertise your absence. Use time switches to turn some lights and even perhaps a radio on.
- ☐ 2. Don't leave your curtains closed during the day if you anticipate a late return.
- ☐ 3. Keep valuables out of sight.
- ☐ 4. The point of entry for the majority of all burglaries is via the rear of the house. So make it difficult to get around the back and repair any broken fencing.
- ☐ 5. Make sure all doors and windows are secure and use security lighting, where possible.
- ☐ 6. If you know you're going to be late, is there a friend or trusted neighbour who can close curtains and turn lights on for you?

If you see anything suspicious please report it to your nearest Co-ordinator or Deputy Co-ordinator. If you cannot contact them, contact the Cluster Co-ordinator. Alternatively email WhaddonNW@aol.com and your enquiry will be dealt with straight away.

CHRIS FISHER

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH WINS CASH PRIZE

Whaddon Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch have won the South Cambridgeshire Community Safety Competition 2003. The village's entry, 'A Safer Whaddon' will use the prize money to implement resources to all areas of the community in the aim of reducing crime. Council Chairman, Ted Webb said: "At the launch night of the scheme we saw many villagers turn up because they were interested in how this new scheme might affect them. Since then, we have noticed a positive change in community spirit; residents are passing on any strange observations to their co-ordinators and asking neighbours to watch their property whilst they are away. It is this real sense of community that can be seen and felt in our competition entry, as both co-ordinators and counsellors discussed ideas for the project with family, friends and neighbours." Vice Chairman, Clare Byatt added: "I am delighted that The Safer Whaddon project has won the money. I am impressed by the commitment of the organisers, the level of consultation among the co-ordinators preparation for the competition entry and the continuing flow of creativeness and energy directed at the scheme." The co-ordinators met on Thursday 30th October to discuss how the aims and objectives will be implemented. Deputy Cluster Co-ordinator Sally Eley said: "I am delighted to have been asked to support Mr Chris Fisher in his work as Cluster Co-ordinator for the Village. Neighbourhood Watch works closely with the Police, supporting and educating communities instilling a new determination to combat crime and make life as difficult as possible for the opportunist thief. With this new heightened awareness and the neighbourly caring attitude that already exists in the Village, I am sure we will achieve our goal of making Whaddon an even safer and better place to live for all its residents." Cluster Co-ordinator Christopher Fisher concluded: "We made it clear in our entry that the crime reduction measures were important to all our members of the newly-formed Neighbourhood Watch committee and Parish Council. We planned some fundraising events to ensure that the measures were implemented and this money means we can instantly create a safer environment for every resident in Whaddon. The most important part of the project is that the parishioners have come together to consider aims and objectives to create a safer community for today, tomorrow and beyond. The final report will become part of Whaddon's history."

Crimes Committed over last few months were:



- 1 domestic incident reported.
- Four incidents of theft from barns/workshops and stables in Meldreth Road overnight of 6/7th October. Items stolen included a camera and tack.
- A horsebox was moved to the end of a driveway in Old North Road. Two days later it was burnt out, along with a van.

DON'T FORGET
THERE ARE MONTHLY UPDATES PUT UP ON ALL
VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS

Look out for...

- **DOOR TO DOOR SELLERS**—always ask for ID and if you are concerned ring Trading Standards on 0845 60 444 66 to get ID validated.
- **HARE COURSERS**—if you see coursing taking place, please inform your own sector co-ordinator immediately.

• **INFORMATION** - on Neighbourhood Watch crime reduction talks and Neighbourhood Watch crime information dropped through your letter box by your co-ordinator.

• **ONE ANOTHER** - if you know your neighbour is away, make sure their post is completely through the letterbox and wheelie bin is out of view.

CLUSTER CO-ORDINATOR:
Christopher Fisher: (01223) 208947



DEPUTY CLUSTER CO-ORDINATOR:
Sally Eley: (01223) 207340

TIMES PAST

Number Nine

Memories of a Whaddon Childhood

by Eileen Izzard (daughter of Jim Law)
Jim was for many years Chairman of the Parish Council

On the Farm

My father worked at Rectory Farm for old Tom Coningsby. I can recall the men used to have to go to the back door of the farm and wait for Tom to bring out their wages. He was always called affectionately "the ole man" by Dad. I can remember Tom Coningsby walking around Rectory Farm leaning over pens scratching pigs' backs with his walking stick.

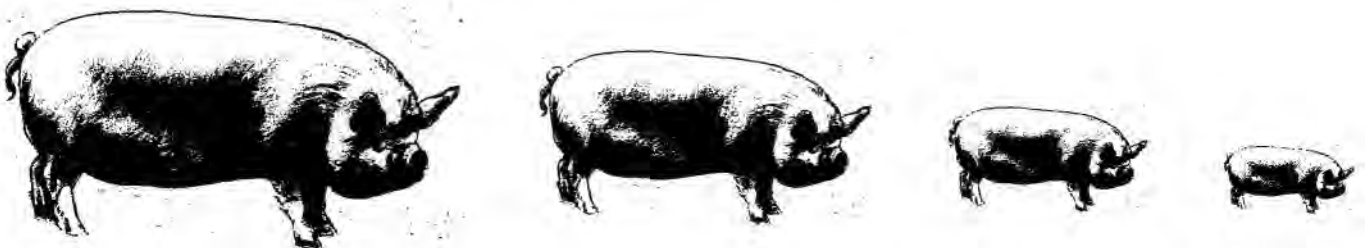
When possible we could get up to the farm before ten then we could have our 'beaver' (lunch) with Dad and the other workers, sometimes in the field by the stooks at harvest or by a hedgerow in winter when Dad would make a small fire to warm ourselves by and toast our cheese sandwiches on a forked branch. 'Beaver' was Dad's name for lunch but I don't know why. When we had a 'beaver' in the stackyard at the farm I've watched John Jarman get out of his bag a chunk of bread off which he would cut a lump with his penknife or a piece of cheese and maybe a slice of onion and wash it down with a bottle of cold tea!

It was Dad's job sometimes to feed the pigs at Rectory Farm. At weekends we used to go with him. There was a dung heap outside the door and paving slabs to pick your way over it (pooh!). The pigs would start squealing as soon as they saw us. There was a big tub into which Dad put meal and various stuff including water and we'd stir it round with a big piece of wood (hard work for children). Then it was dished out into the troughs much to the delight of the pigs.

Summer holidays were called 'harvest holiday' by most school children. I remember a threshing machine working then which I think used to go round to all the local farms. Harvest took a lot longer than nowadays and needed 'good weather'. If the corn got laid by rain then the binder couldn't cut it.

We had a lot of fun on the farm and you weren't banned from doing things like now. Mr Tom Coningsby and later George would show us an old straw stack we could play on. Pauline and I would climb up and slide down. Great fun! until we had a bath or a wash as very sore legs were the result! We could also go on the tractor with Dad. I remember once when we were (I think) in the potato field, Mum and the other women were working there and some children were on the cart. Captain, a nervous horse, was in the shafts and something 'spooked' him and he started to run towards the ditch - children were rolling about in the cart. Mums were yelling. 'Chink' Law bravely stood in front of the ditch with pitchfork in hand, Captain stopped!! He knew he was beaten. 'Chink' Law was another Jim Law. He used to dance the broomstick dance in the yard at Rectory Farm. Dad said he had watched him do it. My Dad had a nasty accident early on in his marriage when we were young. Mum told me about visiting the hospital with us. It was Captain again and this time a tractor frightened him. Dad was dragged underneath whatever piece of machinery he was using. He had several scars behind his ear from it and spent a bit of time in hospital.

The horses were often stabled in the fields near where they were working instead of taking them back to the farm. The barns where they were stabled were down between Shingay Lane and College Farm. I'm not sure if they are still there.



More on the Normans The Domesday Book

In 1086 the Domesday book was produced under the orders of William the Conqueror. He sent his men into every county to find out in detail how much land was held and by whom and how much it was worth. It is one of the most remarkable pieces of statistical documentation in European history. It records detailed information on some 45,000 landownings in about 14,000 named places along with valuations. It came to be known in the 1170s as Domesday as it was thought to contain enough information for the Day of Judgement.

It paints a picture of life in an English settlement twenty years after William's Conquest - a land where most people lived in small communities and where almost the entire population lived by means of agriculture. Farming was carried out from villages and the fields were divided into strips belonging to a landlord. Life was carried on

at a subsistence level with the production of goods for survival such as corn, barley, sheep, goats and pigs.

These rural communities were operated on a strict social hierarchy from the Lord down through the freemen to the cottagers, the blacksmiths, shepherds, millers and last of all the slaves.

In the entry for Whaddon, the names of several landowners are given, but the name we are most familiar with is that of Hardwin de Scalers. The following is just part of one entry of Hardwin's holdings. Whaddon was assessed as 10 hides [1 hide = 120 acres] and of these Hardwin's holdings were 3½ hides and 4½ virgates [1 virgate = 30 acres]

In Whaddon Hardwin holds 2½ hides. Land for three ploughs. In Lordship 1 hide and 1 plough.

6 villagers and 15 cottagers with 1½ ploughs; another ½ possible.

Meadow for two ploughs; pasture for village livestock; 7 head of cattle, 23 pigs and 25 sheep

The value is and was 70s.; before 1066 £4

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Whilst the newsletter is due to go out in November, it seems appropriate to spend a moment remembering those from the village who gave their lives for us in the two wars. The Roll of Honour can be seen on the north wall of the Church

1914-1918

Reginald Jarman
Victor George Oliver
John Law
Frederick George Hicks
Walter Chapman
Harry Thomas Hall
Thomas Laurie Coningsby
Alfred William Smith

1939-1945

Reginald Frederick Jacklin
William Reginald Jarman
Charles Samuel Linsdell
Ainslie Henry Morfey
Jack William Smith
Bernard William Webb

