

# WHADDON NEWS

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

Sunday 26 November  
3.00 pm  
at  
St. Mary's Church  
Whaddon  
In aid of The Children's Society



*Xmas Social Evening  
Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>  
See inside for details.*

## SPECIAL SERVICE

Sunday 3 December 9.15am  
To raise funds for St Luke's Hospital, Malawi.  
See inside for details.

## TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE



In the Church  
Sunday 17th December  
3 pm  
Mulled wine and mince pies afterwards



## CHRISTMAS IN WHADDON

CHRISTMAS EVE  
Sunday 24th DECEMBER

WHADDON CHURCH  
9.15 am  
Morning Prayer  
5-5.45 pm  
Carol singing by candlelight



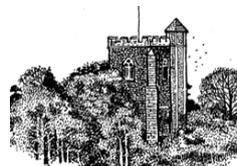
This will be very informal and all are welcome. Bring a torch or nightlight in a jam jar.

BASSINGBOURN CHURCH  
3.00 pm Crib Service  
11.30 pm Midnight Holy Communion

## CHRISTMAS DAY IN WHADDON



Family Service  
at 9.15 am  
in the  
Parish Church  
Followed by a short service of  
Holy Communion.  
Please come and join us.



## WHADDON VILLAGE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



This year the village party will be held on Saturday 9th of December at 3.15pm in the Village Hall. A silly magician will be there to entertain us and Santa may make an appearance if everyone is good! All children within the Village of Whaddon, of primary school age and under, will receive a personal invitation towards the end of November.

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. Santa usually brings all the children a present too and we need to let him know how many to bring.

Contact Anne Newberry on 207555 or Lorna Green on 208203.

## World Wide Whaddon

Don't forget that Whaddon now has its very own website. You can find it at [www.whaddon.org](http://www.whaddon.org)

You'll be amazed at what a mine of information it is. Log on to find out what's going on, who does what or to learn about Whaddon's history.

Help us to make it even more useful by adding more information or publicising any activities.

And, if you run a business, have your details added - absolutely free!

Give me a ring on 207688 or send an email to [lee.ginger@btinternet.com](mailto:lee.ginger@btinternet.com) and I'll get your words on line.

*Lee Ginger  
99 Meldreth Road*

### PLAYGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

We are launching a questionnaire to see what is needed to replace the old wooden climbing frame, and in the process upgrade the existing play area to make a much more suitable and exciting playground for everyone. All we ask is for everyone to fill in the questionnaire with the newsletter, then just post it in the corresponding letter box, in either 112 Meldreth Road, Turpins Farm House, Church Street or 42 Bridge Street.

Jack Handscombe



### DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter will be **11th February 2007**. This will include details of Easter and spring events.

Other items of village interest are always welcome.

Contact Joan Pascoe C 208062

# *Xmas Social Evening*

*Saturday  
December 9<sup>th</sup>  
in the Village Hall*



*Nibbles and a Bar  
Singing Xmas Carols  
£2 per person  
8 pm until late*



## VILLAGE HALL

The Management & Fund Raising Committee would like to give a short update on the Village Hall. The drainage is now on the main sewer. Some of the bollards are in place with the fence being extended. The Village Handyman Mike Carter has done quite a few repairs in and around the Village Hall.

This year's BBQ made a profit of £618.23. This was a very enjoyable evening with the weather behaving itself and staying reasonably warm and dry.

We have held two Car boots this year which, in total, have raised £113.27. The first one in September was a big success as the weather was very reasonable. The second in October didn't make as much as the weather was wet and cold. We will be holding more Car Boots in the new year.

We will endeavour to keep you updated on the progress of your Village Hall.

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## **? WHADDON QUIZ NIGHT ?**

Saturday 20th January 2007  
7.30 pm  
in the Village Hall  
Teams of 4 - 8

Fish & Chip Supper  
Please bring own  
drinks, knives &  
forks.  
£7.50 per person  
Raffle

Phone:  
Wendy Paton C207703  
Deborah Townsend C208038  
Karen Conningsby C207514



## **Village Hall Fund Raising Events for 2007**

30th June BBQ

Big Draw for the Autumn

Car Boots - April, May, September and October

### **Online Profit for the Village Hall**

Shop online at [www.buy.at/whaddon](http://www.buy.at/whaddon) - over 100 retailers including John Lewis, Amazon, Marks & Spencer, Early Learning, Holiday Companies etc. Every purchase earns us - the Village Hall - a commission. Give it a try.



ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

St Mary's, Whaddon

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER at 9.15am

On Sunday 3 December St Mary's is dedicating the Service of Morning Prayer to raising funds for St Luke's Hospital in Malosa, Southern Malawi. For several years funds have been sent from our church to support a scheme founded by Bridget Le Huray, a nurse from Cambridgeshire, who has lived and worked in Malawi training nurses at this hospital.

Organisations such as MACS, Malawi Association of Christian Support and USPG, the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, are enabling the Church in Malawi to improve health and education and tackle famine and HIV/Aids. Do come on Sunday 3 December and help us make a difference to a community that really needs our support.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Children's Society was founded 125 years ago to work with those children and young people who are most in need. Whaddon has supported The Children's Society for many years through fundraising at the Christingle Service, being held this year on Sunday 26 November, and from households who have the little blue collection boxes.

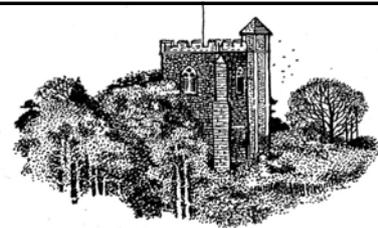
Kate French has taken over from Norah Foster counting the small change from these boxes and will be getting in touch with you soon. If you have a box, which you think we may not know about, please get in touch with Kate on 208 207.

Thank you for all your continuing efforts, helping The Children's Society to support the most disadvantaged children and young people.

A Date for your Diary:

SATURDAY 10 MARCH 2007

Ridley Hall Gospel Choir will be coming to Whaddon to perform in the Church, in aid of the organ preservation fund



PETERSFIELD SCHOOL

Petersfield School in Orwell is the local catchment Primary school for children in Whaddon and we are looking to invite more involvement from the local community. The children respond well to seeing different faces around school and are always keen to show off their skills. It is a tradition on Wednesday mornings for adults to come to school to listen to groups of children reading aloud. Guided reading is fun and only takes half an hour from 9.00 to 9.30am. If you have time to spare to do this, then please let us know.

If you can't help on Wednesdays but would like to help out in class as a volunteer, maybe you have a skill to offer, then please let us know as there are other opportunities for getting involved.

We are looking for Governors too, particularly people who may not currently have links with the school, as the Governing body will benefit from new ideas and fresh perspectives. Being a governor will require more commitment, attending at least one

meeting per half term and accepting responsibilities for various policies.

In all cases, the only qualification you need is enthusiasm and a desire to see local children to do their best at school. All adults will be asked to undergo a CRB check which is free for volunteers.

If you would like to know more then please Contact Anne Newberry on 207555 or Lorna Green on 208203.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 2 December 2-4 pm.

See Santa arrive at 2 o'clock on mystery transport. Q103's Black Thunder will be there too. Santa's Grotto, Children's entertainment, Craft Stall Cakes, Tombola, Raffles, Games, Prizes, Teas, Licensed Bar and much more!

Please come and support your local community Primary School.



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## WHADDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



As usual at this time of year, with the nights drawing in, we should all remember the importance of keeping ourselves secure in our homes and never opening the door to anybody of whose identity we are not absolutely sure. There have been one or two incidents in the locality recently, though none actually in Whaddon, of Bogus Callers. The Police are asking for anyone who receives a suspicious "cold call" to ring them immediately, and of course if a vehicle registration number is spotted, even better.

The Police are also anxious to pass the word around about a Mobile Phone Scam that is currently occurring. If you receive a phone call on your mobile from any person saying that he or she is a company engineer, or telling you that they are checking your mobile line and you must press #90 or #09, or any other number, END the call immediately without pressing any numbers. There is a fraud company using a device that can access your "SIM" card if you comply with the request, which of course means they can then make calls at your expense.

Lastly, the company who deliver the Thomson Local Directory inform us that the Cambridge version will be delivered in the area by private individuals using their own vehicles during the two to three weeks starting on 16th November.

### **PUBLIC MEETING** **20th December 2006**

Following concerns expressed at the last Whaddon Parish Council meeting about vermin control and the possibly inappropriate use of shotguns in the environs of the village, a **Public Meeting** has been arranged and will take place on **Wednesday, 20th December, 2006, at 7.30 pm**, in the Village Hall. Alan Dobson, Firearms Enquiry Officer for Cambridgeshire Police, will be attending the meeting to answer questions, and everybody with an interest of any sort in this question is cordially invited to attend and join in.

**M.G. RADFORD & SON**



**LANDSCAPES**  
**GARDEN CONSTRUCTION**

Established 1966

**Tel: 01223 207772**

**Mobile: 07714 600323**

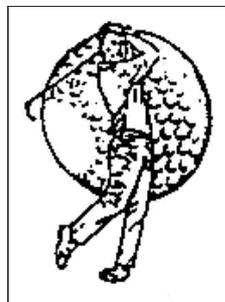
**Patios • Driveways • Fencing**  
**Turfing • Brickwork • Decking**  
**Water gardens**

## **WHADDON GOLF CENTRE**

01223 207325

**OPEN: 8.30 'til late**

**MORE THAN GOLF**



**BAR**  
**COFFEE AND**  
**SNACKS**  
**FOOD**

**VILLAGE SHOP**  
**PAPERS MILK BREAD**  
**JUST ASK US TO ORDER**

**WHADDON PARISH PLAN**

Many of you will recall the questionnaire associated with the Plan which was delivered and collected from each dwelling in the parish, and which sought Parishioners thoughts, ideas and suggestions which would improve conditions in the village. The Plan was completed and presented to the Parish Council early in 2006 along with a schedule of recommendations based on Parishioners requirements.

Copies of the Plan were also presented to the following organisations: South Cambridgeshire District County Council, Local District and County Councillors, Member of Parliament for South Cambridgeshire and ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England).

Whaddon's Plan along with other villages in South Cambridgeshire was discussed at a meeting of the above authorities some weeks ago. ACRE has been tasked with progressing the recommendations. Since that meeting ACRE requested a meeting with Whaddon Parish Council for that purpose. The Parish Council have now met with ACRE, discussed the recommendations and suggested the way forward. The Parish Council held an extraordinary in-house meeting and produced a list of 10 recommendations to be adopted.

**Top Priority**

- 1. The Parish Council will press hard for a reduction in the speed limit from 40 to 30 mph throughout the village, and press for regular speed checks.**
- 2. Whaddon Gap/A1198 Junction, the Parish Council will continue to press for a Traffic Management Scheme.**
- 3. The Parish Council will press for a Bus Lay-By at the bus stop at Ridgeway Close.**
- 4. The Parish Council will request Road Traffic Signs and other means to improve safety at the North Entry to Bridge Street.**

Other recommendations accepted by the Parish Council but with a lower priority, and in no particular order:

5. Improve the Children's Play Areas
6. Continue to press for controls on Bye-Way 22 (Bridge Hill) bottom of Bridge Street.
7. Endeavour to persuade the County Transport Authority to provide a better Transport Service from the village to other towns.
8. Examine the possibility of setting up a 'Community Support Enterprise'.
9. Endeavour to have RADA Gates installed where appropriate, ie Footpaths. (RADA is a universal unlocking system aimed at providing access for disabled and other users.
10. Prepare a Design Statement for the village as a guide to the future infill developments.

Ted Webb  
Chairman Parish Council 28/10/06



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

		25th December	Family Service
26th November	Christingle Service	15th January	Parish Council
3rd December	Malawi Service	20th January	Village Quiz
9th December	Children's Party	11th February	Newsletter Deadline
	Christmas Social	19th February	Parish Council
17th December	Carol Service	10th March	Gospel Choir
20th December	Firearms Meeting	18th March	Mothering Sunday
24th December	<u>Whaddon:</u>	19th March	Parish Council
	Morning Prayer	30th June	BBQ
	Carol Singing		
	<u>Bassingbourn:</u>		
	Crib Service		
	Midnight Communion		

## AFFORDABLE HOMES

Whaddon Parish Council is still very much pressing the Housing Association 'Bedfordshire Pilgrims' to produce Low Cost Housing for Whaddon. Unfortunately the Council was unsuccessful in the last bid for cash from the Housing Authority and now must await the next round. In the meantime the Pilgrims are negotiating with the District Council to fund the project. The Pilgrims have informed the Council that if unsuccessful they (The Pilgrims) will consider funding the project themselves. That is the current position at this time. Concerns are still being voiced by interested Whaddon Families as to the qualifications needed to secure a home. To this end the council consulted the Development Services Department of the District Council for clarification.

We quote from a letter received from the Department's Mrs Christine Adlam: 'I can confirm that the residents of Whaddon who are 'On the Waiting List' will be considered first for the new properties. These waiting list applicants are allocated points according to their circumstances (housing needs) and applicants are placed in priority order by the number of points they have been allocated. However, under South

Cambs Council's Local Plan Policy H23, section S106, the main criteria is for a Local Connection which means that any applicant must have lived in the village for a minimum of 5 years to qualify for new housing provided under the S106 agreement.'

The section 106 Agreement restricts occupation of the properties within such schemes to the following groups who would be unable otherwise to afford housing in a village with which they have strong ties.

1. Residents of unfit, unsafe or unsuitable accommodation in the village, parish or adjacent parishes.
2. Dependants of residents of dwellings in the village, parish or adjacent parishes.
3. People living away but employed in the village, parish or adjacent parishes.
4. People formally resident in the parish who have moved away during the previous twenty years. The primary reason for their move must have been to secure suitable housing not otherwise available within the village, parish or adjacent parishes within the district.

Ted Webb, Chairman Whaddon Parish Council.

### **Family Directory of Childcare and Children's Services in Cambridgeshire Published by Cambridgeshire County Council (October 2006)**

Whaddon Parish Council have recently received a copy of the above mentioned 78 page Directory. The Directory is produced by Early Years and Childcare Services for Children, Young People and their Families including details of registered childcare and early years education throughout Cambridgeshire. Copies of the Directory are obtainable by calling 01954 273360. Further information can be obtained by visiting the Information Service website at [www.childcarelink.gov.uk](http://www.childcarelink.gov.uk), [www.opportunity-links.org.uk](http://www.opportunity-links.org.uk) or by telephoning 08450 454014. For services for Children, Young People and families in Cambridgeshire visit The Directory at [www.isadirectory.org.uk](http://www.isadirectory.org.uk)  
There are many qualified professional people who work within the Service and in partner organisations to support childcare provision.

- Childcare & Playwork Advisers are responsible for supporting the County's Out of School provision.
- The Business & Employer Support team provide support to voluntary management committees for all types of childcare provision.

- Early Years Foundation Stage Advisors give advice and guidance on the early years Foundation Stage curriculum.
- Area SENCOs and Sector Support Workers give advice and guidance on supporting children and young people who have additional needs.
- Early Years Education Psychologist.

The Workforce Development Project Co-ordinator and Training Project Officers give advice to child care providers on recruitment and training and qualification opportunities for staff.

When visiting a childcare provider you may meet a range of these people. The Directory is a very wide ranging and informative document and well worth the effort to obtain, if of course you consider it could be of use to you.

The address for Cambridgeshire is:  
Early Years and Childcare Services  
Bar Hill Park  
Saxon Way  
Bar Hill  
Cambridge  
CB23 8SL  
Tel:01954 273360  
Fax:01954 273351

## Whaddon Parish Council News—some recent items

The Village Hall Plans were produced by Mr Hough at the last PC meeting. Discussion took place and many of those present expressed surprise at the large size of the car park and its proximity to the children's play area. It was confirmed that the SCDC Planning Dept. had asked for one car space for every eight square metres of floor space which resulted in the design as tabled. More detailed plans have now been made available for review.

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Discussion took place concerning the legalities of the use of firearms in the vicinity of footpaths and roadways. Complaints had been received from Bridge Street and Meldreth Road regarding the use of firearms particularly during hours of darkness. It was stated that the farmers had a legal right to clear their land of pests, but responsible behaviour was not always evident. A member of the public suggested that we should try to get all involved parties together for a formal meeting which would include representation from the farmers, shooters and concerned residents. It was decided to ask Mrs Shaw of Neighbourhood Watch if she would organise a firearms officer to speak at the meeting to explain the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved in local pest control.

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The high speed of cars through the village has been discussed at recent meetings and various options put forward to control this danger. A member of the public commented on the possibility of selected members of the public being trained in the use of speed guns and the likely risks involved from irate motorists. There is also still much concern with the Whaddon Gap/A1198 junction. Based on

comment from our County Councilor it is still believed little can be done at present, but a comment was made that concerned residents should write to the County Council and express not only concern but also remind them the amount of time it takes to actually takes to turn into the road during the daily rush hours.

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The new sewer connection for the village hall has been completed and the contractor will be shortly returning to complete the rest of the work including the bollards.

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Thanks were expressed to Mr Jim Docwra for his freely given time for cutting the recreation ground during the last few years. Options for cutting the grass in the future were discussed and several quotes have been received. Mr Green is being approached to see if terms can be agreed for the use of his services.

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The Parish Plan recommendations were ratified by the PC and these can be viewed as an appendix to the October meeting minutes.

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The PC would like to remind the public that the permissive bridleways around the village are not permitted to be used by motor vehicles. All footpaths and bridleways have restrictions to the use by motor vehicles unless the landowner grants special use.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mr E J Webb	Chairman	01223 207564	42 Bridge Street
Mrs C Byatt	V-Chairman	01223 207429	Turpins Farmhouse, Church Street
Ms M Peyton	Councillor	01223 207358	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green
Mr P Neale	Councillor	01223 207706	104 Bridge Street, Dyers Green
Dr N Strudwick	Councillor	01223 207434	3 Town Farm Close, Church Street
Prof A Milton	Councillor	01223 207105	Chestnut Tree Farm, Meldreth Road
Mr L Ginger	Councillor	01223 207688	99 Meldreth Road
Mrs Y Allbery	Clerk/ Finance Officer	01223 207458	112 Meldreth Road