

September 2004

WHADDON NEWS

HARVEST FESTIVAL



**Sunday 19th September
6 pm
in the Parish Church.**

Led by Stephen Brooker
with
Rev Dr Jonathan Holmes
From Queen's College, Cambridge

ALL WELCOME

COFFEE MORNING



**In the Church
Saturday 25 September
At 10 am**

**Donations appreciated of
Bring & Buy, Cakes, Produce etc**

WHADDON VILLAGE QUIZ



BAR

**Saturday 2nd October
at the
Village Hall**

**Doors open 7.00pm
Quiz starts 7.30pm**

RAFFLE

**Fish and Chip
Supper**

Tickets £5.00

For more details or to book a place please phone: Mark Newberry C 207555
Joan Pascoe C 208062
Bookings by Wednesday 29th September please.





Children's Christmas Party



This year's party will be held on Saturday 11th December in the afternoon. As usual, invitations will be sent out to children within the Village of Whaddon nearer the time. If you have moved in recently and have children of primary school age or under, then please contact us so that we can update our list.

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Lorna and I have been organising and fundraising for the party for over 5 years and this year's will be our last. We have had lots of fun but it's time for some other Mums and/or Dads to take over, so if you are interested, please contact one of us. If you volunteer now, there will be the opportunity to find out how this year's party is organised as it happens, which will be of help in future. We will still be around to help if needed too. Please contact us to find out more.

Anne Newberry C.207555
Lorna Green C.208203

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10th-12th Sept	Bassingbourn Flower Festival
16th September	Village Hall Meeting
19th September	Whaddon Harvest Festival
20th September	Parish Council
23rd September	AGM Village Hall
25th September	Coffee Morning
2nd October	Village Quiz
18th October	Parish Council
15th November	Parish Council
11th December	Christmas Party
12th December	Carols and Candles

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Nick and Jenna Lewis on
01223 207491

WELCOME TO WHADDON



To Anna and Damien McKeon and their children at Town Farm Close.

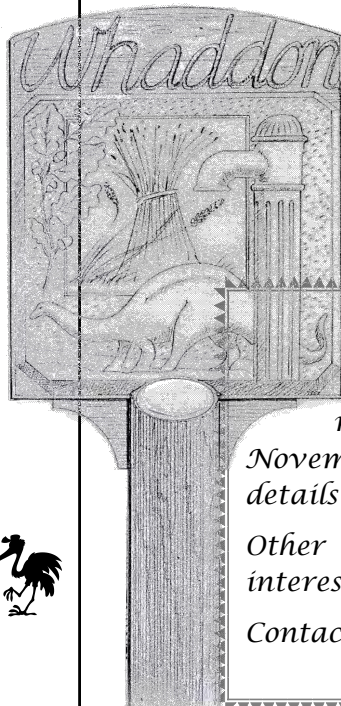
And to David Evans and Wendy Paton, who have moved into Church Street.

FAREWELL

Dirk, Adelle, Elise and Sophie Aderhold from Bridge Street have moved to Sheffield

CONGRATULATIONS

To Mark and Martine in Town Farm Close on the birth of Poppy.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the next newsletter will be 19th November 2004. This will include details of Christmas events.

Other news items of Village interest are always very welcome.

Contact Joan Pascoe C 208062

WHADDON VILLAGE HALL

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for the

There is to be an Open Public Meeting on the evening of the 16th September 2004 in the Village Hall commencing 7.30 for 8.00 pm. The meeting is to be arranged by the Hall Development Committee for the purpose of informing Parishioners of their findings in response to the brief set before the Committee by the Parish Council. The Brief, accepted by the Committee, was to investigate the various options, which could be available for producing a Village Hall suitable for the next 50 years.

Ted Webb will chair the meeting and Nicholas Shaw, Chairman of the Development Committee will give the presentation. Nick will also field questions after the presentation and take note of any suggestions, which may help his

Committee in their response to the Parish Council. Parish Councillors will also be at the

purpose of listening to the debate only. Councillors will have the ultimate responsibility to make the final decisions to the way forward. It is hoped this will be made at the October 2004 meeting of the full Council.

There will be Wine and Nibbles refreshments available before and during the meeting. Invitations to the meeting will be posted through every letterbox in the village. Notices will also be displayed on each notice board.

The Committee look forward to a record audience, one that will be truly representative of everyone in the Village.



Village Hall Booking New Phone Number

Sally Eley has now moved from the village and is no longer the booking clerk for the village hall. We extend our thanks to Sally and Michael who devoted a great deal of time to looking after the village hall over a number of years.

We are very fortunate that Wendy Peyton, who has moved into Sally's old house, has agreed to take on the task for us. We are very grateful to Sally who managed to sell the job with the house and to Wendy who started fielding calls from the day she moved in!

If you would like to book the Village Hall, the marquee or the football pitch, then Wendy will be pleased to help.

She can be contacted on **01223 207703**.

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Management and Fund Raising Committee of the Village Hall will be held on 23rd September at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

BBQ Profit

The Village barbeque took place in July and proved to be a huge success. We raised over £500 for the Village Hall and we will definitely be looking to hold a similar event next year.

We would like to thank all those who gave their time setting up, preparing food, and tidying up afterwards and above all to everyone who supported us by buying tickets and making the event one to remember.

We still have one large wooden bowl and a stainless steel slotted server which were left behind after the barbeque.

Phone C 208062 if they belong to you!



Whaddon Family Fun Day Sunday June 13th 2004



ACCOLADES FOR 'ANIMAL CRACKERS' 2004

We have received accolades all-round for the professional presentation of the 'showground', the arena performances, led by 4 Paws Dog Training Club and the British Carriage Driving Society, the wide range of stalls both fund and awareness raising from the animal welfare community, the challenging fun stalls, largely mounted by the residents of Whaddon and the trade and refreshment outlets. One resident was heard to say 'I felt very proud when I arrived and saw the event'.

A small but enthusiastic and energetic planning team of six worked on the project for best part of a year to bring the event together.

We distributed promotional leaflets to over 3,000 homes in South Cambridgeshire and North-east Hertfordshire. Where we had the confirmed sponsors before the circulation we listed their support on the reverse of the leaflet. The programmes issued on the day credited and thanked 29 organisations and businesses for their support, without which we would not have been able to achieve our ambitious project. Village notice boards and roadside verges proclaimed the event. Our friends from the media gave us good coverage. There were colourful illustrated reports in the Royston Crow and the Royston Weekly.

It was difficult to measure the numerical degree of support since folks were coming and going throughout the day, but there must have been at least 250 manning stalls and sideshows, performing and managing. We owe a big thanks to Whaddon residents for their tremendous support.

At the time of going to Press we are not able to announce the final financial outcome, but will inform you soon after the accounts are settled. Talking of finance, we should explain the event costs us about £1200 to mount because we have to pay for the printing promotional leaflets and posters, for performers, the puppet show, the PA unit and signage. So we feel there is a legitimate need to ask all adults, who join us to enjoy the fun day, to make a small contribution.

When we initiated the project in 2003 we promised to at least deliver it for three years. Our ambition is to attract crowds from far and wide, rather like the Thriplow Daffodil Festival, so we are pleased to advise you that we shall gather again to celebrate the 2005 event on SUNDAY JUNE 12th on the Recreation Ground at Whaddon. In the coming weeks we want to ask you for your comments and ideas, so don't be surprised if we call.

We hope we can again depend on your full support.

Ken Charles

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police:

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

C.A.B.01763 238020

Hospitals:

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

September 2004

ST MARY'S PARISH CHURCH

THE INTERREGNUM

Regarding the vacancy for a new Vicar for Whaddon and Bassingbourn, summer holidays has caused a delay but the date for the next step has now been set. St Mary's Parochial Church Council will meet the Bishop of Huntingdon, together with Bassingbourn's PCC, on Tuesday 4 October to make a presentation on the way forward for the benefice and to hear the views of the Diocese.

Meanwhile services continue regularly at St Mary's:

- ? **First Sunday** Morning Prayer led by Stephen Brooker at 9.15am
- ? **Second Sunday** Communion Service at 9.15am
- ? **Third Sunday** Communion Service alternating between 9.15am and 6pm
- ? **Fourth Sunday** Family Service, short half-hour informal worship for all ages

Details on the board. Do come and join us!

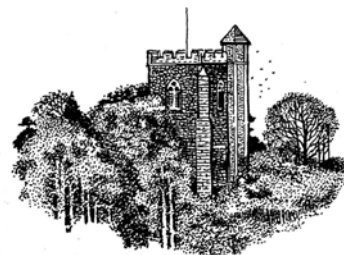
THANKS!

To everyone who helped make the Church Fete such a success. Saturday 17 July produced an excellent fund-raising result in aid of St Mary's. A total just over £1,500 was made. Lieutenant Colonel Richardson from Bassingbourn Barracks arrived in style by Army truck and Landrover to declare open the afternoon which was a most happy and enjoyable occasion.

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Don't forget these dates:

- Flower Festival, Bassingbourn, 10,11,12 September
- Harvest Festival, Whaddon, Sunday 19 Sept 6 pm
- Coffee morning, St Mary's Saturday 25 September 10 am



Calling all Flower Arrangers

Harvest is a lovely time to get involved with the Church.

Whaddon Parish Church Harvest Festival is on Sunday 19th September, at 6 pm in the evening. Stephen Booker is taking the service and Rev Dr Jonathan Holmes will give the address. We hope to see you there.

Would you like to decorate our church on 17th & 18th September, Friday or Saturday before the service? Just bring some flowers and greenery, fruit or veg, to St Mary's and come and see what's taking place.

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We are also looking for help on the **Flower and Cleaning Rota** for next year. This involves arranging the flowers by the altar and cleaning the church ready for two Sundays in every eight or ten weeks. The more helpers available, the less often your turn comes round! Contact Karen Conningsby, 207514, for more details.

WHADDON'S WATERCOURSES, DRAINS AND DITCHES.

A sudden heavy downpour of rain, where a lot of rain falls in a very short period of time has caused flash flooding in three areas in the village over the past few months - Church End Corner, the top entry into Bridge Street and the bottom end of Bridge Street, the Dyers Green areas. Two dwellings in the first two mentioned areas came within a whisker of being flooded. In these conditions the excessive waters cannot disperse quickly enough unless watercourses, drains and ditches are kept in good order.

The purpose of this article is to ask everyone in the Parish to maintain their ditches and watercourses should they have them on their property. There are areas in the Parish where, over the past, ditches have been filled in; some have not been maintained for many years.

The Parish Council has, over the past two years had many meetings with County Council Highways Department Engineers to try and solve the problems of flooding in the village. At this moment in time the Parish Council

are trying to arrange a meeting with County Council Engineers for concerned Parishioners to forcibly air their worries. That meeting may well have taken place by the time this article has been published. Invitations are to be sent to the local Member of Parliament, the District Councillors for Whaddon and the Local County Councillor, Professor Anthony Milton.

The Environment Agency has powers relating to Watercourses and Rivers throughout England and Wales. The Agency has produced a leaflet entitled "Living on the Edge" which is an updated guide to the rights and responsibilities of a riverside owner. The booklet will be delivered to all such owners in the Parish as soon as possible.

Under the heading 'Your Responsibilities' in the booklet, quote :

'You have the responsibility to pass on the flow without obstruction, pollution or diversion affecting the rights of others'

Please Help.

Ted Webb

Request to all Horse Riders



It is a great Rural Village scene to see horses and their riders frequently using bridleways, permissive bridleways and the public roads throughout Whaddon. Long may it continue?

However, several requests have been received to ask riders not to use 'hardtop footpaths' which run alongside the public highways. Not only do the horses 'scuff' the hardtop but occasionally leave unwanted droppings. Perhaps local riders with friends outside the village who ride in the village can pass on the message.

Please do not stop riding in the village; it adds character to the village scene.

Ted Webb



Dog Fouling

Several requests have been received for a notice to be put in this Newsletter asking 'dog walkers' to clean up the mess dogs sometimes leave on the recreation ground, alongside footpaths, roadways and bridle ways, also 'permissive bridleways'.

Apart from there being a hefty fine if caught, dog faeces can cause blindness and are extremely unpleasant if you tread in them.

Many dog walkers do already observe the rules, to them we say a big Thank You.

Ted Webb

TIMES PAST

Number Twelve

PUB CRAWL

Whaddon has not always been a village with no public house!! In addition to the beer house *The Home or the New Found Out*, which catered for the coprolite workers and was mentioned in the last newsletter, three other public houses appear in the records.

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The Pickering Arms was situated on the site of the present Pickering Farm opposite the recreation ground. It was run for many years by James Hall who appeared on the census returns as a publican from 1851 to 1891. After his tenancy it became a simple farm which eventually came to an end in 1963 when it was burnt down and the occupant at the time (Mr Alfred Jarman) was suffocated by the fire.



The *Waggon and Horses* beer house, also run by Royston Brewery, was situated at Whaddon Gap and is now also a private residence. The present building is a replacement one, built in 1938 on the site of an earlier one, pictured below. This was timber boarded and was built, not on foundations but on pattens over a ditch. The first mention in the brewery records was 1876. It changed its name to the *Antelope* in 1988 and in its later life catered almost exclusively for the residents of Bassingbourn Barracks. It eventually ceased trading as a public house in the early 1900s.



Another was the *Queen Adelaide* on the Meldreth Road now a private residence. It appeared in the Royston Brewery records in 1876 as let to Mr Edward Baker. It was a well-patronised establishment throughout its life having both a saloon and lounge bar. During the war it was also very popular with the American forces stationed at Bassingbourn Barracks. The last landlord was Mr Harold Pepper who was licensee from 1929 until the pub closed for trading on 9th July 1956 when it was sold as a private house. One of the natural springs, used before the advent of mains water to the village, was to be found outside the public house.



People of the Past

Carrying on with our lives in the 21st century, it is easy to forget that this village has been occupied for at least one thousand years. Documents are in existence which give details of people who have resided here throughout the years such as official parish records of births, marriages and death which were instigated in 1538 but which are very patchy, only including people who were actually baptised, married or buried at the local church; civil registration which began in 1837 and census returns. Sometimes details can be accessed from old leases, wills and reports of court proceedings and tax records.

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The Beaumont Family

The Beaumont family resided in the village for a long period of time. Richard was mentioned in the land tax record of 1798 as residing at Town Farm followed by William in 1824, another William in 1845 and John Felix from 1857 until 1903.

The coloured three-light east window in the church was given by this family in 1869. It is to the memory of William Beaumont (died 1856), Elizabeth Beaumont (his wife - died 1866) and William Beaumont (jun.- died 1854) and depicts the birth of Christ. This was badly damaged by blast in the the last war, it was repaired by W.H. Constable of Cambridge in 1948. Very little new glass needed to be supplied. The face of Our Lady in the middle light, which had been badly cracked, is the original face. The organ in the church was bought in 1857 by John Felix who was for many years organist and choir master. He had it rebuilt and enlarged. At first it stood at the back of the church but during the restoration of 1868-9 was moved into its present position in the chancel.

This sketch found in a hymn book is believed to be of John Felix Beaumont



1349

From a lease of 1349 in the archives of the Dean and Chapter of Windsor, who administered the church, we learn that Johannis Depying and his wife Margaret were residents of the village, leasing "to the end of their lives" - a messuage and croft - next to the communal way". This cost 10s of legal money to be paid twice yearly at the Feast of Easter and on the Saint's Day of Holy Michael (29th Sept.). After their death the lease was to pass first to Edmund, their son, then to their second son Ralph, then to Petronilla, their daughter.

When the boundaries were set out we learn of other residents Johannis Plesele, Johannis de Ellesworth, William Drabble, Robert Heydon and Thomas le Cyr whose properties adjoined those of Johannis Depying. Detailed lists of their lands are given - names of which have passed into history but familiar ones will be the Rygeyway and Kings Way which we assume is the A1198 (Ermine Street), it being the main route at that time from London to the north.

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Child Care 1899

A Public Notice which appeared in the *Royston Crow* in that year.

Vaccination Act

{Smallpox}

It is imperative that parents should have every child vaccinated within three calendar months after birth, either by the legally qualified medical attendant of the family, or by the appointed public vaccinator. If other than the parents are left in charge of the child, the vaccination must then be within four months of birth. (In Scotland within six months.) If these provisions are not complied with, and the child be not taken in eight days after vaccination to be examined by the medical practitioner, in order to ascertain the result of the operation, parties not complying incur a penalty not exceeding 20s. The Registrars of each district are required to notify to parents or guardians of children whose births they have registered, the names and addresses of the public vaccinators, and the hours of attendance. Any further information required may be obtained on application to the Registrar of the district.



Watching the crime in Whaddon

CAROL WILSON BIDS FAREWELL, AS HER DREAM COMES TRUE...

"Due to the Constabulary having to make a budgetary saving, the delivery of Community Safety (as well as other functions) across the Force is being reviewed. My job as Community Contact Officer is under review and there is uncertainty of me being here in the same capacity as I have been. For that reason, I have tendered my resignation as CCO for Sawston Sector Police. I leave here on Friday 3rd September and at present, do not know how my role will be managed. The decision will be made on August 24th and I will let you know the results of the meeting as soon as I can.

On a positive note, our new web-site should be running later this month. It looks really informative and for those of you who need to know crime news, you will be able to find it all here. www.cambs.police.uk - or - www.neighbourhoodwatch.net

I would like to thank all of you who have made my job a pleasure, as well as a challenge, and would urge you to keep your NHW schemes going. They were running well before I came to this post, and the reason I encouraged 'cluster co-ordinators' was so that they would continue whatever changes happened. I leave here having seen the launch of the first NHW youth scheme. This was one of my dreams and thanks to Whaddon Youth Neighbourhood Watch, under the supervision of District Co-ordinator Chris Fisher, it has been realised. More about that later. Another aim was to have NHW in every village. We are nearly there and I hope that before long this will happen."

Carol Wilson

CHRIS ROUNDS UP THE DISTRICT NEWS...

- You may have read in the newspapers that the National Association of Neighbourhood Watch is facing an uncertain future. Because the scheme is the UK's largest voluntary movement, with 165,000 NW schemes in operation covering 6 million homes, it was inevitable that the closure of the organisation would hit the headlines. The National Association was told in July that there was no more funding available from the Home Office and that the running of the organisation would be taken over by The Government. Home Office Minister Hazel Blears said that the National Association would not be continuing in this form. A national campaign is taking place to ensure that the organisation stays. Whilst it is the beginning of changes to the Neighbourhood Watch, residents should not be worried as the National Association was only an umbrella organisation and therefore village and district schemes will not be affected.
- Cutbacks in Cambridgeshire Constabulary have meant that the link between the Community Contact Officer and Neighbourhood Watch is under question. A decision on this was expected last week, however a decision still has not been confirmed. Again, residents should not be alarmed, as the information will still be coming through on crimes, as I will be stepping in during the interim period, in a minor capacity.
- Dwelling burglary statistics for South Cambridgeshire show a dramatic decrease between March and July, when the last statistics were collated for the South Cambridgeshire Burglary Task Group. Whilst there has been no significant increase in distraction burglaries across the county, there have been clusters of bogus callers in the area. In many of the occasions the callers were unsuccessful, in some cases elderly residents were victims of a distraction burglary. Whaddon has been the target of bogus callers over the summer months, but in none of the circumstances was there a distraction burglary.
- The South Cambridgeshire Vehicle Crime Task Group has produced a leaflet which has been sent to driving test centres, giving advice to new drivers about how to reduce the chances of becoming a victim. The group has been organising a quarterly event at Cambridge Fire Station, where the Youth Offending Team warned those who have committed vehicle crime offences about the dangers of irresponsible driving behaviour and the effects on the victims.
- The South Cambridgeshire Rogue Trader and Bogus Callers Task Group report that they have been given further funding from the Home Office to continue their work to reduce bogus callers. The Bogus Caller warning posters (Used in May in Whaddon) have been a success and will be used for the foreseeable future. A new initiative aimed at tracking bogus callers, has also been launched. You will be able to read overleaf about how you can help with this.
- The County Executive Group is launching a county wide drive to increase NW membership.

Chris Fisher

VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP AIMS TO REDUCE JUVENILE CRIME...EVEN BEFORE IT STARTS.

Whaddon Parish Council and Whaddon Youth Neighbourhood Watch have joined forces in a new partnership, aimed at reducing juvenile crime. Following the successful launch of Whaddon Youth Neighbourhood Watch, Parish Councillors met with Community Contact Officer, Carol Wilson, to discuss a partnership approach with Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Youth Neighbourhood Watch and local business involved in sponsoring the scheme. The partnership will be ratified at the next Council meeting, and their first meeting is planned for later on in the month. The partnership will be called Whaddon Youth Community Action: Linking Neighbourhood Watch, Whaddon Parish Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Local Businesses.

CrimeStats FOR WHADDON

BURGLARY IN A DWELLING An attempt appears to have been made to force front window in Bridge Street.

THEFT OF PEDAL CYCLE An unlocked cycle was taken from Church Street.

ASSAULT Aggrieved challenged group of males causing damage to his property in Bridge Street, and had a stone thrown at his head causing slight injury.

STOP ROGUE TRADER'S!

Cambridgeshire Rogue Trader Task Group needs your help to close Rogue Traders down!

When you find a rogue trading leaflet dropped through your letterbox:

1. Put gloves on, to avoid adding your own finger print marks on document.
2. Place in a clear plastic bag or clear document wallet, suitable to hold the document, without creasing it. Seal the document with sellotape to avoid any further contamination.
3. Put a white label on the document; indicating time, date and street it was delivered.
4. Hand over to Chris Fisher, District Co-ordinator, who will pass on to Police Forensics for testing.

DOORSTEP code

Whatever age you are, you should always be aware of bogus callers. If you follow the following advice you will stay safe.

- Keep the door locked.
- Look out of the window or use the spy-hole if you have one, to see if you can identify who the caller is.
- If there is more than one person: be suspicious.
- Ask yourself whether it is unusual for a company to send more than one person?
- Is the caller wearing a uniform?
- Does the caller know your name?
- Ask for an identity card.
- Inspect the card by ringing the company he claims to be from - do this by looking up the number in the phone

REMEMBER STOP! CHAINCHECK!

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NEIGHBOURHOOD
WATCH

Poster Competition

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James Sherlock and John Newberry won the competition last year...but could you win it for this year? Would you like to see your poster displayed around the village for the whole of 2005? If you under 11, you can have a go at becoming Whaddon's new resident artist...well for the whole of 2005 anyway! All you need to do is think of something that you think is a way of making crime rates lower, draw a safety poster that illustrates this and think of a slogan that goes with it. Then drop it into Christopher Fisher, 27 Bridge Street, by Friday 29th October. Remember there are 2 age groups, 2-5 and 6-11 and make it bright and easy to read. The winner from each group will win a £20 voucher and there could be runner-up-prizes too. So, give it a go! Please attach the entry slip to your poster. **GOOD LUCK!!!**

Name: _____ Age group: _____
Signed by parent: _____

DISTRACTION Burglary

Learn more about how to protect yourself from bogus callers and rogue traders. Even if you attended our last daytime talk, last September, please come along as you can find out how the Police are combating the problem today and the new ways that you can fight back! Talk, raffle, coffee and a chance to have a gossip with friends.
Wednesday 15 September at 10:30 a.m. in Whaddon Village Hall.

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