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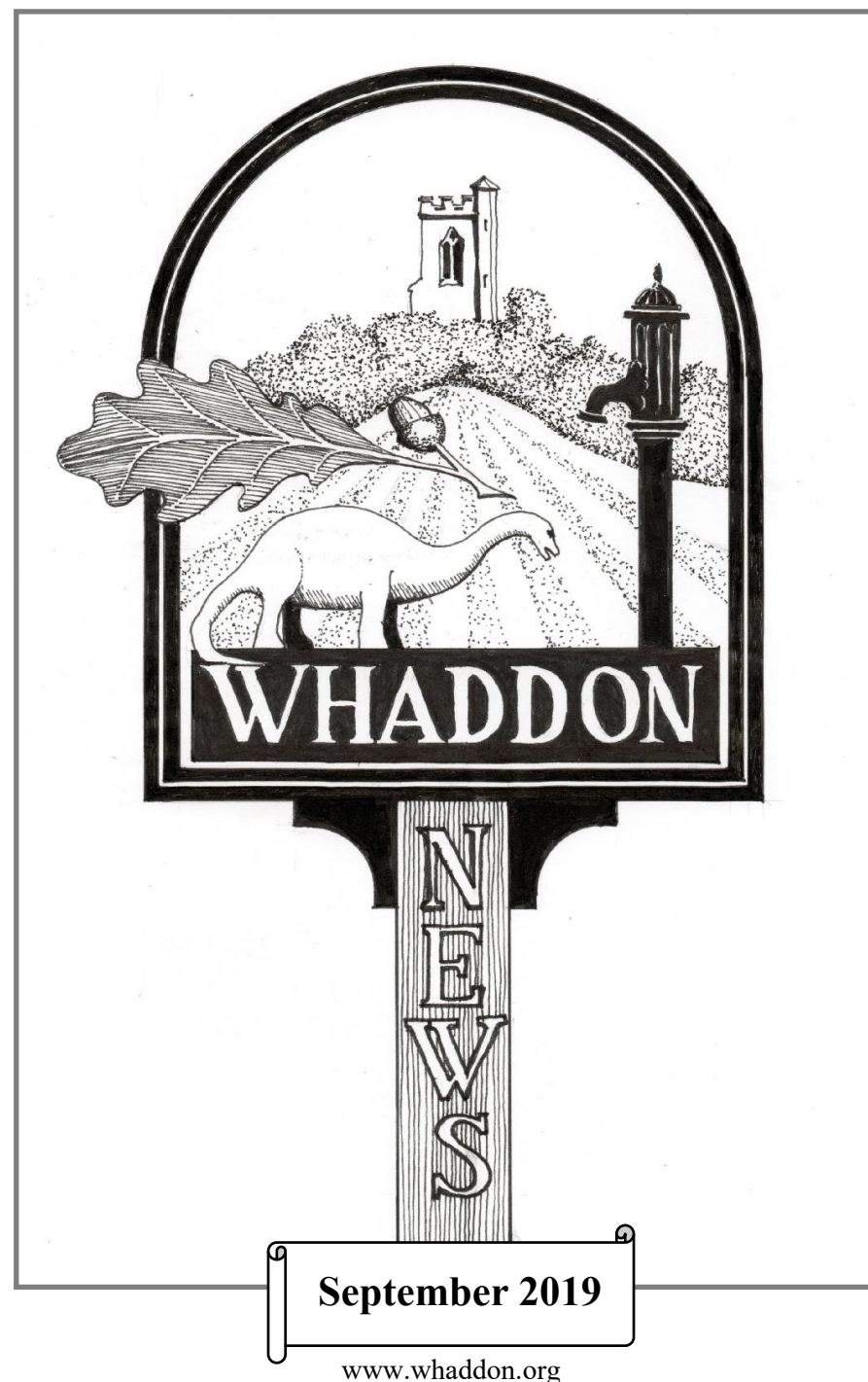
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Contact Angela Bridges, the Parish Clerk:

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September 2019

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st Sept	Cricket	14th Oct	Parish Council
4th Sept	David Grech Talk & Exhibition	16th Oct	Whaddon Wednesdays
		23rd Oct	Coffee Morning
8th Sept	Harvest Festival	10th Nov	Remembrance Service
9th Sept	Parish Council	11th Nov	Parish Council
11th Sept	Coffee Morning	13th Nov	Coffee Morning
15th Sept	Cricket		Charity Quiz
18th Sept	Whaddon Wednesdays	20th Nov	Whaddon Wednesdays
21st Sept	Film Night	27th Nov	Coffee Morning
22nd Sept	Cricket	8th Dec	Carol Service
25th Sept	Coffee Morning	11th Dec	Coffee Morning
27th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning		Charity Quiz
		18th Dec	Whaddon Wednesdays
28th Sept	Roof Fund Dinner	24th Dec	Informal Carols
9th Oct	Coffee Morning		
	Charity Quiz		

NEWSLETTER

*The deadline for the next newsletter is **November 10th***
Once again items of village interest are always welcome.
Joan Pascoe C208062
joanpascoe@aol.com

Bin Collection Dates

Wed 4 Sept	Blue/green	Wed 23 Oct	Black
Wed 11 Sept	Black	Wed 30 Oct	Blue/green
Wed 18 Sept	Blue/green	Wed 6 Nov	Black
Wed 25 Sep	Black	Wed 13 Nov	Blue/green
Wed 2 Oct	Blue/green	Wed 20 Nov	Black
Wed 9 Oct	Black	Wed 27 Nov	Blue/green
Wed 16 Oct	Blue/green	Wed 4 Dec	Black

Mobile Library

Every 3rd Tuesday
10.00 - 10.30
Meldreth Road

Tuesday 18 September

Tuesday 16 October

Tuesday 20 November

LIST OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mr Lee Ginger	Chair	07850 252015	lee.ginger@btinternet.com 14 Carlton Rise, Melbourn SG8 6BZ
Dr Nigel Strudwick	Vice Chair	C 207434	3 Town Farm Close
Mr Will Elbourn	Councillor	C 208955	College Farm, Church Street
Prof. Tony Milton	Councillor	C 207105	Chestnut Tree Farm, Meldreth Road
Mr Randall Scott	Councillor	C 208253	26 Bridge Street
Anita Birch	Councillor	07748 908164	68 Bridge Street
Joanne Vries	Councillor	C208009	108 Church Street
Mrs Angela Bridges	Clerk/ Finance Officer	—	31 Bridge Street, whaddonparishccclerk@outlook.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM

Malan Peyton	Whaddon Village Coordinator	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	C 207358
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Coordinators:

Karen Coningsby	Meldreth Road/Church Corner	17 Church Street	C 207514
Carole Aldred	Church Street/Town Farm Close/ St Mary's Close	104 Church Street	C 208147
Maria Mould	Lower Bridge Street/Ridgeway Close	39 Bridge Street	C 207231
Helen Smith	Upper Bridge Street	9 Bridge Street	C 207631
Malan Peyton	Dyers Green	Ermine Farm, Dyers Green	C 207358

Local Enforcement:

Neighbourhood Policing Team (Cambourne):

www.cambs.police.uk/LocalPolicing/SouthCambs/Cambourne/

John Coppard	Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
Lyndsay Gardiner	Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)
James Lynch	Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

Dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk.
For a non-emergency matter dial 101.

SUSAN VAN de VEN Cambridgeshire County Councillor

Monthly Advice Surgeries:

Susan van de Ven holds two drop-in advice surgeries a month for anyone who has a question or concern.

1st Monday of the month The Hub, Melbourn, 3-4pm
3rd Monday of the month The Limes, Bassingbourn, 3-4pm

Alternatively if there are issues people would like to discuss at other times you can contact Susan on 07905325574 or susan@sclibdems.org.uk

Monthly Newsletter:

Susan writes a monthly e-newsletter on issues affecting our area – please do let her know if you'd like to receive it, or would like anything to be included in it.

Susan van de Ven

County Councillor for Bassingbourn, Melbourn, Meldreth and Whaddon

Foxton Scarecrow Festival – Saturday 12 October (12noon – 5.00pm)

St Laurence's Church, Foxton will be holding its very successful Scarecrow Festival once again this year on Saturday 12 October, so please come along and join us for some scarecrow fun!

You'll be able to wander through Foxton village from one scarecrow to another. Join in with the various fundraising activities along the way, including a special children's quiz 'Where's Wally?' Will you be able to find this special scarecrow, hidden somewhere in the village? We welcome you to stop in for some refreshments such as bacon butties, home-made soup or tea and cakes. This fun event for all ages will finish in the Church from 4.30pm with prize giving and Foxton Singers performing.

Programmes will be available on the day from the Church, the Village Hall and the Village Shop, Foxton. For further information, contact Jill Buggey jillbuggey@ntlworld.com

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Friday 27th September 2019

10am - 12 noon

(raffle to be drawn at 12 noon)

Whaddon Village Hall

Donations of cake, raffle prizes and offers of help on the day would be much appreciated.

Raffle tickets on sale now
Everyone Welcome!

Let's raise as much money as we can for such a worthy cause!

For further information contact:

Suzanne Hill - 07835 400637

Maureen Pinner - 01223 207678

Whitsun weekend.

Helen and I would like to thank everyone in the village for their help in making this year a great success. It was the 15th time we have celebrated Whitsun now in this way, and the weather also co-operated very nicely.

I'm glad to say that the overall result will be £274 to church funds.

I'd particularly like to thank the three Morris sides that appeared, with special gratitude to White Rose for coming all the way from Huddersfield. Another special call-

Village Hall - Film Night

The first film night in the Autumn will be 21st September.

Save the Date!

WHADDON GOLF CENTRE CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS

Charity Quiz nights will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

2019

9th Oct

13th Nov

11th Dec

2020

8th Jan

12th Feb

11th Mar

7.30 for 8pm

£6.50 inc food

These quizzes are fun and open to all.

ALL WELCOME

We look forward to seeing you.

Lorna and Richard.

out to Lorna, Richard and all their helpers at the Golf Centre for doing such a splendid job for everyone, including a fun beer festival. And then of course, thanks to all of you for coming out either to the Folk Evening, watching the processions, coming to church, or having a good time at the Golf Centre. That also including having a laugh at the Whaddon Scratch Side, who get better each time...

Nigel Strudwick

VILLAGE HALL HIRE

Special rates for those within the village - ideal for birthday parties and most functions.

Village Rate: £7 per hour

Non-village Rate: £11 per hour

Please contact:

whaddonvhrgt@gmail.com





DAVID GRECH
EXHIBITION
OF
RECENT SKETCHES FROM ITALY
& TALK ON
50 YEARS OF SKETCHING IN MALTA

Wednesday 4th September 2019 in St. Mary's Church, Whaddon

Exhibition open from 6:00pm Talk at 8:00pm

Entry: £5:00 per person; including a glass of wine

All proceeds to the re-roofing fund

Tickets may be purchased in advance from David Grech,

Spring Cottage, Bridge Street, Whaddon (01223 208938) or on the door

THEFT OF LEAD ROOFING FROM ST. MARY'S WHADDON

On the morning of Sunday 23rd June we discovered all the lead had been stolen from the nave and side aisle roofs at St Mary's church, leaving the church exposed to the elements.

Such a major theft of lead would have required a well organised gang, and is likely to have taken place over three or more nights. Unfortunately, due to the remote location of the church in the village nothing was seen or heard.

After notifying the police and our insurance company, the most pressing

task was to get a temporary roof in place so as to minimise the risk of consequential damage arising from water penetration. We were able to contact a roofing company that understood the need to get a temporary roof in place quickly and just 48 hours after the theft had been discovered two gangs of roofers were on site starting to install the temporary roof, which was completed by the following evening.

The temporary roof installed has a life of one or two years and this will buy us the time needed to obtain the necessary

**Harston Painters
Art Exhibition**



**Harston Village Hall
CB22 7PX**

**Preview Evening
Fri 27 September 2019
19.30 - 21.30**

All welcome. Refreshments served.

Then
**Sat 28 - Sun 29 September 2019
10.00 - 17.00**

**N. HERTS AND DISTRICT
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Our area is served by 'North Herts and District' CAB, an independent charity that provides advice on basic rights and services, like housing and benefits.

A free drop-in service is held every **1st and 3rd Monday** (9.30 am-12 noon), Melbourn Community Hub,

Monday and Wednesday mornings (9.30 am-12 noon) at the Citizens Advice North Hertfordshire Royston Town Hall, Royston, SG8 7DA.

Any questions, please ring the CAB Monday-Friday, 10-4, Tel 03444 111 444.

Heidi Allen MP

If you would like to contact Heidi about an issue or book a surgery appointment email: heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk Tel: 01954 212707

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SOUTH CAMBS RECYCLING ISSUES

The Waste Management service is delivering two important campaigns this year and is asking for your support.

1) Quality of recycling in blue bins.

Most of us recycle correctly but there still some items that cause issues when taken to Materials Recycling Facility to be segregated for further recycling. It costs Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Service £10,000 every month to remove and dispose of incorrect items from recycling collected from blue bins.

When the wrong items are put in the recycling, this reduces its quality and can cause large quantities of materials to be rejected and not recycled. This means your Council Tax money is wasted, instead of being spent on improving local services.

These are some items which do not belong in your blue recycling bin:

- tissues and kitchen roll – can be put in green bin for composting
- black bags – place in black bin
- clothes, textiles, shoes – donate, swap, place in a textile / shoe bank,
- food and liquid remains - rinse containers and bottles, squash and replace caps.

Symbols like these (see below) are designed to give a consistent message about which packaging can be easily recycled across the UK. However they are just a guide, as recycling facilities vary from place to place. The 'not currently recycled' label is used on packaging which more than 80% of councils do not collect, such as plastic film. South Cambridgeshire is in the 20% which can recycle it.



More information on what can and can't be recycled can be found in the South Cambs magazine or on the website at: www.scambs.gov.uk/bins A section of this website is headed '**What goes in which bin**'. This is a comprehensive alphabetical list of items and how they should be recycled or disposed.

2) Let's S.C.R.A.P. Fly-tipping

South Cambridgeshire District Council has just launched its anti fly-tipping SCRAP campaign. Fly-tipping is the illegal disposal of waste. It can be anything from a bag of waste to a truckload. We have all seen such abandoned items. Around two thirds of fly-tips come from households.

Follow the S.C.R.A.P. code to make the right choices when asking someone to remove your waste : **Suspect, Check, Refuse, Ask, Paperwork.**

To help us deal with fly-tipping incidents efficiently, please report them to us noting as many details as possible.

Online: www.scambs.gov.uk/environment/envirocrime/

By phone: 03450 450 063

If you witness fly-tipping, call 999 to report a crime in action.

Please do not put your safety at risk.

permissions for a permanent replacement roof and undertake fundraising for the work. The PCC is concerned that a replacement lead roof would leave the church vulnerable to further thefts of lead and the view expressed most widely amongst the local community is that people would support fundraising for an alternative roof that would not be at risk from theft. The PCC are therefore investigating options for alternatives to lead.

The cost of the replacement roof and associated repairs to stonework damaged during the course of the theft will depend on the material selected for the re-roofing, but has been estimated to be in the region of £75,000. While the fabric of the church is insured, the policy specifically limits the cover for theft of lead to £7,500, plus a further £7,500 for consequential damage, and our insurers have already paid across £15,000 in settlement of our claim. That leaves a short fall of

about £60,000 to find and it is hoped to raise that through a combination of fundraising and grant applications. An internet based fundraising site set up by Nigel Strudwick has raised over £1,600 plus gift aid on some donations. Further donations can be made on this site up to 3rd September (www.crowdfunder.co.uk/a-new-roof-for-st-marys-whaddon-after-lead-theft/). In addition a number of donations have been made direct to the church, and to-date these total over £7,000. We have therefore made a good start in our fundraising for the work, and further fundraising activities will take place over the coming months. Contact has also been made with the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Amey (community grants arising from landfill tax), but we need to have all our permissions in place before we can submit formal grant applications.

Karen Coningsby and David Grech
Church Wardens,
St Mary's Whaddon

DINNER

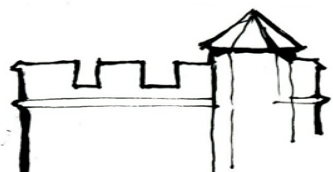
Fundraising for the roof, organised by Janet Leech

Saturday 28th September 2019

Whaddon Village Hall, 6.45pm for 7.00pm

Tickets £15.00 per person
Bring your own wine

Space is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance from
David Grech, Spring Cottage, Bridge Street, Whaddon.
Tel: 01223 208938 (tickets will not be available on the door)



ST MARY'S CHURCH WHADDON

Whaddon Church Fete

We are pleased to be able to report that July's fete raised a healthy £2,636, which is nearly £500 more than last year. We would like to thank all those who made the fete such a success, whether it was through contributing goods and cakes for the various stalls, tombola and raffles, helping with the lunches and teas, manning one of the stalls, helping with setting up the fete and clearing away afterwards, or generously opening your wallets and purses. Without ALL of you the fete would not be able to take place.

Normal Sunday Services

- 1st Sunday Morning Prayer - Churchwardens
- 2nd Sunday Morning Worship
- 3rd Sunday Morning Prayer - Churchwardens
- 4th Sunday Holy Communion
- 5th Sunday Joint Service

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

8th Sept 9.30am

Come and decorate the church during the week.

Your help is much appreciated

Any donated produce left in church after the service will be passed on to Jimmy's Night Shelter.



Remembrance Day Service

10:45am
Sunday 10th November
at St Mary's

CHRISTIAN AID

Thanks very much to everybody who donated to Christian Aid. A total of £248 was collected.

Christian Aid raises money to support people in poverty worldwide. This year there is a particular focus on providing support in countries like Sierra Leone where there is a high mortality rate in childbirth, to provide better healthcare facilities.

Thanks again,
Sue, Paul and Jenny

WHADDON WEDNESDAY PROGRAMME FOR 2019 (Third Wednesday of each month)

DATE	SUBJECT	SPEAKER
18 September	92 Squadron, A Battle of Britain Class Locomotive - Her Restoration	Stephen Lacey
16 October	Plants for Winter Interest	Peter Jackson
20 November	The Nursery Rhymes Detective	Vic Bottrel
18 December	Christmas Party	-

Friends or tradesmen visiting ?



The roads through our village are not that wide so it may be safer for their cars or vans to be parked off the road either on your drive or, if that's not possible, in the village hall car park for the day.

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ALL YOU NEED FOR YOUR GARDEN, THROUGH ALL THE SEASONS

Whaddon Wednesdays

(formerly Whaddon Mainly Gardening Club)

Whaddon Wednesdays has continued with a monthly programme and, as promised, we have spread our net more widely to embrace almost any subject that we feel might interest Whaddon residents. It is still proving a challenge to get residents along to the village hall but we think/hope we may be slowly cracking it.

Since the last Whaddon News we had an excellent talk on timber framed building in Hertfordshire and Essex. Then Jennie and David Grech gave a summary of their work helping as volunteers at the archaeological dig at Wimpole Hall which precedes the new visitors' centre and car park. And finally, before our August break we made a very enjoyable visit to view Newnham College Fellows' Garden in Cambridge. Michael Peyton uses his very considerable influence (he denies this) in the colleges' corridors of power to make these college visits an annual affair.

So that's the immediate past what of the future. Well after our August break we restart on 18 September when Stephen Lacey, a volunteer at the Nene Valley Railway, will provide the story of: **"92 Squadron, A Battle of Britain Class Locomotive - Her Restoration"**. Clearly one for those who enjoy steam railways, which it seems embraces most of the population.

On 16 October, Peter Jackson, formerly of Scotsdales and a popular and well-known local speaker is

coming to Whaddon to speak on **"Plants for Winter Interest"** which is a topical subject for the month of October. Peter is always worth listening to so this should be a good evening for the gardeners and those who feel a bare winter garden is to be avoided.

Have you ever wondered about the origins of some of those quirky nursery rhymes? If so come along on 20 November when Vic Bottrel will be **"The Nursery Rhyme Detective"**. Vic will explain why some of those verses are not as innocuous as they might seem. Hidden stories and secrets will be revealed – who was Georgie Porgie and how could Jack and Gill find water in a well on top of a hill? This is a fascinating and revealing subject which will certainly surprise you.

From the above, you will see that the Club is very active with an interesting and varied programme that we hope will appeal to many tastes. Details of each event will be publicised via the village email system and the website. Everybody is most welcome and although we do have a number of regular members it would be a great pleasure to see other residents from the village join us in the village hall on the third Wednesday of the month. Your £3.00 will go some way to provide refreshments, fund the speaker and pay for the hire of the village hall. Come along, you would be most welcome. MM

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Tuesday	8.00 - 9.00pm	Table Tennis	
Wednesday	10.30 - 12.00	Coffee morning (2nd & 4th Wed)	
	7.30 - 9.30pm	Whaddon Wednesdays (3rd Wed)	
Thursday	6.30 - 7.30pm	Pilates	
	7.30 - 8.30pm	Pilates	
Friday	6.30 - 8.00pm	Dog training	} 6 week blocks
Saturday	8.30 - 11.00am	Dog training	
Sunday	8.30 - 11.00am	Dog training	

WHADDON CRICKET CLUB

DATE	MATCH	VENUE	RESULT
28th April	Steeple Morden	Away	Lost
12th May	v Sandon	Home	Win
19th May	v Johnson Matthey	Home	Lost
16th June	Huffer XI	Home	Win
30th June	Hare Street	Home	Lost
7th July	Sandon	Away	Lost
21st July	Pairs Competition	Home	Won by Tim Vries & Ollie Townsend
4th Aug	Kings Cross Train Boys	Home	Win
1st Sept	Bridge St v Church St	Home	TBC
15th Sep	Hare Street	Away	TBC
22nd Sep	Sandon Presidents	Away	TBC

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A reminder - electronic ways of keeping up with what's on in Whaddon

Every month or so the village is welcoming new people who have done us the honour of choosing to live here. I just wanted, in this brief note, to inform those who were not aware, of the electronic ways on offer which can keep you in touch with what's going on around Whaddon.

Firstly, there is the village web site, at www.whaddon.org. Here you will find information about the Village Hall, the Parish Council, St Mary's Church, Whitsun and much more. There are links to local and national government, to the local health services, and to local train and bus services. We try and change the contents of the site as often as possible, and if you think there is something you would like to see on the site, or even if there is something you would like to contribute to, please contact me (I'm the webmaster) at nsc3@cam.ac.uk.

Next, the email list. This has been going since 2012, and villagers have found it very helpful for learning about

what's on. Notices of meetings and events in the village, plus other things that may be of interest, including lost keys, glasses and pets, are circulated. If you are not signed up to it, you are strongly encouraged to do so. Send an email to whaddonnhw@gmail.com and I'll add you to the contacts. If you want something circulated, drop a note to the same address. **Note that, following the 2018 GDPR regulations, I must tell you that the data on the list is not used for any purpose other than sending these emails, and you can ask to be taken off it any time.**

Lastly, we have a Facebook page; look for "Whaddon, Cambridgeshire". News and events are also posted here, although perhaps a little less frequently than they are sent out by email.

If you don't yet use any of the above and would like to, I look forward to hearing from you.

Nigel Strudwick
August 2019

Village litter pick

Following on from my comments on the village litter pick in the last newsletter, someone continues to throw empty vodka bottles from a vehicle travelling along Whaddon Gap. We found many of these during the litter pick but a new batch of the same branded bottles has been found, **with broken glass spread everywhere**. If you see anyone doing this, please take the registration number of the vehicle

and the time/date and I will forward to the relevant authorities.

All minutes of meetings are on the village website www.whaddon.org and on the notice board at the Village Hall in Church Street. The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 9th September 2019 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

Bus times between Whaddon and Royston

To Royston

- buses leave top of Bridge Street for Royston to Tesco, Railway Station and Bus Station at:

08h38 on Mondays to Saturdays – *Bus 127* direct

09h40 on Wednesdays only – *Bus 15* via Meldreth

10h15 on Mondays to Saturdays – *Bus 127* via Meldreth Road, Meldreth and Melbourn.

Return Buses

Please tell the driver if you want to travel to Whaddon
- buses leave Royston Bus Station at:

12h30 on Wednesdays only – *Bus 15* via Meldreth Road

13h10 on Mondays to Saturdays – *Bus 127* via Melbourn, Meldreth and Meldreth Road

17h10 on Mondays to Saturdays – *Bus 127* direct

All buses serve Royston Station and Tesco.

Let's be clear about two things this Autumn.....

A polite reminder to Whaddon householders and landowners
from the Parish Council.....



clear any overhanging hedges and branches
from footpaths and signs.....



.....and clear weeds and plants
from ditches and streams

Thank you!

Whaddon Parish Council Matters

A1198 speed limit

The safety of the A1198 junction and speed of traffic on the main road was a major concern of Whaddon residents in the last Village Plan and is the last major issue to be tackled from that plan. Meetings with the County's Highways Department to remodel the junction have produced cost quotations that are prohibitively high.

Cllr Susan van de Ven has now bought together interested parties to seek a reduction in the speed limit of the A1198 from the current start of the 50mph limit, just north of Whaddon Gap, right through to the 30mph limit at Kneesworth. There are five roads joining the main road over this section, including the entrance to the Barracks. The Army already have reported many near misses at that location and are very supportive of a speed reduction. We attended a meeting at the Barracks in July with the Commanding Officer, Basingbourn Parish Council, Cambridgeshire Police and Susan van de Ven and we all agreed to bid for Local Highway Initiative funding to help make these changes. It was agreed that Whaddon Parish Council should be the lead partner but that Basingbourn PC would also provide financial support.

Our plan is to make that stretch of the A1198 feel more residential, for example by putting a gate either side of the road such as at Wimpole and Flint Cross and other visual methods which encourage motorists to stick to the new speed limit. We shall also be able to

monitor speeds through Speedwatch and a new Mobile Vehicle Activated System (the speed monitoring device we already use in the village). Our initial application has been made and we shall be working on the details with Highways in the Autumn. We should hear by the end of the year if we have been successful but hope the changes will help all road users feel safer but especially at Whaddon Gap.

Phone box

The Phone Box is provisionally scheduled for delivery at the end of August. It will then need to be properly secured to the concrete base and fitted out with shelves in order to become the village 'library'. Anyone keen to help keep the shelves tidy, old or new, will be warmly welcomed by the PC and the villagers.

Church Roof

The Parish Council was extremely sad to hear of the theft of the lead from the Church Roof and we have offered to give as much support to the PCC as we can, to enable a new roof to be installed quickly. As I said before, we are fortunate that Whaddon is a relatively crime-free community, but we must all be on our guard. Another outbuilding break-in has been reported more recently at the Golf Range so please check your security. If you see anything that doesn't feel right in the village, telephone the Police non-emergency number 101 straight away. **If there is a risk to life or limb do not hesitate to ring 999.**

Interest in FTTP?

In July, wearing my hat as "broadband champion" for the village, I sent round an enquiry from Connecting Cambridgeshire (CC), who were instrumental in getting us the good broadband that we have at the moment.

They are presently exploring the possibility of getting funding for the next level of service, that is fibre to the premises (FTTP), whereas we have at present fibre to the cabinet (FTTC). CC want to know if there is much interest in Whaddon for the much higher speeds that FTTP would bring as it eliminates the last bottleneck outside the home/premises, which is the copper telephone wire you all know and love to hate, or hate to love.

At the moment, it comes with a fairly hefty price tag if you try and do it yourself with Openreach, mostly because of the need to install the fibres to a termination point on your property. If there is enough interest, CC will try and see if there is a supplier who might be prepared to connect all or part of a community.

So far I have had no fewer than 38 expressions of interest in the village, which must be something in the region of 25% of those connected to the fibre cabinet at the top of Bridge Street. I have not had the time to thank each of you individually for expressing interest, but I am very grateful, and it was the village's strong interest in faster broadband in about 2012 that enabled us to get the fibre connection in 2015. We still remain something of a special community due to the high take-up of the FTTC service, and I hope we can move up a gear in the speed stakes before very long.

So if you are interested in much higher speeds—**AND FOR THE MOMENT WE HAVE NO IDEA OF COST**—and have not been in touch already, please drop me an email at ncs3@cam.ac.uk so I can pass feedback to CC. I am hopeful that they may be convening a meeting of interested village representatives in the near future.

Thanks so much for reading this.

Nigel Strudwick
"Broadband champion" for Whaddon
August 2019

The Alfred Palmer's Trust – a local charity to help villagers of Whaddon.



The Alfred Palmer's Trust was originally set up in 1927 to purchase coal for distribution to the poor widows of Whaddon Parish.

Now it gives modest grants of up to £50 to people of Whaddon for whom a small cash injection could make a real difference. The Trust considers requests from all Whaddonians and especially from the elderly.

If you want to apply or know of someone else who may benefit from a grant, please either email Angela Bridges, the Whaddon Parish Clerk at whaddonparishclerk@outlook.com or write to her at 31 Bridge Street, Whaddon.

TIMES PAST

Number 7

TAXES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN WITH US

Previous tenants of the village throughout the last six hundred years would find the world of the twenty-first century beyond their comprehension but the question of taxes might provide some common ground in understanding. The following are examples of early attempts to raise money.

SUBSIDIES

Before the fourteenth century the English Kings raised a fighting force by means of granting noblemen land in exchange for military service. In the fourteenth century they realised that this method was not working and they began to take on soldiers 'by contract'.

To do this they needed money and the idea of taxation for special purposes such as wars grew up. These taxes were called subsidies and were collected as clerical subsidies from the church and lay subsidies from laymen.

One result was that the Commons became more powerful as the King had to have their agreement if he wanted taxes collected. The subsidies were assessed on a man's goods and not his income and the rate varied, sometimes at a twentieth, sometimes a fifteenth and sometimes a tenth of his possessions. Lay subsidy details have proved invaluable for historians looking into the make-up of villages and towns.

The lay subsidy for Whaddon 1327 Total raised from village - £3 16s 9½d

The following is an example of the amounts demanded from some individuals in the village.

Lord Thomas de Scalers	18s 8¼d
Nicholas de Wangford	1s 1d
Walter Dynnok	9¼d
John Wangford	6s 0½d
Warin Broning	6s 6¾d
Roger, son of Robert	8½d
Roberto Mally	1s 0d
Richardo le Heyr	1s 0d

SHIP MONEY!!!!

Ship money was a levy on certain port towns in time of war. It was first extended to inland areas in 1590s to help finance the war against Spain. In spite of protests the Sheriffs were made responsible for the sum that each county had to provide. £3500 was required from all Cambridgeshire towards *the setting forth of one ship for the safeguard of the seas and defence of this realm.*

Whaddon was required to provide £12.

HEARTH TAX

From 1662 hearth tax or 'chimney money' was levied at 2 shillings per hearth paid twice yearly except by those exempted on the grounds of poverty. The tax was repealed in 1689 as an oppression on the poor as well as an infringement of liberty in as much as it allowed the searching of taxpayers' homes.

81 hearths were recorded in total for Whaddon in 1674, the largest residence having 19.

AND SO TO CRIME

Clearly taxes are not the only things still with us!

In May of 1835 it was reported that a quantity of lead was stolen from the roof of the chancel of the church and £50 was offered as a reward. Several other cases of the stealing of lead had been reported in the neighbourhood.

S&J Ralls May 2003

CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS

Not a good week for Whaddon!

On Tuesday last week a young lad named Bullen, in the employ of Mr W. T. Nash, had his leg broken. It appears he was engaged as shock (*sic*) boy in the field but returned to the farm and got with some other boys riding the elevator. They were riding on the shaft

when Bullen fell off and broke the small bone of his leg in the spindle and if it had not been for the promptitude of the men on the stack he must have been killed. He was conveyed to Dr Bindloss of Melbourn and is, we hear going on satisfactorily.

*

On Monday last a man named John Easy, who was working for the same gentleman, while building a wheat stack, had the misfortune to get a hair or straw into his eye. He went to Dr Stephen but was advised to go to Cambridge Hospital and the obstruction was removed and the eye is now going on nicely.

*

A boy staying at Wendy Lodge got kicked by a colt in Mr Ablett's meadow on Monday breaking the bridge of his nose. He was attended to by Dr Stephen.

Royston Crow September 26, 1902

S&J Ralls February 2004

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