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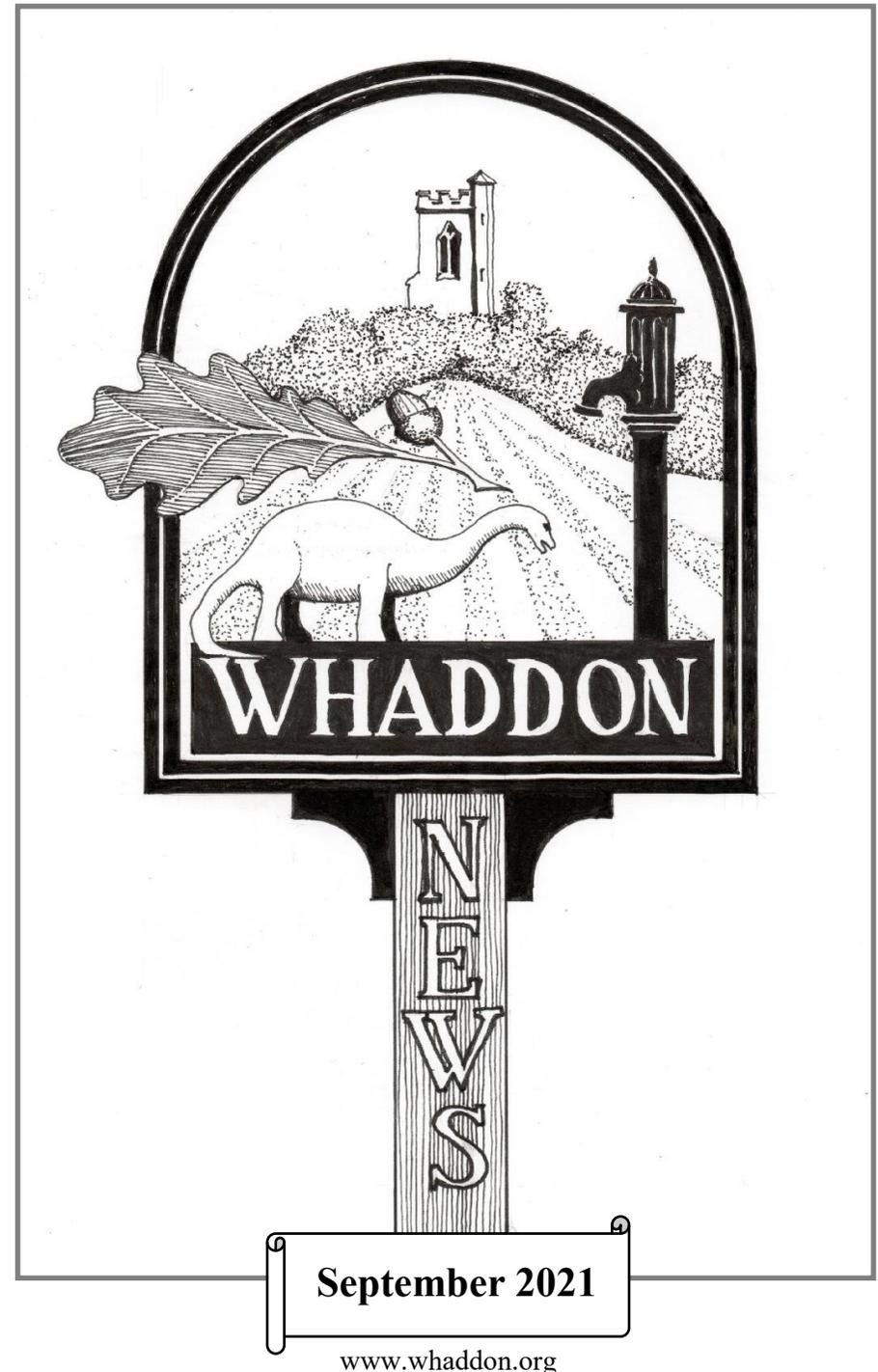
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NEWSLETTER

*The deadline for the next newsletter is **November 15th**.*

Once again items of village interest are always welcome.

*Joan Pascoe C208062
joanpascoe@aol.com*

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1st Sept | Coffee Morning |
| 5th Sept | Cricket |
| 13th Sept | Parish Council |
| 15th Sept | MacMillan Coffee Morning |
| 19th Sept | Cricket |
| 3rd Oct | Harvest Festival |
| 6th Oct | Coffee Morning |
| 11th Oct | Parish Council |
| 20th Oct | Coffee Morning |
| 3rd Nov | Coffee Morning |
| 8th Nov | Parish Council |
| 14th Nov | Remembrance Service |
| 15th Nov | Newsletter Deadline |
| 17th Nov | Coffee Morning |
| 1st Dec | Coffee Morning |

| NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH TEAM | | | |
|--|---|---|----------|
| Malan Peyton | Whaddon Village Coordinator | Ermine Farm, Dyers Green | C 207358 |
| Coordinators: | | | |
| Karen Coningsby | Meldreth Road/Church Corner | 17 Church Street | C 207514 |
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| Dial 999 to report a crime actually happening or when lives are at risk. For a non-emergency matter dial 101. If you report an incident to the police please let your neighbourhood watch coordinator know. | | | |

HOME START FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES



Literary Lunches 30th September

After a 12-month hiatus, we are so excited to be bringing back our Literary Lunch events! The first one will be on 30th September, featuring Christine Adams, author of "A Lifetime in the Building".

Tickets will be available from the office (01763 262262) or via our website from 1st August

Meldreth Team Marathon 1st - 30th October

We are excited to bring you a wonderful community event: the Meldreth 'Team' Marathon. From 1st to 31st October, you can team up with friends, family, colleagues or just go it alone and run this local marathon. The marathon is a collaborative event, so each team member contributes towards the distance run. All you need to do is put together your team, sign up on our website, get sponsored and get running!

For more information, contact the office on 01763 262262.

Esse Fashion Show 16th November

Get yourself ready for the Festive Season with our Fashion Show, held at the Esse Studio in Melbourn.

Browse the collections, watch the fashion show, and get your Christmas shopping off to a fabulous start!

Tickets are £12 and include a FREE glass of wine and will be on sale from October (details will be on our website)

Get the call - become an on-call firefighter

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is looking to recruit more on-call firefighters to help serve local communities across the county.

On-call firefighters are a vital part of our Service and community. They respond to a wide range of incidents, from fighting fires, attending road traffic collisions, animal rescues to supporting other emergency services. In addition to responding to emergency incidents, our on-call firefighters support their communities by providing information and advice on a range of community safety topics.

They receive an annual wage to reflect the time they commit to being available plus additional payments for attending incidents and drill nights (one evening a week for two hours).

It's a hugely rewarding role, and we hope to encourage members of the community from all backgrounds to get in touch and find out more about becoming an on-call firefighter.

Visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk/oncall for more information or call 01480 444500

Coffee Mornings



After an enforced break of 16 months due to the COVID pandemic the twice monthly coffee mornings, held at the village hall, have resumed on the **first** and **third** Wednesdays of every month. For £1.50 per person it's a chance to meet for a catch up and as much coffee or tea and biscuits and cake as you would like and while the weather stays warm we can sit outside. The dates for the remainder of 2021 are:-

September:- 1st & 15th

October:- 6th & 20th

November:- 3rd & 17th

December:- 1st & 15th

The 15th September session will be in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support and one of the December mornings will be a Christmas party.

I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

Joanne Hart

Whaddon Village Plan for 2022 - can you help?



The last Village Plan was completed in 2013 and most of the recommendations arising from it have now been completed. Our plan should be updated regularly but because of Covid we are running a year or so later than we had originally wanted.

To do this, we need to look at the village and set ourselves some new challenges and objectives to improve our quality of life over the next few years. It's important that the plan reflects the views of everyone so we are looking for volunteers to join us in developing the next plan for 2022. It's a great opportunity for us to say what we do and don't want in the village. We need a good cross section of people on the plan team so that it represents all ages, all village locations and any special interest groups or clubs.

So if you hanker after a tropical swimming pool or a superstore in Whaddon and are interested in getting involved, then please call Lee Ginger on 07850 252015 or email lee.ginger@btinternet.com

WHADDON VILLAGE HALL and RECREATION GROUND TRUST

It seems that the last issues of Whaddon News have been filled with reports from Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust (WVHRGT) reinforcing the impact of each Lockdown on the Hall and its facilities. We've not had an awful lot really to report during this period. However here we are, at a point in time when all restrictions have been lifted, the Village Hall fully open and lots to report upon. I thought we'd never see the day, quite honestly.

First and foremost, for all those that may have missed the email communication, and on behalf of the Trust, thank you for responding so well to our survey in relation to the potential, for extra fencing around the play area. We had a super response from 58 households from the village. Of those respondees, 84.5% reported that they did not wish for any further fencing and that in fact, the replacement fencing, recently installed around the carpark, had resolved a lot of concerns that some individuals had had previously. This response has been formally accepted by the Trust and no further action will be taken.

In relation to the playground, we have unfortunately experienced an episode of vandalism, which in itself, is very unusual. A piece of the rope ladder/climbing frame, was cut through and as a result, has been out of action. Thank you to everyone who reported the issue to differing Trustees. A replacement part is on order and will be installed as soon as we are able.

Also, as I'm very sure lots of you may have noticed, we have experienced a water leak, in the carpark. Cambridgeshire water are currently repairing the leak, but we would like to apologise, if any inconvenience has been caused during this repair period.

On a much brighter note, Darios Fish and Chips can be found sited in the Village Hall carpark on a monthly basis. His next dates are Friday 27th August, Tuesday 28th September, Wednesday 27th October. Please remember to order in advance.

August has also seen the return of the Coffee Mornings to the village hall. Running on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 10.30 – 12pm. We know that many individuals within the village have really missed such gatherings, so we're really pleased to see them recommence and provide the opportunity for further social interaction.

We have also held the Dance your way to freedom event, in conjunction with Whaddon Parish Council, but I'll leave you to read about that in Nikki's article.

Finally, are you new to the village, do you like organising events, activities or would like to get involved in the running of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground? If so, we might just have the role for you, as we are still looking for new Trustees to join us. We are a very friendly bunch, currently consisting of

Bomb Disposal in Whaddon/Bassingbourn

On the afternoon of July 12th, the Euro football finals, I dug up a heavy, small, metal object. I inspected it, picked at the rust, took a photo and sent pics to friends. 2 replies, one from a priest, the other a policeman, came back immediately; Keep your distance, do not touch it and hide. We decided that since it hadn't blown up it could wait til next week when the football was over. I put it in the vegetable patch that needed a good dig, then went back to the gardening. BUT my policeman consulted with an army friend, and said I must ring 101. I did. A PC arrived [from Huntingdon], followed by a Bomb Disposal unit at midnight all the way from Colchester. The soldiers examined it and took an x-ray and took it away as tank mortar. Perhaps they didn't trust me in case I hired a tank and fired at passing Developers.

I am hoping that people might know why it was buried by my front door: I'm on the boundary of Whaddon and Bassingbourn near the bridle path. Did the Barracks extend this way in the 1940's? Did a military family live in my house? Did German spies loiter here with secret supplies? Did Russian spies plot here after the war?

Any FACT based information will be gratefully received!

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The Alfred Palmer's Trust – our local village charity, has vacancies for two Trustees.



Whaddon's local charity, the Alfred Palmer's Trust, normally has five Trustees, appointed by the Parish Council. Currently we have two vacancies for Trustees, each of whom would serve four years to help administer and run the Trust.

The time commitment to be a Trustee is not particularly onerous but it is a really important role to enable the trust to fulfil its obligations.

The Palmer's Trust was originally set up in 1927 to purchase coal for distribution to the poor widows of Whaddon Parish! It has now been changed to give 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, both young and old.

If you would like to apply or find out more, please speak to Lee Ginger on 07850 252015 or email lee.ginger@btinternet.com

Anita Birch, Nikki Cross, Peter Haselden, Karen Coningsby, Steve Argent, Steve Coningsby, Jayne Huffer, Lee Ginger and Terry Allison. So please, if you're interested, don't hesitate to contact any of us, for a chat and further information. Our contact details can be found on the village website at www.whaddon.org or individual members can be contacted via whaddonhalltrust@whaddon.org

Anita Birch
Chair WVHRGT

Village Hall Bookings

With the Village Hall now being more or less fully reopened, a reminder about the booking procedure:

If you wish to hire the hall, marquee, tables or chairs etc, please can you contact the Lettings Officer at whaddonhalltrust@whaddon.org, or you can ring me on 07903 884825 and I can give you more information.

If possible it is best to send an email first with all your details and I will come back to you.

Karen,
Village Hall Lettings Officer

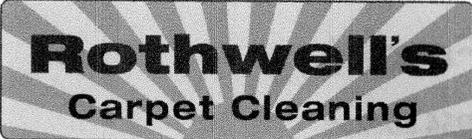
REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

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| Wednesday | 10.30 - 12.00 | Coffee morning (1st & 3rd Wed) |
| Thursday | 18.30 - 19.30 | Pilates |
| | 19.30 - 20.30 | Pilates |
| Friday | 17.00 - 19.30 | Dog training } 6 week blocks |
| Saturday | 08.00 - 13.30 | Dog training } |

Whaddon Postal Collections

There has been a change in Whaddon postal collections. Royal Mail has reduced collections from those post boxes with low usage. Whaddon post boxes will now be emptied by the postman when he is on his delivery round. In Whaddon this means that collections will be late morning. There will no longer be an afternoon collection. There is a 4pm collection from Bassingbourn Post Office and one at 6pm from the Royston Delivery Office.

The postman has always been willing to take stamped mail when he is on his delivery rounds, but this of course means you have to see him in person!



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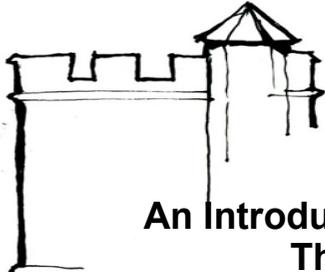
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An Introduction to Our New Vicar – The Rev Helen Orr

Hello my name is Helen Orr and I'm your new Vicar. I am excited about getting to know you all. I will have my office and vicarage just up the road at Bassingbourn. I am married to James Orr, the Cambridge University Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion, so if you have any really tricky questions about theology you can always ask him! We have two children, Godfrey, aged thirteen, and Honor, aged ten. You may see me around the parish with our two black labradors Coco and Pippa, please feel free to stop and say hello when you do.



Currently I am an associate priest at the University Church, Great Saint Mary's, and before that I was a Pioneer Minister for 'Michaelhouse Centre' next door which brought together my other two great passions in the one building good coffee and good music. I start my role with you at the beginning of October but I'll be coming and going over the summer as I start to prepare for the move. I hope to invite you around for drinks at Christmas, coffee and cakes and a catch up at other times. I gather there's a wonderful singalong at Christmas from reliable sources at Whaddon church which sounds like fun.

Like many of us who live closer into the centre of Cambridge I'm familiar with walking around the Wimpole Estate but not further afield, so I would love to explore and get to know the special walks in your area and look forward to some of you (with dogs or without them!) introducing them to me. As I have a Scottish mother and have spent many summers mostly in our small highland croft, I am happy to walk all weathers as she always says, "There's no such thing as bad weather, just badly dressed". I am pleased to also say that I think I arrive just in time for your Harvest Festival so look forward to as many of you as possible then.

Parish Council meetings

These normally take place on the second Monday of each month and the next meeting is scheduled to be held in the Village Hall at 8pm on 13th September.

All minutes of meetings are on the village website www.whaddon.org and on the notice board at the Village Hall in Church Street.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

N. HERTS AND DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The Royston office is now open **Monday** and **Wednesday** 9.30 am to 12 noon.

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Whaddon Parish Council Matters

A1198 speed limit and safety improvements

County Highways have formally agreed the budget for the A1198 road safety scheme and we have now seen the first detailed plan. We are delighted to see that a right turning lane will be included for cars entering Whaddon Gap from the Royston direction. There have been many incidents with cars waiting to turn right being hit by vehicles undertaking at this point and is a very welcome addition. There will also be a traffic island on the A1198 north of the junction and the reduction of the speed limit from 50 to 40 mph. The road 'splays' will be abolished and incorporated into the main carriageway. The road will have very bold safety markings both here and at the junction for the Barracks. Overall, the Parish Council is pleased with the plan and we hope to see it implemented early in the new year.

Covid-19

With the final measures to return life to a more normal situation, the Parish Council will continue to be monitoring the situation locally and pass on any important messages to our community. For now, let's all hope that we continue the road to normality but we must all be aware that Covid has not completely gone away and continue to be sensible.

Village Hall car park drainage gratings

You may have noticed that the Village Hall car park gratings are beginning to move about and need repairing. The PC, working in conjunction with the Village Hall Trust, will be having them replaced with more robust gratings, with work scheduled to start mid-September.

Speculative proposals for a New Town in Southwest Cambridgeshire

There are still no formal updates but we continue to attend online meetings held by the Southwest Cambridgeshire Action Group and we shall report any changes to villagers, should they happen. The potential developer, Thakehams have made no application to the Planners at the District Council but they are still carrying out surveys with helicopters, much to the irritation of everyone.

Help needed!

- We are looking for volunteers to help produce the next Whaddon Parish Plan
- Two Trustees for the Alfred Palmer's Trust local charity
- Extra people to help us reactivate the Speedwatch scheme which we had to suspend during the pandemic

If you can help with any of these projects or would like to find out more, please phone me on 0780 252015 or email lee.ginger@btinternet.com

Church dates for the autumn are:

Harvest Festival: Sunday 3rd October at 3.00pm

This will be Rev Helen Orr's first service with us and will be a good opportunity to meet her.

You may need to let either Karen Coningsby or David Grech know if you intend to come to the church Service.

Please come and decorate the church during the week if you can spare some time.

Your help is much appreciated.

Remembrance Sunday: Sunday 14th November at 10:45am



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Whaddon Wednesdays

For those of you who treasure your Whaddon News and keep past copies, you will find that in the last edition we sought some help in running Whaddon Wednesdays. Jan Gibson was the point of contact but with no volunteers forthcoming in the following months, she has sent out a further email which may spark some interest and even a response. We do not want WW to fade away, but while we await any responses, we cannot commit to a future Whaddon Wednesdays in any form.

We will use the village e-mail to let you all know how it turns out, but whatever the outcome it has been really enjoyable hearing interesting speakers, many from the village, meeting villagers and visiting places of interest in the local area usually with a local guide.

In summary then - it is our hope that we can continue to run Whaddon Wednesdays, which should be possible if a couple of villagers would like to become involved. This means identifying and arranging speakers, helping to arrange afternoon or evening visits to local attractions and encouraging villagers to come along to our monthly meetings in the village hall. Nothing too onerous nor difficult.

If you are interested please contact Jan Gibson on 07802 346688 or jmsy@hotmail.co.uk

The WW Committee (JanG, WendyE, MalanP and MikeM)

SUSAN VAN de VEN Cambridgeshire County Councillor

All drop-in advice surgeries are currently suspended.

Zoom Cuppa Surgeries: Wednesdays 5-6PM

If you'd like to meet with your councillors by Zoom, to bring any concerns or ask any questions, we're running a weekly Zoom Cuppa Surgery: Wednesdays 5-6 PM. Please contact Melbourn Parish Councillor Sally Ann Hart for a link to our next Wednesday Zoom: Sallyannhart@riskingonpurpose.com.

Alternatively, if there are issues people would like to discuss 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

Dance Your Way To Freedom

The "Dance your way to freedom" event was in danger of being washed away, had we believed the weather reports leading up to the event on Saturday 7 August. However, with every atom of positivity we could lay our hands on we battled through and ignored the bad reports focusing only on the weather changes that were conveniently better.

The days and hours got ever closer and our positive outlook was looking ever more realistic, amazingly. On Saturday afternoon, as we hung notices and draped bunting along the iron fencing. DJ Steve set up his speakers and lights, bravely under the looming charcoal grey clouds that threatened, and then exploded over the top us.

Despite the intermittent rainstorms, mixed up with brilliant sunshine, Darios - the Fish and Chip man, parked up, closely followed by Dom – The Ice Cream van man. The fiercely determined Whaddonians followed suit, setting up gazebos, chairs, fairy lights, food, drinks and blankets with admirable gusto and showing the true grit of a group of people not prepared to miss out on an evening of fabulous tunes, socialising and dancing in the open air in the intermittent pouring rain. Neighbours welcomed those without shelter as the rain came and went and the evening ended with rapturous applause for the stoic DJ.

The evening was a fantastic success and everyone had a smile on their face as they disappeared into the darkness laden with chairs, raincoats, empty bottles and sodden clothes.

Thank you to everyone who came along on Saturday. Thank you for smiling through the rain and still dancing, it was wonderful to see and makes it all worthwhile.

Nikki, Jayne and the team

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.

Whaddon Cricket Club 2021

Fixtures

| DATE | MATCH | VENUE | RESULT |
|--------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------|
| 25 April | Steeple Morden | Away | Draw |
| 9 May | Hare Street | Away | Win |
| 16 May | Sandon | Home | Win |
| 6 June | Bassingbourn | Home | Win |
| 13 June | Huffer XI | Home | Win |
| 4 July | Sandon | Away | Loss |
| 11 July | Royston Dads | Home | Win |
| 14 July | Bassingbourn Barracks | Home | Win |
| 18 July | Guilden Morden | Away | Cancelled |
| 1 August | Under 35s v Over 35s | Home | Under 35s - Win |
| 15 August | Train Boys | Home | Loss |
| 5 September | Church St v Bridge St | Home | --- |
| 19 September | Hare Street | Home | --- |

There are two more home games this season and spectators would be very welcome.



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He prefers people to pre-order to avoid disappointment and this should be done during the week before his visit, either by Facebook or text. Waiting times are reduced as he supplies timed collection slots.

Contact details are: Facebook: Dario's Fish and Chips
Mobile phone: 07403 747511 for text

Future dates: Tues 28 September
Wed 27 October
Thurs 25 November

Main Menu

Adult haddock & chips £8.99

Child haddock & chips £5.00

Sausage & chips £4.50

Prawns & chips £5.00

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TIMES PAST

Whaddon Village School (3)

Spending time in our newly refurbished village hall it is easy to forget how primitive the school building would have been. Electricity was brought into the village in 1948 and was probably installed in the school at that time, but there was no running water and certainly no flush toilets. The schoolroom was heated by a big black coke burning stove, which would give today's health and safety inspectors nightmares.

December 1949: "... the Local Education Authority have refunded five-sixths of the cost of a new 'Romesse' stove, leaving £4.13.9d to be found by the Managers. [Also] the L.E.A. will refund five sixths of the Managers' recent expenditure on additional wiring for electric power; and five sixths of the expenditure on electricity."

May 1952: "The Head Teacher applied for additional help with the School dinners. Owing to the increased number of dinners it was difficult to get the washing up done in time, and this had to be done in the classroom. She suggested Mrs Easy as a likely person, and one willing to accept the post."

July 1952: "The Head Teacher's request for the mains water to be laid on to the School was discussed. It was explained that the Children had to cross the road at a dangerous corner to get water for School use. The Correspondent was asked to send the Local Authority an urgent request that water be laid on to the School or failing this provide a standpipe just inside the boundary fence."

October 1956: "The Telephone had now been installed the number was Arrington 350."

February 1957: "A letter dated 24th October 1956 stated that the Education Committee have approved on the recommendation of the School Medical Officer the replacement of the existing earth closets at the school by Elsan chemical closets."

"...so far this term attendance had been low owing to whooping cough."



December 1957: "It was reported that the Elsan closets had not been installed although the School Health Officers report stated this was done [by the meeting in May 1958 the job had been completed]. It was also reported that the fire protection inspector had visited the School and was not satisfied with the fireguards. The Head Teacher stated that she had reported this several times but nothing was done."

March 1959: "The Head Teacher in her report said that a Sterilizer had been installed in the kitchen, there had been some difficulty in the fixing, but was now working. The electricity had cut out twice. The fault had not yet been traced but the oven was suspected. All the children now stay to dinner."

July 1959: "Chickenpox and measles had made the attendance the lowest for a summer term."

Two crimes are reported in the minute book. In the first some money went missing from the assistant teacher's desk. "Miss Thomas said that she kept in a tin in her drawer money which the children [paid] for their dinners, and each Friday she passed the money on to the Head Teacher. On Wednesday 21st June 1956 at midday she counted this money and there was £1-13-0d, but when she got the money out to hand to Mrs Frey [on] Friday morning 16/6d of it was missing. ... The Head Teacher stated that she had made enquiries whether any child had been seen with more money than usual or spending a lot of money, but no trace of it had been found... It was agreed that the police be informed." The 16/6d missing equates to 82½p which, allowing for inflation, is about £20.

"The term started badly with the breaking in of the school at 3am on Friday 4th January, 1957. Some of the emergency rations were stolen, two knives and one of the cleaner's rubber gloves were missing. The police made an inspection, ... the culprits were found at Kneesworth Hall School. The police had now returned the things they recovered but the cleaner's glove was not among them... The Correspondent was asked to write to the Headmaster of Kneesworth Hall School and ask if the school would care to reimburse the cleaner with a new pair of rubber gloves or the value of same which is about 7/6d." Kneesworth Hall Approved School opened in June 1949 to house highly intelligent boys aged from 13 to 18 years. Household rubber gloves did not come into widespread use until the 1960s, so in 1957 they were a specialised item, and cost the equivalent of nearly £10.

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