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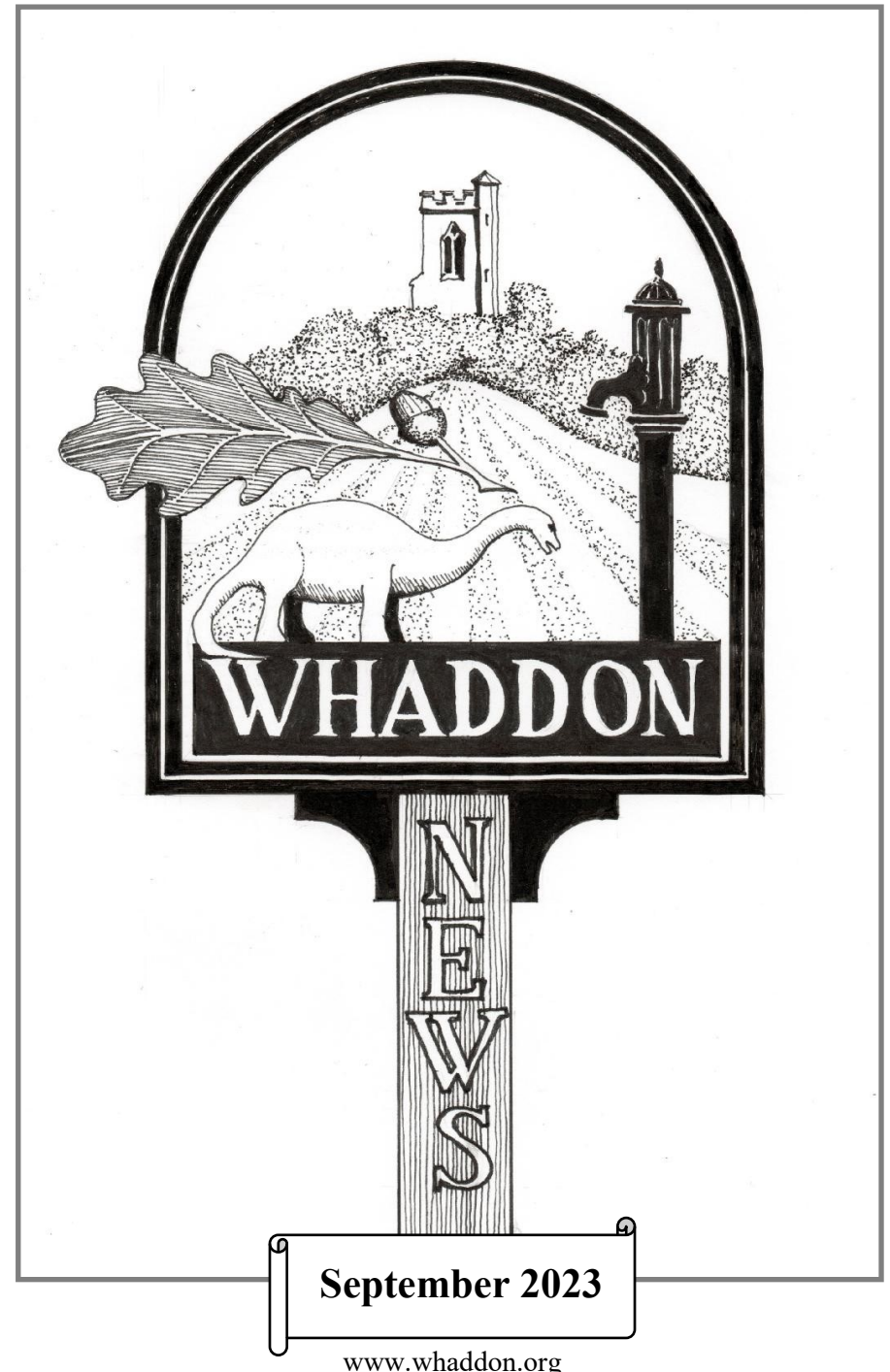
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NEWSLETTER

In the June edition of the Whaddon News I suggested that more villagers might like to contribute articles.

We have received a generous offer from Perry Littleboy in Bassingbourn, who writes for their Environment Group in the Bassingbourn Village Voice. He is willing to send the notes that he writes, which are essentially 'natural observations', so that they can be included in the Whaddon News as 'Nature Notes'. The first of these can be found in this edition. We are very grateful for his generosity.

If there are any villagers who have a particular hobby or interest they'd like to share with the village please contact me.

*The deadline for the next newsletter is **13th Nov.**
Joan Pascoe C 208062 joanpascoe@aol.com*

***** BIN COLLECTION DATES *****			
From the middle of September bin collection day will change to Thursdays commencing Thursday 21st September. Everyone should be notified by SCDC in due course. The details below are believed to be correct at time of print.			
Wed 6 Sept	Black	Thurs 26 Oct	Blue/green
Wed 13 Sept	Blue/green	Thurs 2 Nov	Black
Thurs 21 Sept	Black	Thurs 9 Nov	Blue/green
Thurs 28 Sept	Blue/green	Thurs 16 Nov	Black
Thurs 5 Oct	Black	Thurs 23 Nov	Blue/green
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3rd Sept	Cricket	18th Oct	Coffee Morning
6th Sept	Coffee Morning	1st Nov	Coffee Morning
10th Sept	Harvest Festival	8th Nov	Charity Quiz
11th Sept	Parish Council	12th Nov	Remembrance Service
20th Sept	Coffee Morning	13th Nov	Parish Council
24th Sept	Community Picnic	15th Nov	Coffee Morning
4th Oct	Coffee Morning	6th Dec	Coffee Morning
9th Oct	Parish Council	13th Dec	Charity Quiz
11th Oct	Charity Quiz	17th Dec	Carol Service

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For a non-emergency matter please consider using www.cambs.police.uk/report or web chat **#safercambs** to report a crime. Both of these are likely to have a quicker response time than dialling 101.

SUSAN VAN de VEN Cambridgeshire County Councillor

Zoom Cuppa Surgeries: Mondays 5 - 6PM

If you'd like to meet with your councillors by Zoom, to bring any concerns or ask any questions, please come along to our weekly Zoom Cuppa Surgery, now on Mondays from 5-6 PM. Please contact Sally Ann for a link:

Sallyannhart@riskingonpurpose.com.

Alternatively, you can contact Susan on 07905325574 or email susanvandeven5@gmail.com

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.

ANTHONY BROWNE MP

Surgeries can be booked by email, telephone or letter.

Email: Anthony.browne.mp@parliament.uk

Tel: 01223 603677

Address: Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Road, Hardwick, CB23 7QJ

Update on Whaddon's "difficult items" recycling scheme

As you may be aware, we have had to stop collecting medicine blister packs, which is why one brown recycling bin by the Village Hall has been shut. The reason for this is that the outlets available for blister pack recycling have reduced the amounts they are accepting, and, because the village has supported the scheme so well, the amount of material that we could recycle was less than the amount being put in the bin! Hence we have a backlog of three or four sacks.

I am so sorry about this as I hate to stop something that was so successful, but ultimately we are limited by the amount of material that we are able to recycle. If you go to a town with a participating Superdrug pharmacy (e.g. Cambridge or Stevenage), you could take your own packs there.

PLEASE NOTE THE COLLECTION IN WHADDON OF CRISP PACKETS IS UNAFFECTED.

You will be glad to know we have come up with an idea to use the bin for another recycling scheme.

Something that concerns the four of us a lot is the amount of plastic packaging still used on food and other wrappings, so called "soft plastics" that cannot be put in domestic recycling bins. We propose to turn the brown bin that we were using for blister packs into one for soft plastics.

Recycling opportunities for soft plastics are good, as this is one category of recycling that Tesco's are supporting strongly. Claire has been in touch with the "Community Champion" at Tesco's in Royston and they are very keen that we bring materials down to them. There are several articles about this on their web site, and anyone interested in learning more is advised to do an Internet search on "tesco recycling soft plastics".

Two complicating issues with soft plastics are as follows:

- Working out which plastics are appropriate for this category of recycling is much harder than with crisp packets and blister packs.
- There are cleanliness and hygiene issues involved with putting wrappings that may have food residues on them into recycling bin that the others do not have.

We will produce an indicative list of possible plastics, which will include at least bread bags, fruit and vegetable packaging and salad bags. This list will be displayed on the bin, with any further information put on www.whaddon.org. The other issue will be handled by lining the bin with a plastic sack, which will simply be closed and taken for recycling. We will NOT be going through the materials to check they are recyclable, but we rely on villagers' common sense to add only appropriate items.

This is an important step forward, which we are sure will be supported by the Parish Council as part of our green initiatives. I would like to thank the volunteers who work on this for all their help: Claire Hales, Paul Evans and John Warrack. We hope to put this scheme into operation in early September.

Nigel Strudwick

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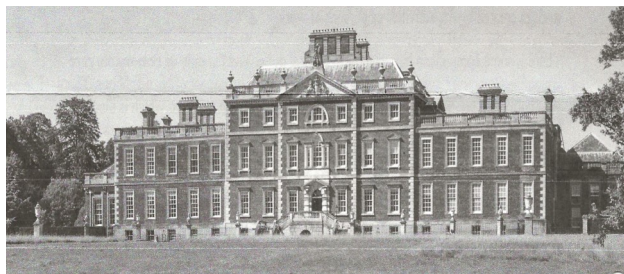
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Community Picnic at Wimpole Hall

24th September from 1.00pm



Wimpole Hall would like to invite people from local parishes to come and enjoy a community picnic on Sunday 24th September. This would be on the same basis as the Coronation picnic i.e. free entry on proof of address and bring your own food. Entry to all parts of the estate would be included. Further details to follow.

Bus times between Whaddon and Royston

To Royston (from Bridge Street)

- buses leave for Royston calling at Tesco, Royston Station and Bus Station at:

08h31 on Mondays to Fridays – **Bus 17** direct

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

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Return Buses

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

13h10 on Mondays to Saturdays – **Bus 17** via Melbourn and Meldreth Road

17h10 on Mondays to Saturdays – **Bus 17** direct (Please tell the driver if you want to travel to Whaddon)

Bus 17 between Cardiff Place and Royston on Mondays to Saturdays

To Royston

08h28 (not Saturdays), **10h13**, **12h15**, **14h40**, **16h40**

Return Buses

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09h10, **11h10**, **13h10**, **15h10** and **17h10**

(Please tell the driver if you want to travel to Cardiff Place)

Foxton Scarecrow Festival 2023 Saturday 7 October (12noon – 5.00pm)

This year our theme is 'Films'. You'll be able to wander through Foxton village from one scarecrow to another. Join in with the various fundraising activities including a children's quiz and 'Where's Wally?' We welcome you to stop at various venues around the village for some refreshments such as bacon butties, home-made soup or tea and cakes.

'Impromptu' band will be playing during the afternoon in the Village Hall and there will be craft stalls at our 'Maker's Market'. This fun event for all ages will finish with prize giving and a performance by Foxton Singers.

Raising funds for St Laurence Church, Foxton School and Pre-School.

Programmes will be available on the day from the Church, the Village Hall and the Village Shop, Foxton. For further information, email foxtonscarecrow@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.



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LITERARY LUNCH

Thursday 21st September 2023

The Old Bull Inn, Royston

Buffet lunch from 12.15 pm
Chat and Q&A from 1.00 pm

Tickets: £15.00 including lunch

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in conversation with

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Coffee Mornings.



It is now 2 years since I took over the mantle of running the coffee mornings! The number of people attending is gradually increasing and it is lovely seeing so many regulars and the one or two visitors that appear from time to time. We enjoyed a summer lunch in July with everyone who attended bringing a contribution that could be shared while the coffee morning kitty provided wine and soft drinks.

The sessions are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month and I only charge £1.50 for a cup of coffee or tea and a choice of two homemade cakes. Occasionally I am able to offer a free of charge session so do come along for a nice surprise.

Dates for the rest of this year are:-

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October 4th & 18th

November 1st & 15th

December 6th & 20th

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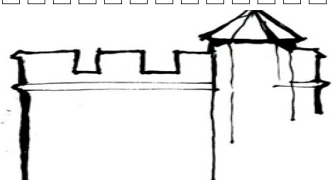
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ST MARY'S CHURCH WHADDON

Church Services at St Mary's

HARVEST FESTIVAL

10th September at 3pm

Please come and decorate the church during the week if you can
All decorations need to be finished by Saturday morning.

Your help is much appreciated.

(note: Helen Strudwick will be contacting the choir
to rehearse a piece especially for this year's Harvest
Festival).



Future services:

12th November 10.45 am Remembrance Service

17th December 6.00 pm Carol Service

(again Helen Strudwick will be organising the choir and arranging
rehearsals ahead of the Carol Service).

Contact Details for Rev. Helen Orr

Tel: 07761 241190 Email: vicar@whaddon.org

My days in the parishes are Tuesday and Thursdays and weekend
services



N. HERTS AND DISTRICT CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

The **Royston** office is now open **Monday** and **Wednesday** 9.30 am to 12 noon.
To contact the local CAB please call 01462 689801 and leave a message or
email northhertscab.org.uk

The CAB also hold a session at the **Melbourn Hub** on **Wednesdays** 10am to
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Alternatively contact the CAB national phone service: Tel 0800 144 8848.

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- Close internal doors at night - have this as part of your bedtime routine
- Keep stairs clear and keys to external door and windows in places that are easy to access if you need to escape in an emergency
- Ensure everyone in your house knows what to do if a fire breaks out and practice this
- Ensure smoking materials are fully out and don't smoke when tired
- Ensure open fires are properly out before you go to bed.

Everyone is urged to check their home for potential fire risks. There is **an online tool on our website** that can be used to highlight areas to think about. It isn't just e-bikes and e-scooters, we have so many electrical gadgets these days that all require charging, people just need to be aware of the risks and put steps in place to ensure they are being charged safely. You can also complete the online tool for older or other vulnerable family members too who may not live with you and may have other habits or risk factors that make them vulnerable such as they smoke or have limited mobility which may prevent them from being able to escape if a fire took hold. In these cases, our specialist fire prevention officers will visit in person and carry out an assessment.

Further **home fire safety advice** including **electrical safety** can be found on our website.



LET'S TALK GARDENING!

Wednesday 20th September

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WHADDON VILLAGE HALL and RECREATION GROUND

Well, what a summer it has been so far! We have lots of thanks to be dispensed.

Since the last Whaddon News was published, refurbishment works have been completed in the playground. We hope all the repairs and refurb will contribute to the enjoyment of all the families living both within the village and the wider community throughout the coming summer and beyond. The Trust would like to give thanks to the Parish Council, who contributed towards the costs of the refurbishment.

As many of you will be aware both St Marys Church and the Village Hall played host the first New Whaddon Village Fete, and despite the weather trying to spoil the event, it was a great success. The Trust would like to express their thanks to all involved, in whichever capacity that was and are very grateful recipients of a donation of over £1200 from fundraising from the event.

The Trust also held a Public Meeting at the beginning of August as they were presenting and voting upon a change to the Trust Deed and structure of the management committee. We had 2 members of the public attend the event, but had hoped for more. The Trustees voted in favour of changing the structure of the committee from:

4 elected members
5 appointed members and
2 co-opted members to:

6 elected members
3 appointed members and
3 co-opted members

This change will allow easier recruitment of Trustees to the management committee in future.

Finally, as always, if you have any ideas of groups/activities you would like to see run or are interested in running, any talks, events etc, please do speak to a Trustee, we would be more than happy to support as and where possible.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer ahead,

Anita
Chair Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust

Whaddon Village Fete, July 2023

The new style Whaddon Village Fete was held on Saturday 8th July. A large number of villagers and visitors braved the damp weather and spent an enjoyable afternoon visiting the various stalls and partaking of the teas, bar and barbeque. The organising committee would like to thank all those who helped make the fete such a success, whether that was coming along on the Friday evening to help set it up, assisting with running a stall on the day, or just by being there and joining in the fun. It would be invidious to start naming individuals, but the committee would specifically like to thank the Royston Town Crier for agreeing to open our fete in his own special way.



Royston Town Crier (photo DG)

The accounts have now been finalised and this year's fete made an overall profit of £2412:84, which has been split equally between the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust and St Mary's Church. Both organisations are exceedingly grateful for this contribution to their finances.

The committee has recently met to review the fete, to consider all the feedback, and assess both what went well and what might be improved on, in order to make next year's fete even better. One of the disappointments this year was the small number of entries to the Produce Show, and the almost complete lack of entries from children. We are discussing how best to encourage more entries, and will begin by publicising the various entry categories both earlier and more widely. We have also agreed that next year's Whaddon Village Fete will be held on **Saturday 13th July 2024** – make a note in your diary and keep it free!

The Whaddon Village Fete
Organising Committee



The Stalls (photo DG)

growth in response to touch. The cells on the side of the growing shoot that is in contact with something, will subdivide less quickly than on the side not being touched. Hence the tendril of your Runner bean or Vine or Bindweed will curl round another plant or structure.

My word of the month is “epicormic”. Limes are predisposed to epicormic growth (literally “around the corm”) which are the shoots that grow from the base of a tree, from epicormic buds underneath the bark. Usually, if the tree or shrub is growing well, hormones will suppress such growth, but if the growing tip is damaged higher up the plant, such epicormic growth will commence. Interestingly, we thought we had lost all our Daphnes, our Ceanothuses and Cordylines from last winter's cold but, in most cases, new growth has appeared these last few months from the same epicormic buds. All was not lost.

Many Jays (*Garrulus glandarius*), also called Acorn Jays, are arriving on the east coast from the Continent, to overwinter here, and they will compete with the squirrels to hide acorns and hazelnuts in the leaf litter and grass verges. A gamekeeper told me that he thought all the oak trees of England are courtesy of the Jay as the length of their beak is exactly the right depth to plant an acorn. It may be fanciful but I liked the deference. Although as rapacious as your Magpie or Crow of songbird eggs and chicks, there is something irrepressible about these Corvids and the sound of its chatter (*Garrulus*) and they are very handsome. Swooping between trees or jumping around your garden, look for the telltale white rump (the other bird with a distinctive white rump is the Bullfinch, but he is smaller and found along hedgerows). The Jay's

blue and black striped wing feathers were prized to decorate men's hats.

You will notice that the Rooks, another Corvid, are picking through the stubble fields and newly ploughed soil for Leatherjackets and beetles. And then they will suddenly wheel up into the air, out of seemingly irrepressible joie de vivre, and then corkscrew back down to earth in a sky dive known, wonderfully, as “whiffing”. There is a sense that nature is on the move, shaking off the torpor of high summer. The Hobbies will start to shadow the Swallows and Martins south to Africa this month. Holland's Bitterns start to fly West to English reedbeds. It would be very exciting if Fowlmere Reserve attracted one or two this winter.

I read that autumn migrant warblers, like Chiffchaff, Willow warbler, Blackcap and Garden warbler each need to lay down 5 grams of fat to survive their journey to Africa and so they will be building their reserves by picking at Blackberries as well as their usual insects. Not for them, the charming legend that says you should stop eating wild Blackberries towards the end of the month, for the Devil has spat on them. On 29th September, St Michael's feast day, Michaelmas, (and the Feast of all Archangels), we celebrate his victory over Lucifer, who is thrown out of Heaven and lands head-first into a thicket of brambles. So incensed is he, that he spits upon them!

Also on 29th September, 6 days after the Vernal Equinox, is the Harvest Moon. The brightest evening planet this month will be Saturn. Both Venus and Jupiter (from mid month) will be impressive morning planets to look out for.

*Perry Littleboy
Bassingbourn*

NATURE NOTES

You should see the Southern Hawker dragonfly around our waterways in August and September, distinctive at some three inches long, and truly an apex predator of other insects. Successful in 95% of its pursuits, whereas your average successful kill by Leopards is around 38% and lions only 25% (African wild dogs 85%!) These insects will be laying their eggs on rotten logs beside streams and ponds. The eggs won't hatch until Spring and then the nymph larvae will crawl into the water, where they will stay amongst the sludge feasting on other pondlife, until September 2026 from whence they will emerge. Dragonflies are ancient from an evolutionary perspective, with fossils found dating back 325 million years ago.

And speaking of ancient lifeforms, the Maidenhair tree or Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*) is the most remarkable of trees. For a start, like Pines and Cycads, it is a gymnosperm, ("naked seed", and predating all flowering plants, which are angiosperms). The gymnosperm's seed is not protected by being encased in an ovary, but instead lies naked and develops on the scales of the cone. I quote from a great read, entitled *The Overstory* by Richard Powers:

"It's the lone species of the only genus in the sole family in the single order of the solitary class remaining in a now abandoned division that once covered the earth... a living fossil three hundred million years old... a tree older than conifers with swimming sperm and cones that put out a trillion and more grains of pollen a year; (... some specimens...) survived the blast of Hiroshima. The pulp kills even drug-resistant bacteria and the fan-shaped leaves with their radiating veins, said to

cure the sickness of forgetting, (...will all fall in autumn in...) the most synchronized drop of leaves that nature ever engineered."

And so where can you see one of these living fossils? Wimpole Gardens have two, one in the West Garden behind a large Copper Beech. It is surrounded by trees that have drawn the Ginkgo up to quite a height. When a plant is etiolated like this (being drawn up in search of light), the cells do not keep subdividing as with normal vegetative growth, but stretch and lengthen. The other Ginkgo is much smaller and in the Fir triangle. The fan-shaped leaf is the give-away.



Ginkgo leaf

Whilst on the subject of cell-division, most plants will show positive phototropism in their stems as they grow towards light (auxins are plant hormones that encourage cell-division, with more auxins on the shaded side of a stem, leading to a bending of the growing shoot towards light) and negative phototropism in the roots, growing away from light. Hedge bindweed with its pure white trumpet flowers, are curling up and around every upright structure in hedges and woods and probably that bit of your garden you don't visit very often. This is caused by Thigmotropism, which is

Riparian rights! What are they?

Many villagers in Whaddon possess riparian rights but are possibly blissfully unaware of what they are.

Put simply, if you have a water course or a drainage ditch bordering or on your property, you possess riparian rights to receive any flow of water from upstream. But with rights come responsibilities, and your riparian responsibilities are to maintain free flow of water for those downstream – i.e. to mow or trim grassy banks and where appropriate, remove vegetation such as trees, fallen branches and shrubs, and take actions to remove any other blockages.

To find out more about these common law rights you can use this link to see the County Council's handy leaflet - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asset-library/Watercourse-Guidance-2022-Rights-and-Responsibilities-for-Watercourse-Maintenance.pdf>

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DATE	MATCH	VENUE	RESULT
23 April	Longstowe	Away	Loss
30 April	Steeple Morden	Away	Cancelled
14 May	Sandon	Home	Win
21 May	Huffer XI	Home	Loss
18 June	Train Boys	Home	Cancelled
25 June	Bassingbourn	Away	Win
2 July	Sandon	Away	Loss
9 July	Royston Dads	Home	Win
23 July	Guilden Morden	Away	Win
26 July	Royston Misfits	Home	Win
6 August	Cantabs	Home	Win
13 August	Cambceylon	Home	Loss
3 September	Church St v Bridge St	Home	-
10 September	Hare Street	Away	Cancelled



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Following changes to modernize its aims, the Trust now gives modest grants to all the people of Whaddon for whom a small cash injection could make a real difference. Further details are available from the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council Trustee for the Whaddon Village Hall and Recreation Ground Trust

The Parish Council were happy to support Jonathan Birch as our Villager nomination to become a Trustee of the Village Hall Trust.

Parish Council meetings

These normally take place on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The next meeting will be held on **Monday 11th September**.

Minutes of PC meetings are on the village website www.whaddon.org and on the noticeboard at the Village Hall in Church Street.

Compiled by Lee Ginger

Table Tennis in the Village Hall Tuesdays 20:00 to 21:00



Table tennis has now been running for about 9 months since restarting after shutting down for Covid. There are about half a dozen regular players.

We have two table tennis tables and other equipment is provided. The cost is £1.50 per person per week.

Anyone who would like to join us are very welcome. An hour of fun and exercise and an opportunity to meet other villagers.

Those interested please contact Nigel Strudwick, ncs3@cam.ac.uk

Hope to see some new faces soon!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Monday	17.00 - 19.00	Knit and Natter
Tuesday	09.00 - 11.00 18.00 - 19.30 20.00 - 21.00	Yoga Dog Training Table Tennis
Wednesday	10.30 - 12.00	Coffee morning (1st & 3rd Wed)
Thursday	18.25 - 20.25	Pilates
Friday	09.15 - 11.15 17.45 - 19.15 20.00 - 22.00	Yoga Dog training Royston & District Model Railway Club
Saturday	08.00 - 12.00	Dog Training

Whaddon Parish Council Matters

Whaddon Gap road safety scheme

At the time of writing this update, work on implementing the final part of the scheme should be underway! The right-hand turning lane and keep left island together with changes to the road layout and the reduction to the speed limit should make this junction much safer.

The Parish Council and village have been campaigning for these safety changes since 2005 but these highway improvements can cost a lot of money and can also take a long while to be agreed by Highways. We are always competing against other equally deserving schemes for finance and implementation. There are no short cuts. Thanks to all who have helped us achieve this major safety improvement at a junction that has, over many years, been the scene of numerous accidents involving villagers.

Whaddon Parish Plan

The Parish Council is prioritizing and evolving a project implementation plan for many of the issues raised in the Parish Plan. Many are reasonably straightforward but some will be less so. A few will fall outside of what any Parish Council is able to do directly but are still in our grasp to influence and support. It is really important though that the PC, The Village Hall Trust and villagers all work

collaboratively to help take as many of these issues forward.

Byway 22

As many will be aware, we have now installed a 1.95 metre width restriction on the Byway at Dyers Green. This consists of two stout wooden posts, together with reflectors and the appropriate highway warning signage. The project was agreed in collaboration with Cambridgeshire Highways, who have responsibility for managing the Byway network. Many residents have asked for something to be done to restrict the use of the Byway by motor vehicles but we have continually been thwarted by County Highways, until now.

The width restriction will stop larger vehicles from using the Byway and will greatly increase safety for walkers, cyclists and horse riders who use this route frequently. Byway 22 is not designed for regular traffic and could also soon become impassable for all if action was not taken. I am greatly indebted to Jonathan Burgess and Chris Coningsby for their valuable work installing the signs and posts.

Alfred Palmer's Trust

The PC were pleased to reappoint Will Elbourn and Chris Coningsby as Trustees for a further four years. For those who are unaware of The Alfred Palmer's Trust, it was originally set up in 1927 to purchase coal for distribution to the poor widows of Whaddon Parish!

GOLF CENTRE

All are welcome at the Golf Centre. The Golf course is looking very good. The wet and warm weather has contributed greatly to the health of the grass. The Club house is open and fully stocked and all are welcome. Pop in for a coffee or a snack.

Quiz dates are on the second Wednesday in the month commencing on 11 October. Further dates are 8 November and 13 December.

We continue to host Slice of Price pizza and forthcoming dates are: 15 September, 27 October, 24 November and 8 December. See clubhouse for ordering details.

We hope to have a Halloween spooky walk towards the end of October.

Don't forget the Golf Centre is open to all.

Look forward to seeing you

Lorna and Richard.

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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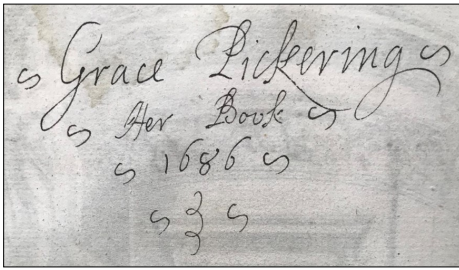
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TIMES PAST

Grace Pickering's Bible and Book of Common Prayer

We have at St Mary's Church a King James Bible and Book of Common Prayer which are both inscribed 'Grace Pickering Her Book 1686'. While the King James Bible is relatively well known, who was Grace Pickering and what is the Book of Common Prayer?



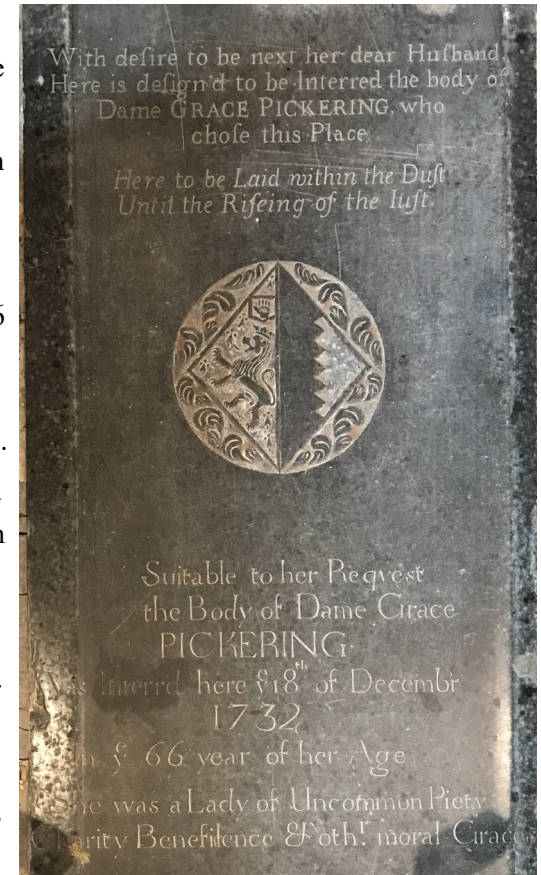
Taking the latter first, The Book of Common Prayer was the product of the English Reformation which followed Henry VIII's break with Rome. Prior to that all services were Roman Catholic and in Latin. In 1549 King Edward VI authorised the publication of a first *Prayer Book*, which included Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, the Litany and Holy Communion all in English, together with other occasional services such as Baptisms, Confirmation, Marriage and Funerals. This first *Prayer Book* was considered to be largely the work of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, and was quickly followed by a revised version in 1552. Subsequent revisions were authorised by Queen Elizabeth I in 1558 and King James I in 1604, when it was also first named the *Book of Common Prayer*. Finally, following the

restoration of the monarchy in 1660, King Charles II authorised the publication of the *1662 Book of Common Prayer*, and this remains the authorised form for use by the Church of England today. Grace Pickering's copy was printed in 1669 in London by John Bill and Christopher Barker, Printers to the Kings. She then gave it to Whaddon Church in 1710, along with her copy of the King James Bible, and in 1869 the then vicar had both books rebound and returned to the church on its re-opening following extensive restoration works.

Grace Pickering was born Grace Silvester in about 1666, and was the daughter of Constant Silvester, a London merchant who had emigrated to Barbados where he married Grace Walrond, the daughter of Henry Walrond, Speaker of the House of Assembly and sometime Governor of Barbados. Constance Silvester owned a sugar plantation in Barbados and when he died in 1671, he left his plantation to his wife for the rest of her life, and then to his sons. By 1686 Grace was married to Henry Pickering (were her Bible and Book of Common Prayer given to her on her wedding?) and, at that stage, the couple were living in England, where Henry was MP for Morpeth 1685-7. Henry Pickering was the son of Colonel Henry Pickering, who had fought in Cromwell's New Model Army during the Civil War. In 1648 Henry Pickering senior had purchased Whaddon Manor and on his death in

1668 Whaddon Manor passed to his son. Grace was the younger Henry Pickering's second wife; he had previously been married to Philadelphia, daughter of Sir George Downing of London, but she died and they had no children. Around 1693 Henry and Grace moved to Barbados, where by 1702 they were jointly administering the Silvester estate on behalf of Grace's mother. But then in 1705 Henry died and Grace returned to England bringing Henry's body for burial in the chancel at Whaddon church. From 1706, until her death in 1732, Grace lived at Whaddon Manor, which had been left to her by her husband. While Grace continued to live at Whaddon Manor, in 1716 she sold the Manor to Edward Harley, Earl of Oxford, and from that time forward the Manor formed part of the Wimpole Estate. It is possible that Grace Pickering was persuaded to invest the money received from the sale of Whaddon Manor in the South Sea Company as, in November 1720, she is writing bemoaning the loss of her investments following the collapse in the value of the company earlier that year. Also, in 1720 Grace sold plantation land in Barbados for £4,000 and an annuity of £500 payable for the rest of her life; was that necessary to repair her finances? Clearly, from her four Wills, she was still a lady of some means at the time of her death, and she too is buried in the chancel at St Mary's church. The clock on the south face of the church's tower was a bequest in her will. Her grave is

inscribed 'She was a lady of uncommon piety, charity beneficence and other moral graces', though it is also relevant to note that a significant part of her wealth derived from a sugar plantation worked by slave labour and the South Sea Company in which she invested was also heavily involved in the slave trade.



I am indebted to Stan and Jean Rolls for much of the information on Grace Pickering, taken from their booklet *A Lost Manor House*.

David Grech