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# Editor's Letter

## Welcome to the Spring edition of The Whaddon Quarterly

Seems like only yesterday that I was editing the last Whaddon Quarterly, it comes around so fast, but when I think of everything that has happened since the last edition, I realise that a lot of time has passed since I sat down to write my last piece for the WQ.

In the village, we have had plenty to keep us entertained and busy. At the end of November, Santa set up his grotto next to the Jubilee Village Hall at the St. Mary's Church Fayre, where villagers and friends could buy Christmas gifts and enjoy a cuppa, cake and chat.

December brought the fabulous Christmas Tree Lighting-up ceremony, accompanied by carols with the Chase Choir and then a fun social night with late-night Karaoke for those that stayed long enough.

The Chase Choir continued to get the village into the festive spirit with a wonderful concert, and there were other events such as wreath-making and a ladies only social evening in the hall to maintain the happy Christmas mood.

A January Quiz night with the highest turnout since they have been running and a packed Spanish themed food and entertainment evening in February have continued to bring the village together.

Whaddon is a busy village with fun and interesting activities and events to get involved with, should you wish to. This year is another momentous year with the Coronation in May. Please see the back page with "Dates for your diary" to ensure that you do not miss what is happening in Whaddon.

In this edition of the WQ, there is an update on the Shenley Park Development. You will remember from the last Quarterly the proposed development is large and will have a potentially significant impact on Whaddon village. You will see in Graham's update (Pages 14-15) that the project has paused pending a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment, with a potential re-start date of June. However, with no sign yet of any archaeological works taking place, the delay may be longer.

Finally, the WPC and I would like to reduce the costs of producing and distributing this magazine. Printing costs, along with almost everything else in recent times, have increased and moving more to a digital magazine will save money whilst also aligning to the modern world in which we find ourselves. Please help by only receiving a paper copy if you do not have, or cannot get, access to a digital version. If you are happy to swap your printed issue for an email link to the digital version, please contact Suzanne on [clerk@whaddonbucks-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@whaddonbucks-pc.gov.uk) to be added to the e-mail distribution list.

If you have something that you wish to share in our village magazine, or if you have an idea about what you'd like to see included, please contact me on [Wqeditor@Whaddonbuckspc.gov.uk](mailto:Wqeditor@Whaddonbuckspc.gov.uk). I am always grateful for suggestions and submissions of content.

The deadline for the Summer edition is 19<sup>th</sup> May with publication planned within 7 days of that date.

Keep safe and enjoy the warmer weather to come.

**Sharon**  
**The Editor**





## Whaddon Parish Council Chairman's Report

Many people think of February as a dreary end of winter, but I look at it differently, as the dawn of Spring! Snowdrops in bloom already abound in my garden and the daffodils are pushing up. The days are noticeably longer, and it is only a few weeks until the clocks go forward.

We shall, of course, be celebrating the King's coronation in May and elsewhere in the Quarterly are details of what is planned for Whaddon.

Buckinghamshire Council, where I represent you, will very soon produce its budget. The Council, like every financial organisation, is having to try to balance its accounts at a time of high inflation. As I write, the percentage increase has not yet been decided but partly due to the merger of four District Councils with the County Council, substantial economies have been possible, so it is likely to be considerably less than the rate of inflation, thankfully.

That bonus is not, however, available to Whaddon Parish Council, where our budget will rise by 10%.

Buckinghamshire Council is very aware of the poor state of some of our roads due to the severe weather and the absolute necessity for swift repairs.

Shenley Park, the major proposed development adjacent to Whaddon (and part of our parish) may be slightly delayed by the discovery of a Roman settlement but we continue to monitor proposals, particularly in relation to traffic routes.

***Cllr Billy Stanier Chairman***  
**Whaddon Parish Council**

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# The Jubilee Hall – Whaddon's Village Hall

## News and Upcoming events!



You can hire the hall for private events at competitive rates. Our chairs and tables can also be hired if you need some extra furniture for your private gatherings.

We have speakers to enable music to be played by hirers if required. And we have mood lighting that can be used upon request. Hall hire is £12 per hour for Whaddon residents; £18 per hour for non-residents, plus an additional cleaning charge for one-off bookings.

Please contact us through the Jubilee Hall Facebook page or e-mail: [whaddonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:whaddonvillagehall@gmail.com) for more details.

Hire income alone is not enough to fund the running costs of the hall. Fundraising events are required to bridge the gap. That is why your support at our events is so gratefully received and very much appreciated.

In 2022, as well as normal day to day maintenance, we re-painted both halls and in 2023, we need to focus on some much-needed external maintenance. Please help us achieve this by supporting us if you can.

### EVENTS since the last Whaddon Quarterly:

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** Christmas tree lighting up ceremony followed by a festive village social evening.

Although cold, the weather was kind to us with no rain. Thank you to the Whaddon Parish Council, St. Mary's Church, Chase Choir and our own Whaddon Jubilee Hall Committee for all working together to enable such a wonderful start to the festive season. Lots of our regular supporters came along but there were several new faces. It was great to meet you all.



**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Wreath Making.

A relaxed, informal wreath-making workshop was held at the Hall. Several villagers attended, who designed and created their own special masterpieces.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January:** Quiz Night – Congratulations to the Crystal Methodists who took the brains of the village trophy in back-to-back victories, in a packed hall.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February:** Costa Del Whaddon - Paella and Flamenco Evening. A fabulous evening of flamenco music and dancing, with superb food.

### FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR - Please save the dates in your diaries:

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** Social evening with a bar and Karaoke. Free Entry. 7.30pm until late

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Whaddon BBQ to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

Doors open 5pm. Food 6.30pm-7.30pm. Family friendly barbecue with licensed bar (cash and card accepted) and music to celebrate this historic event with your friends and family. Craft/Story corner for the younger children. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are £8 per adult, £5 per child, £22 for a family ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children).

Please e-mail [whaddonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:whaddonvillagehall@gmail.com) to order your tickets.

**Please keep an eye on the Jubilee Hall noticeboard for more details and updates. If you are on Facebook, please like our page "Whaddon Jubilee Hall".**



# Whaddon Women's Institute



Our members have really enjoyed the last few months.

In September, we were treated to a brilliant display of magic which left us trying to work out how David did it all. In October, we had a talk on the history of gems and had a chance to buy stunning jewellery. In November, we had our annual meeting and luckily managed to form a committee so our W.I. could continue for another year. In December, we went out to Mursley Farm shop for tea and cakes and exchanged our Secret Santa presents, and then suddenly it was Christmas.

Our members lead busy lives and so it was decided to postpone our Christmas meal until January, when we went to the Nut and Squirrel, where the food was delicious.

In February we were lucky to have Dr Vasco Fernandes, a retired Consultant, formerly of Milton Keynes Hospital as our speaker, whose talk was entitled "Tips on how to add years to your life and life to your years."

Dr Fernandes explained how our mealtimes, what we eat, what exercise we do both for our bodies and our brains, how we relax, how well we sleep, are all instrumental to a healthy life. After explaining what a good approach in each of these areas could be, Dr. Fernandes encouraged us to write down what we do now and what we could do to improve in all the areas.

Some of Dr Fernandes' tips were:

- have 12 – 16 hours between your last meal and breakfast if you can. This fasting will help the body. Dr Fernandes also stressed the importance of gut bacteria, fibre, green tea, ginger tea, other herbal teas including peppermint for digestion and chamomile for sleep. He even said that a little red wine, dark chocolate and caffeine were good for you (that's me sorted!!). Other good foods were beetroot, apples with their skin and fermented vegetables like sauerkraut, pickled onions and olives.
- watch for hidden sugars in processed foods – read the labels even with the traffic light system.
- all physical exercise is important as is standing up often and for longer. The most important is resistance training e.g. weight against gravity such as lifting shopping, walking uphill, lifting everyday weights such as small bags of potatoes or sugar and even standing on one leg!! By the age of 70 we will have lost 30% of our muscle mass, so we need to keep those muscles strong.
- in addition to crosswords, quizzes, jigsaws that we do usually, try stirring your tea, cleaning your teeth and brushing your hair with the opposite hand to the one you usually use. Vary the walks and drives that you do.
- try more meditation and mindfulness. When we are walking, concentrate on nature and try to be in the present moment. Listen to the birds and concentrate on breathing.

This was a very interesting afternoon that was enjoyed by all.

Our programme for 2023 includes education, outings, crafts and exercise – all elements that the W.I. are keen to encourage and we are certainly looking forward to it all.

We are a small group that welcome visitors and new members. If you would like any further information, please let me know.

**Jill Aitken**  
**Secretary to Whaddon W.I.**



## **Whaddon W.I. Programme 2023 – venue and timings to be confirmed**

1 <sup>st</sup> March	-	Chiki Ceramiki Pottery painting, Oxley Park
5 <sup>th</sup> April	-	Visit to a garden centre for gardening advice and tea
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	-	Bring and share birthday celebration
7 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Garden Party
5 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Walk at Howe Park Woods with tea and cake
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	-	Dorset button making
6 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Croquet
4 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Bollywood dancing
1 <sup>st</sup> November	-	Annual meeting and social
6 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas meal out

For more information, please contact **Mala 01908 387047/Jill 01908 502781.**

Please come along to see what we do! Visitors £3

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## **News from Whaddon's Chase Choir**

### **New Year, New MD**

Chase Choir is delighted to announce the appointment of a new MD: Robert Parker. Rob has taken us on, following the departure of Craig, who is off to pastures new(ish). Rob comes with an impressive CV, having previously worked at Gordonstoun and Stowe, and now takes on Chase Choir! Could this be the pinnacle of his career, I wonder?



As ever, we're all keen to learn some new music to share with you, and Rob is helping us to work towards our now traditional Summer Concert – date to be confirmed in the next Whaddon Quarterly. As you know, during our concerts, we raise money for two charities that we select each year. Last year, we raised an amazing £1000 to be shared between Keech Hospice and Thames Valley Air Ambulance. Thank you so much to everyone who supported our concerts. Our charities for 2023 are Medical Detection Dogs and The Bus Shelter MK.

We are always very happy to welcome new members. Our existing men's section would be especially glad of some extra voices, so please get in touch if you're at a loose end on a Monday evening between 7.30pm and 9pm. Singing is very good for you, physically and mentally; you'll feel better for coming along, I promise! For further information, contact Marianna.

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## News from Whaddon's Night Owlers W.I.

Since we last wrote, WNOWI have been busy planning ahead. We started our year with a tale of Victorian Lady Poisoners; very creepy and extremely atmospheric. The simple pleasure of listening to a master storyteller is not to be underestimated.

We then had a talk from Age MK who are partnered with Age UK who provide a HUGE range of services for the over 55s in the area. Everything from gardening to IT support to befriending. They supply meals, practical support and advice to many people, with 350 volunteers and minimal funding. They get most of their income from their shops and really need more support in these trying times.



As spring is springing, we have a mock wedding coming up (with appropriate headwear), a possible canal boat trip (with a talk about the work they do with vulnerable groups) a craft session, a revisit from the Secret War lady who has a wealth of information on local history and a local group of practical recyclers.

We cover a range of topics, activities and themes, all with the overall aim of educating, informing and learning. I even heard mention of belly-dancing...

Interested in joining us? Come and see us on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall.

Contact **Daphne** for more info: **01908 502088**. We would love to see you!

**Alison Cross**

**Whaddon Night Owlers W.I.**

## News from Whaddon Book Club

We celebrated Christmas with afternoon tea in Buckingham and reviewed the year, while enjoying cream, jam and scones.

All the books have generated discussion. **Emma** was enjoyed by all, but the last book of the year (**The Salt Path** by **Raynor Winn**) received the highest score. We will now try **Head of State** by **Andrew Marr**, a novel by the political journalist which we hope will be entertaining.



We look forward to **Of Human Bondage** by **Somerset Maugham** and **The Brothers Karamazov** by **Fyodor Dostoyevsky** in the coming months.

If you wish to read and discuss, please join us. We meet on the last Tuesday afternoon of the month at the home of one of the members.

Contact for further information

**Jane Porter 01908 501709**



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# May Fayre

**SUNDAY 14TH MAY 2023**

## WHAT'S ON?

May Pole Dance | Stalls | Tombola | Games | Raffle | Bar |  
BBQ | Cakes | Live Band | Plants | and more

## ON THE DAY

12.30pm Procession & Parade from Whaddon Hall.  
1pm-4pm Fayre with games, stalls and BBQ school grounds

Can you help?  
we are collecting  
filled jars, unopened  
bottles, teddies and  
cakes. We are also  
looking for on the  
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# News from St Mary's Church

Hello everyone, in Whaddon, or further afield,

## St Mary's Needs You .....

There is no beating about the bush right now, as the newsletter this month needs to be short and sweet! So, here is a short, but heartfelt plea: we need a new church Treasurer **urgently**, as Barry, who has done a sterling job (sorry, pun not really intended!) for many years, has hung up his calculator and is taking a well-earned rest. The church cannot be without a treasurer, and in these days of internet banking it really doesn't entail too much time - so if you would be willing to fulfil this vital role, or if you know someone who could, please, please contact me on 01908 502088. Thank you.

The normal services are listed below, and you will soon be receiving our Easter message with details of the Easter services. Mothering Sunday falls on 19<sup>th</sup> March this year, and as usual there will be a special service on that day .... with flowers for all mothers, grannies, aunties and honorary mums!

I hope you have been enjoying the glorious sunshine this week, and the beautiful daffodils that are beginning to bloom throughout Whaddon. Thanks, as ever, to Mark Carter and his team of bulb planters for these lovely harbingers of Spring.



## St Mary's, Whaddon – Services March – May 2023

Everyone is most welcome to all of our services across the Benefice.  
Unless otherwise stated services take place at St Mary's Whaddon.

|                                      |                |                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March         | 3.30pm         | Forest Church                                                    |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March        | 10.30am        | Holy Communion                                                   |
| <b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>  | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Mothering Sunday All Age Service</b>                          |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March        | 8.30am         | Holy Communion (Traditional Language)                            |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April         | 3.30pm         | Forest Church for Palm Sunday                                    |
| <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>7.30pm</b>  | <b>Maundy Thursday Holy Communion at <u>Beachampton</u></b>      |
| <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b>   | <b>11.30am</b> | <b>Good Friday Reflection at <u>Thornborough</u></b>             |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>   | <b>10.30am</b> | <b>Easter Family Communion</b>                                   |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April        | 10.30am        | Table Talk at the Chapel                                         |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April        | 8.30am         | Holy Communion (Traditional Language)                            |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>  | <b>11.00am</b> | <b>Benefice Service followed by Lunch at <u>Beachampton</u></b>  |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> May           |                | Craft and Story Table at the Village Hall Coronation Celebration |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May          | 10.30am        | Holy Communion                                                   |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May          | 10.30am        | Table Talk                                                       |
| Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> May          | 8.30am         | Holy Communion (Traditional Language)                            |

With very best wishes.

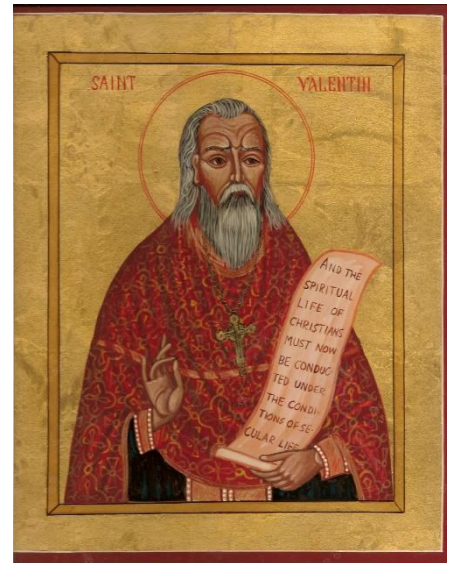
**Daphne Willis**

**Church Warden, St Mary's, Whaddon**

# Reflections from the Rectory

BY REVEREND JACQUELINE DOVE

It was St Valentine's Day this week and I received a very cute tiny orchid in a glass jar from my husband Richard. We explored the question of 'What is love?' during my last collective worship (assembly) at Whaddon School before half-term. We listened to the popular children's story, 'Guess how much I love you?'. In the story, we come across the saying, 'I love you to the moon and back'. While preparing for the collective worship I discovered that someone had worked out what this means in car journeys. Apparently, at its furthest distance, the moon is 252,088 miles away from Earth, so the claim is that 'I love you 504,176 miles'! Apparently, the average distance travelled by car per year in the UK in 2020 was about 6,800 miles, so the distance to the moon and back is the equivalent of just over 74 years in car miles! 'I love you 74 years in car miles' lacks poetry for me, but it might appeal to my son who has been mad about cars since his first sounds were the noise of a car engine and not 'mama'.



During the collective worship we discussed the fact that love is more than words. Love is both a noun and a verb (doing word). We show our love by our actions and it's really hard work at times. We looked at the passage of scripture from 1 Corinthians 13.4-7 which says love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy. I'm always struck with how hard it is at times to be patient with those we love the most. For we know the flaws and failings of those closest to us and they often remind us of our own flaws and failings. To be human is to be a complex mix of strengths and weaknesses.

Jesus said the most important commandment is to love one another as we love ourselves. Real love, the kind that involves sacrifice, is the glue that keeps families, friends and communities together. Sadly, Christians have often been known more for their 'contempt' of others than their love. I wonder if this is because they fail to love themselves. I also wonder if we need to know God's love if we are to truly love ourselves which enables us to then love others. Well, I certainly need to regularly fill my 'tank' with God's love. If our religious practice is more about following set rules than about relationships, we miss out on knowing God's love.

So perhaps for Lent this year, rather than giving up chocolate, we can reach out to our neighbours with small acts of kindness and help those suffering in Turkey and Syria by supporting the DEC Earthquake appeal.

If you are wanting to use the church for a baptism, wedding or funeral please contact:

**Rev'd Jacqueline Dove**, [revjdove@gmail.com](mailto:revjdove@gmail.com), Tel: 0120 817828, or:

**Daphne Willis**, [daphneroberta@gmail.com](mailto:daphneroberta@gmail.com), 01908 502088.

## **SHENLEY PARK UPDATE**

Three pages of the last Winter edition of the WQ were dedicated to helping residents understand the importance of the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), where a full public consultation was expected to be undertaken during January on the emerging masterplan and possible transport connectivity routes, **but**, Buckinghamshire Council (BC) have now **PAUSED** this consultation - possibly until as late as June this year, in order that a Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment can be undertaken, across part of the southern site.

In a very recent letter announcing this further delay, BC said *"The reason for this delay is last year a Roman Settlement was identified on part of the site. This was not known about when the site was allocated in the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan, and so further work is needed to determine what this means for the site"*.

I am not sure how accurate the 'not known about' statement is, but they certainly were aware of the possibility of buried archaeology, but perhaps not in the detail that further recent Crest Nicholson's work has uncovered.

A brief for this work was issued by the BC Archaeology Service on 9 December 2022 and focussed on assessing the possible substantial Roman settlement identified during a 2017 archaeological evaluation. The scope of the assessment will have three key considerations:

- a) Determine and establish the significance of the remains and potential settlement.
- b) Assess the potential impacts from development on the significance of the remains.
- c) Further research potential of the site and consider the potential for excavation of the site to contribute to regional research objectives.

The report should aim to conclude whether the remains at Shenley Park are of local, regional or national significance. Once the significance of the settlement is understood, BC can better understand the level of impact which may arise from the proposed development, and whether work undertaken to date on the SPD needs reviewing and changing.

Findings in the 2017 survey included: Ditch (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Pit (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD); Enclosure (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD)

Settlement (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD); Farmstead (Roman - 43 AD to 409 AD);

Hut Circle (Iron Age to 5th Century Roman - 800 BC to 409 AD)

To read the full 2017 report, 'Google' :- Monument record 0308701000

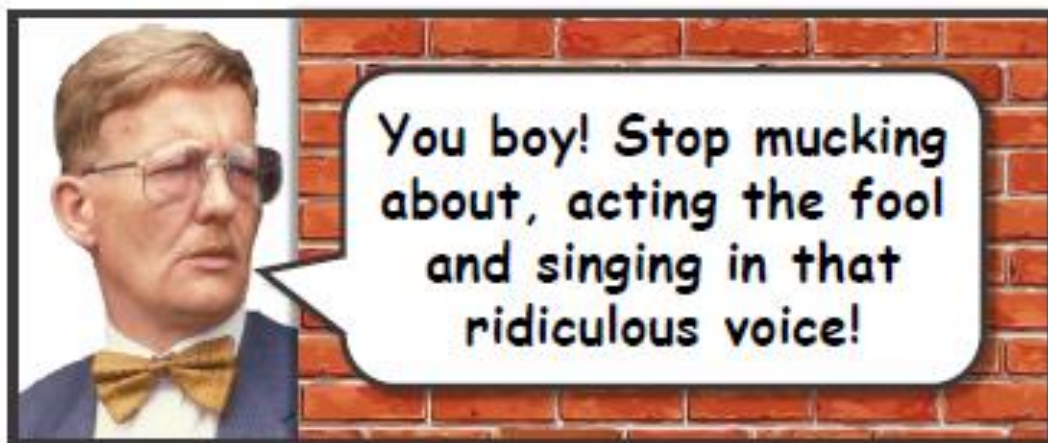
Further archaeological work was undertaken for Crest Nicholson by Border Archaeology in 2021, after the site was included within the Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan (to 2033) but BC cannot share a copy of this work due to copyright restrictions.

BC currently anticipates that the onsite archaeological work will be completed by the end of February, and they confirm that the delayed timetable for the planned 6-week public consultation in June does allow for changes to be made to the SPD if the work relating to the archaeological remains requires it.



Your Parish Council is informed by BC that they are reluctant to extend the consultation further, because the SPD is already running behind schedule and any further delay would push the consultation period into the summer holidays. However, if there are substantive changes to the SPD, BC have confirmed that they would want to discuss them with WPC prior to the public consultation commencing.

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The scammer will then tell the victim that they are about to hang up and that that the victim must dial either 999 or their bank’s telephone number (which is on the back of their bank card) straight away.

Because the victim is now feeling flustered, they don’t always realise that the scammer has not hung up the call. The victim will then dial 999 or the telephone number for their bank. Due to the panic, they do not realise that there is no dial tone before they dial.

The scammer will then “answer” the call pretending to be the Police or the bank.

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The scammer’s whole purpose is to cause the victim panic, so they aren’t 100% concentrating on what they are doing and miss the important element that they have not hung up the call and that the line is still open.

- **ALWAYS** CHECK FOR A DIAL TONE WHEN PHONING THE POLICE OR BANK IF THIS HAPPENS TO YOU.
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There have been an increasing number of reports of this type of scam, and it is very important that we spread this advice to as many people as possible. Please share this information on your social media and to any family and friends who you believe would benefit from reading this.

### Neighbourhood Watch.

## The day Tom Short witnessed a ‘vision’

**Tom Short grew up on a smallholding on the outskirts of Stewkley; he has had many roles in his life, including landlord of *The Lowndes Arms* (1968-75). Here he recalls the day King George VI died, and the day he saw a ‘vision.’ by John Mortimer**

I would have been 14 when, one day, Eric Brewer came up to me and my best friend, Don Beasley (he was the same age as me and we went to the same school) and said something like, “I’ve got a vision. Do you want to see it?”

Tom explained that Eric lived at No 1 Dunton Road, opposite to where Don Beasley lived. Next door to Don lived Captain Bruhl; he lived on his own in a very big house and he had a Riley 9. He used to have a cleaner.

“Eric said he had made this ‘vision’ himself. I wondered what he meant – a vision? Eric (known as Chubber) left school aged 14 – he attended Stewkley Church of England school – before he began work at Griffiths.

“We followed Eric into his garden shed, wondering what to expect. The shed, with its large workbench, once belonged to his father, a carpenter by trade.

“There on the bench was a strange contraption. In the middle was a blue screen, 9-inch by 9-inch, attached to a plywood base. On one side was a combination of valves and things, while on there was what looked like a small wireless speaker with knobs and things.

“Eric then pulled the curtains across and said: ‘Be quiet. Sit still. Don’t touch anything.’ And then, after several minutes of twiddling with the dials and things, we saw a man and a woman on the blue screen; they were talking,” said Tom. “I was amazed. Indeed, I was honoured. That would be 1947. Of course, it turned out to be what is known as television.”

Added Tom: “Eric was a very clever man, though he never went to Oxford or Cambridge. He made an organ which he played in the *Carpenters’ Arms*. If anyone had anything go wrong, they would go to Eric. He got us our first television set. He worked for Griffiths, a radio and tv shop in Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, straight from school. Then, he went into the RAF as a wireless operator in WW2. He returned to work in the shop after that. The shop repaired TVs and sold new ones. And they installed aerials.

“My mate, Don who lived in a cottage, No. 2 Dunton Road, died at a very young age: only 24. He died from a weak heart. Today he would have been saved by a pacemaker.

“Don was an evacuee from London. He and his parents never went back to London to live. Like a lot of people.

“We heard about the death of King George VI on the radio. There was no television in the house in them days. My father, Jim, used to take the *Daily Mail*. Of course, it was full of the death of the King for days up until the funeral.

“As to the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, I can’t recall much about that.”



Tom and Ruby, his beloved Collie



Coronation 1937 and the arch outside the Village Hall.



### Prisoners of war arrive in Wing

RAF Wing, constructed over 80 years ago in 1941/42, served as the training base for Bomber Command Operational Training Unit; aircraft from the base joined in the '1,000 bomber Raids' over Germany. Like the airfield at RAF Little Horwood, it trained bomber crews.

Several aircraft crashed at the base at Wing. Notably, on 12<sup>th</sup> September 1942, the prototype [Martin-Baker MB 3](#) fighter, R2492, crashed on its 10<sup>th</sup> flight, after its engine seized shortly after take-off at a height of around 100 feet. A crank on one of the [Napier Sabre II](#)'s sleeve valves had failed while trying to land in a field without power,

Captain [Valentine Baker](#) (company manager, aircraft-designer and test pilot) was forced to turn to port and his wing clipped a haystack. The aircraft cartwheeled and burst into flames, killing him.

At the end of the war, in April and May 1945, the station played a vital role in Operation Exodus in which nearly 33,000 prisoners of war (ex-PoWs) were ferried from 21 countries back to RAF Wing. The aircraft used to be stacked over the airfield and as one aircraft – Lancasters, Stirlings or Dakotas – landed and taxied clear of the runway, so another aircraft would be touching down.

### Lancaster crash lands at RAF Wing

On 10<sup>th</sup> May 1945, with a Polish aircrew in charge, Avro Lancaster PB730 took off from Brussels-Mesbroek airfield at 13:48 hours with a complement of 24 ex-PoWs as passengers but veered off the runway on landing at RAF Wing, after the undercarriage collapsed. The aircraft was substantially damaged but no injuries were reported.

All ex-PoWs were instructed to sit along the whole length of the fuselage and make sure they remained seated in these positions. The instruction derived from an incident when ex-PoWs were all seated at the rear, making handling difficult. The Lancaster crashed killing all aboard.

Continued Tom: "Bob Capp, born and bred in Stewkley and taken prisoner at Dunkirk, came back to RAF Wing. Bob described how, when the plane was flying over Wing, Bob asked a nurse 'Where are we landing?' The nurse replied, 'Wing'. To which Bob replied, 'We can't be. There's no airfield there.' 'There is now,' replied the nurse."

According to Tom, one of Bob Capp's first ports of call, following his freedom and recovery, was a visit to the *Carpenters' Arms*, one of six pubs at one time in Stewkley. Tom tells what happened.

"Hi Bob," said the landlord, Arthur Silvester, "Where have you been all this time? I suppose you've been to the *Black Swan*." Replied Bob, "No. I've been in \*\*\*\*ing Germany!"

### A time to keep quiet

Tom's first encounter with a public house was as a schoolboy. Says Tom: "My father said: 'You can come as long as you keep quiet.' It was before I left school at 14. Pubs were the social centre of the village. There you could play darts, dominoes and card games, like nap and pontoon."

"In the war," added Tom, "airmen and WAAFs would cycle from the aerodrome to the pub. The end of the runway was just two fields away from our house."

By 1944, there were at least 2,500 based at RAF Wing, of which 500 were WAAFs; they were billeted at the end of the airfield. "As far as possible away from the men, I reckon," said Tom.

The station had its own cinema and barbers, but servicemen and women still frequented nearby villages for dances etc.

"Of course, they came to the *Carpenters' Arms*. They came on their bikes. As they got off them, they threw them to the ground in a pile in their eagerness to get a drink. There was often shouting, laughing and singing," said Tom.

"Sometimes, the beer had be rationed to half a pint each," said Tom. "However, the landlord always had a barrel saved for 'regulars', like my dad and others. The beer came from Benskin's Ales in wooden barrels brought by a big truck."

"There wasn't much traffic on the roads then," declared Tom. "Just Jack Chappel's coal lorry and Buckmaster's buses – they were based in North Street, Leighton Buzzard – and a few cars (there was petrol rationing) and military traffic."

Tom explained about the smallholding. "It was a starter home for farmers," he said, "until they got something bigger.

"We had everything: hens, ducks, pigs, 10 milking cows and followers. The bull calves were always sold on. The milkers produced about 25 gallons of milk a day; about four eight-gallon churns were collected every day by United Dairies.

"The main income came from milk and eggs. Sometimes, my dad used to say he hadn't got two brass farthings to rub together.

"My father had a little old blue Ford 8 car – registration number OY9172 – and a Bedford van," said Tom. "I was 16 when I first learnt to drive a car, down a straight track on the smallholding. I went to Bletchley market to buy day-old chicks. I passed my test when I was 17," he added.

"I married when I was 20," said Tom. "We lived with my father-in-law in Mursley. When I was 24, we got a council house. I used to cycle on my Raleigh bike to the smallholding at Stewkley until I was 26. My dad bought my red Raleigh bike with its hub dynamo, three-speed gear and white mudguards, when I was 16. It cost £14 in 1949. I had my first bike aged six.

"I stopped working at the smallholding when I was 26. There were no combine harvesters in them days," declared Tom. "We had a binder which collected and cut the corn and turned it into stooks. The corn had to be harvested just before it was ripe. Then John Keen would come with his threshing box to put the grain into sacks.

"Farm work was mostly manual," said Tom. "Today, all they do is sit on tractors and whizz about.

### **Always had dogs - Collies**

"As for ploughing, we had a two-furrow plough pulled by the tractor – the Fordson or the 'Fergie'. We would follow this with cross-ploughing before drilling and rolling.

Went on Tom: "I was 8 or 10 when I first went to the pictures. To see *Lassie*. And I've always had dogs; always had Collies.

"My grandfather, Thomas Short, bred Collies. He had a farm on the Duke of Bedford's estate. He employed three men. I would go there for a couple of weeks in the school summer holidays. I was six when he gave me my first pup. I called it *Dusty*."

A dark cloud hangs over Tom's life, even to this day. The day he went to London, aged 11 or 12.

"I was seated in the back of this Buick with my Aunt Maud. Uncle Jim sat in the front passenger seat with Uncle Ralph as the driver. They had gone to a London hospital to see my cousin Frank who had been a PoW in the Far East."

Added Tom: "When we arrived, the nurse said I was not allowed to see Cousin Frank. Only Aunt Maud and Uncle Jim," said Tom. "When Aunt Maud saw her son, a near skeleton covered by a white sheet on an iron bedstead, she passed out."

"For years and years," said Tom, "I thought Frank never came round, but then I heard that he emigrated to Canada. He died four years ago, aged 83. It's a memory of that hospital which makes my blood curdle."



## **Good Friday**

**Children's Activity, 7<sup>th</sup> April from 10 – 11am  
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## **WHADDON PLANNING SNIPPETS**

As this copy goes to press, these are the latest updates on old and new planning applications. Full details of these and other recent applications can be viewed on the Buckinghamshire Council planning web page at :-

<https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Just follow the instructions and enter the appropriate planning application number, before selecting the documents that you wish to inspect.

### **CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**22/04272/ALB - 18 High Street, Whaddon - Listed building application for demolition of existing two storey rear extension and erection of replacement two storey rear extension with internal changes and construction of an outdoor private domestic swimming pool in rear garden.**

Listed Building and Conservation Area Consent was GRANTED on 7th February.

**22/00221/APP - Temporary siting of childcare nursery, enclosed outdoor play space and associated infrastructure - Thrift Farm Bletchley Road, Whaddon.**

**And :-**

**21/04926/APP - Demolition of existing greenhouses. Erection of a childcare nursery, enclosed outdoor play space, landscaping and associated infrastructure. - Thrift Farm, Bletchley Road, Whaddon.**

Despite chasing BC several times for an update (nothing has appeared on their planning website since 10th October 22), no response has been received. As far as WPC knows, both applications remain undetermined.

WPC has received confirmation that the adult care provision historically undertaken at the site will be safeguarded, although it is understood that some highway concerns may remain.

**22/01293/APP - Erection of two semi-detached cottages - Land R/O The Lowndes Arms Public House, 4 High Street, Whaddon.**

This application was WITHDRAWN on 7th December 2022, with NO DECISION having been made by BC. The confirmation notice from Bucks Council states:-

*Please note: This action does not prevent the applicant from submitting a further application at a future date for consideration and, if this should happen, it will be listed in the weekly Planning Bulletin and a copy of the submitted documents sent to the Parish or Town Council for the area where this is appropriate.*

It is understood that the application was not considered to be acceptable for a variety of planning reasons, and had the application been determined then the recommendation by BC would have been one for refusal.



**22/03410/APP - Householder application for proposed carport - 33A Stock Lane, Whaddon.**

This application was REFUSED on 30th November 2022. A summary of the refusal notice recorded:-

*The proposed carport, by virtue of its siting, design, size and appearance, would result in an unduly prominent form of development that would visually compete and detract from the host dwelling, resulting in a significant detrimental impact to the character and appearance of the dwellinghouse. Furthermore, the proposal would appear out of keeping with the design ethos of the wider area, resulting in harm to the character and appearance of the wider area.*

**FINAL NOTE TO ANYONE INTERESTED IN MK FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.**

Milton Keynes Council has recently commenced the process for their **Draft New City Plan**, and a **public consultation** is underway to consider it's "**Ambition & Objectives**". The new plan will also build on the award-winning previous **Plan:MK** from 2019, which introduced the concept of mass rapid transport networks to serve the City and possibly areas and towns beyond. Noticeably, Bucks Council are already proposing to 'reserve future corridors' through the emerging Shenley Park development plans, for just such a transport scenario.

The City Council, amongst others, wants to work with local people on this important New City Plan, (which could impact on Whaddon, and interact with the new plan for Buckinghamshire - where work has recently commenced) and intends it to be ambitious and innovative with a focus on high-quality sustainable growth, genuinely affordable housing and new job opportunities. This is the first opportunity to get involved and shape the direction of the New MK City Plan from the very beginning.

**The consultation period commenced on Tuesday 31 January 2023 and will end on Thursday 16 March 2023.**

The consultation document and further information on this consultation can be accessed on the MK planning website at:-

**<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planning-policy/new-city-plan>**

If anyone would like to comment on how they believe this new plan should shape the spatial strategy and policies that will guide growth of the city to 2050, then **comment now - before the closing deadline of 16th March.**



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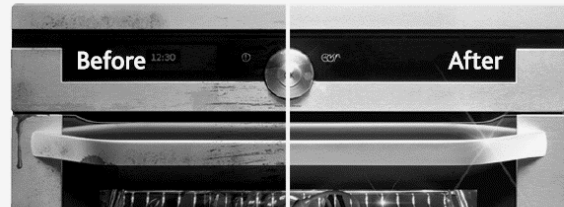
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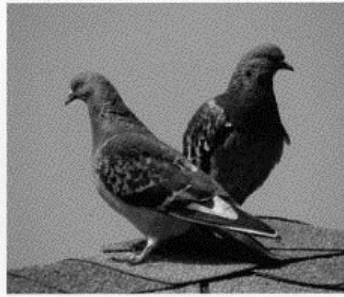
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# What's happening in Whaddon?



## **Dates for your diary**

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** Coffee morning 10am-12pm at The Chapel, Stock Lane to raise funds for St. Mary's Church.

**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** Whaddon Parish Council meeting 7pm at The Chapel, Stock Lane.

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL:** Coffee morning 10am-12pm at The Chapel, Stock Lane to raise funds for St. Mary's Church.

**SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL:** Karaoke Evening at The Jubilee Village Hall. Free entry, licensed Bar. Doors open at 7.30pm

**FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> & SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL:** The Whaddon Show is Going Back to School. Tickets available from Daphne Willis, Tel: 07766 713981 for tickets. Tickets are £10 each.

**SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY:** Village barbecue to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Ticket only entry. Please see the Jubilee Village Hall Page for more details (Page 8)

**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY:** Whaddon School May Fayre. 12.30pm procession through the village. 1-4pm fayre in school grounds.

**THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY:** Whaddon Parish Council AGM 7pm at The Chapel, Stock Lane.

### **2024 Save the date:**

**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024:** Beacon Event to mark 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D-Day landings. More details to follow in future Whaddon Quarterlies.

## **Regular events across the village**

**MONDAY EVENINGS:** Chase Choir in the Whaddon Jubilee Hall. 7.30pm-9pm. No experience necessary. Please call Marianna Beckwith on 01908 503194 for more details.

**LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH:** Whaddon Book Club. Please contact Jane Porter on 01908 501709 to find out more.

**TUESDAY EVENINGS:** Table Tennis in the Whaddon Jubilee Hall. Contact Mark Carter on [magcarter@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:magcarter@hotmail.co.uk) to find out more.

**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Whaddon's Women's Institute 2pm in the Whaddon Jubilee Hall. Please call Jill Aitken on 01908 502781 for more details.

**THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH:** Women's Institute Nightowlers 7.30pm in the Whaddon Jubilee Hall. Please call Daphne Willis on 01908 502088 for more details.

**THURSDAY EVENINGS:** Mindfulness based Yoga with Lauren in the Whaddon Jubilee Hall. 7.30pm-8.30pm. Please contact Lauren Bennett on [lauren@thelollipopway.co.uk](mailto:lauren@thelollipopway.co.uk) if you are interested.