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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT SUMMER 2015

As I write, in very early May, we are reaching the climax of a long Election campaign at National, District and Parish levels. In the case of the Parish Council, the result is already known as there were seven candidates for seven seats: the seven nominated are your previous Parish Councillors, Billy Stanier, Pat Haig, Hazel Hedges, Derek White, Graham Stewart, Helen Hickman and Peter Lemagnen. The chairman will be elected at the meeting on 14th May at 7.30pm. In the election for Aylesbury Vale District Council, Whaddon, together with six other villages: Great and Little Horwood, Thornborough, Nash, Singleborough and Coombs form the Great Horwood ward. The two candidates are myself (Conservative) and Alexandra Stubbings (Green Party) who comes from Little Horwood. The Speaker of the House of Commons is seeking re-election to the House of Commons opposed only by UKIP and the Green Party. Traditionally, the three main political parties do not oppose the Speaker.

The best news of the week, undoubtedly, has been the confirmation that the village will be receiving the £47,000 grant from WREN towards our ambitious plan to renovate the recreation ground.

Milton Keynes rate of completion continues to accelerate, within its own boundaries on the western side, with details recently available for Kingsmead South (the bit between Whaddon and Morrison's) and also alongside Danstead Way (H4) and Watling Street. Over its borders into Aylesbury Vale District, plans have been received for a massive development between Newton Longville and Bletchley. This is yet to reach the Planning Committee at Aylesbury.

It is noticeable that all the political parties fighting the General Election, are promising enormous house building programmes, which when translated into local terms, is bound to maintain the pressure on Whaddon, not only in housing, but in associated traffic, both during construction and in residential numbers thereafter.

The Parish Council is arranging in the near future to meet our County councillor and officers from BCC Highways department to discuss principally the Heavy Goods Vehicle element of this expansion programme.

I hope that residents will come and have their say at the Annual Parish Meeting which is the same evening as the Parish Council meeting referred to above i.e. Thursday 14th May at the Chapel.

Billy Stanier

Chair, Whaddon Parish Council



Clerk's Corner

**Helpful information from
Whaddon Parish Council**

Items Collection Service Starts A new household collection service for unwanted bulky items has been launched by AVDC. The new service will collect normal household furniture and electrical equipment, but not DIY waste such as rubble and plasterboard. The cost is £75 for up to three items, with any additional items for £5 each up to eight items in total. You can also dispose of any unwanted small electrical items and textiles free of charge along with the bulky items.

Full details are on the AVDC website: www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/bulkyitems. You can book a collection online, email AVDC at bulkyitems@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk, or phone 01296 585515.

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Date of Next Parish Council Meeting(s). The next meeting(s) of Whaddon Parish Council take place at Whaddon Chapel, Stock Lane, on 30/7/15, 24/9/15, 26/11/15 at 7.30pm. Please check the Village Notice Board on the bus stop to confirm these dates and the location, as these can be subject to change at short notice. All Welcome!

WHADDON PLANNING SNIPPETS

AVDC CHANGES THE WAY PLANNING APPLICATIONS ARE DEALT WITH

Government expects local authorities to deal with applications promptly, and in future AVDC will make decisions within a day or so after the 21 day statutory consultation limit ends. Extensions of time are unlikely to be granted, with the exception of 'Major' applications – those being over 10 new houses (Whaddon gets very few of these!)

Yellow site notices will still be posted at the application site, so if you want to make a public comment, ensure it's made before the expiry date shown at the bottom of the notice, and preferably do so via the on-line AVDC Public Access site rather than by post or email, which will take longer to process due to ongoing cost-cutting measures.

Your Parish Council is notified pretty quickly after new applications are registered by AVDC, and if Councillors deem it to be important it is circulated to those residents whose email addresses are registered on the village email list. This is probably the quickest way to receive notification (unless you live close by and the yellow notice appears promptly!) ...so if you are not registered to receive village updates, and would like to do so, please pass your name and email details to Suzanne at ParishClerk@WhaddonBucksPC.org.uk

It is very unlikely that you will be able to speak with a planning officer in future, as all enquiries will be channelled through a mini 'call-centre' where trained staff will be able to give advice and answer general enquiries on fees, etc. Other changes will be made to the AVDC planning system later this year and we will try and keep you updated through the Whaddon Quarterly.

11 STOCK LANE, WHADDON

I am not sure if readers have been following this planning application - 15/00589/APP on the AVDC planning website, but there was a very interesting flurry of new plans, information and email exchanges between the planners and applicants during late April and the upshot is that despite the comments above (regarding extensions!), the determination date has been extended until 27 May to give the applicants time to reconsider their options. Whilst your Councillors did not oppose the large rear extension, they were concerned to preserve and protect the open character of this part of Stock Lane, and accordingly objected to the garage element that stood almost road-side and well in front of the recognised front building line. A recent email from the planners to the applicants includes the important sentence:

"Therefore, unless the garage is either relocated to the side of the dwelling and no further forward than the front of the house, or alternatively removed altogether, I will have no option but to recommend refusal of the application"

As I write this, nothing further has appeared on the website, so clearly the applicants are considering their options, and may come back with amended plans that will require re-consultation.

MK WESTERN EXPANSION AREA

A recent meeting of the WEA Steering Group, (your P.C. is a member) received brief presentations from four national house building companies, who have recently submitted detailed planning applications for the first phases on this major development area that will eventually house some 20,000 people. On-site infrastructure works continue at a pace, and so far 1.5 miles of new roads have been built, and new storm water run-off reservoirs constructed, sufficient to hold the equivalent of 42 Olympic sized swimming pools.

New housing has already started to appear (the first show home complex) and will gradually increase before the end of this year, with first residents moving in very early in 2016. To the best of my knowledge, construction traffic has been observing the Not Through Whaddon approved restrictions negotiated by your P.C. during the early planning process, as no complaints from residents have been received. If, however, you happen to follow construction traffic over the coming months that is definitely using Whaddon as a short cut, please take the company name, vehicle registration number, etc. (a photo would be even better) and we will report the offence to the Council and main contractor to ensure it does not recur. We will keep you informed of any future planning related issues that will impact on Whaddon residents.

BRIARY VIEW

Following a meeting with the Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust, the doors on the block of five garages standing alongside the open space play area, have been secured and made safe. Your P.C. made a strong case for the early renovation of this garage block in order that they can be brought back into a let-able condition as soon as possible, but as always, available funding and rental demand are the priority issues as the Housing Trust make progress on managing the 2000 garages within the district that fall under their control.

We are informed that the garage block will be upgraded and available to let as soon as possible, and to this end we will continue to chase them!

Graham Stewart

Whaddon Parish Council

FUNDING FOR WHADDON RECREATION GROUND REFURBISHMENT CONFIRMED

The Parish Council was delighted to learn in early May that funding for just under £47,000 for the refurbishment of the recreation ground has been granted by the WREN landfill funding scheme.

The proposed new layout of the ground was displayed at an exhibition in the Jubilee Hall last October, at which approx 75 people completed a questionnaire. From this, the council was able to demonstrate that the village was in support of the refurbishment and was prepared to assist with the initial preparation of the site prior to the contractors' installation of the equipment.

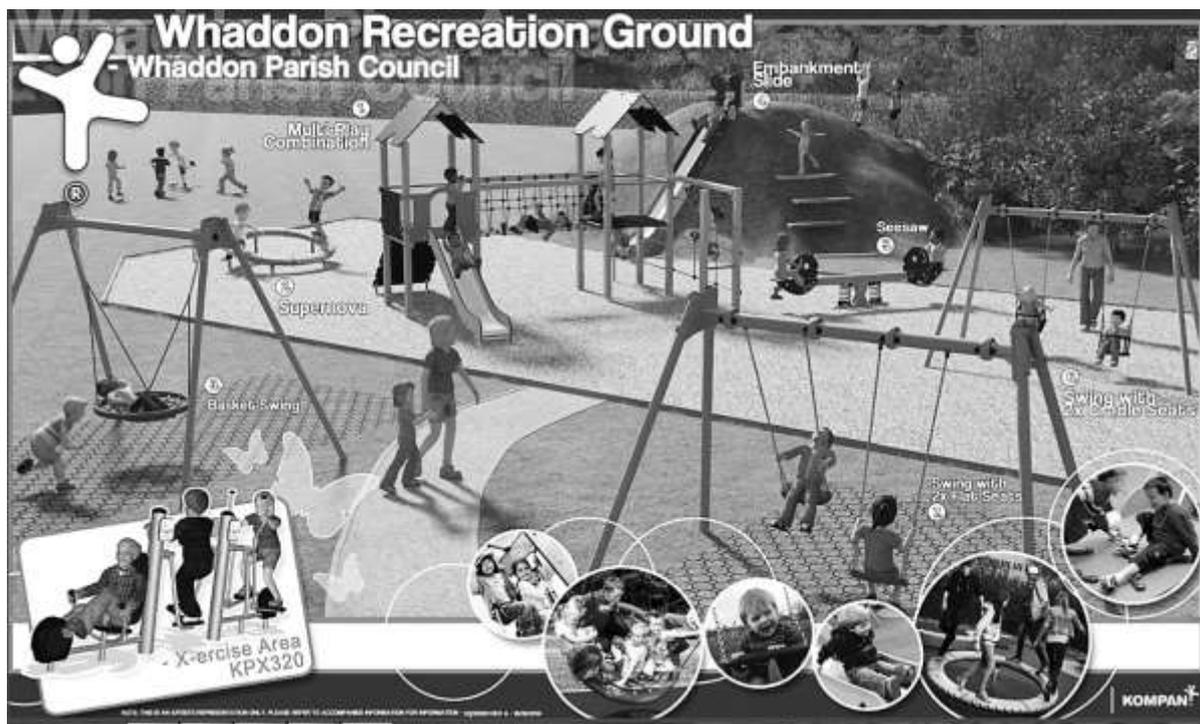
The Parish Council are now in the process of completing further paperwork and contracts before any work will commence. Be assured that if we can possibly get the site ready for use during the summer holidays we will.

Those villagers who offered to be part of the work party to prepare the site will be contacted by the Parish Council once all the paperwork has been finalised and we are able to commence site clearance. If you would like to put your name forward to help, please contact Parish Clerk Suzanne Lindsey on ParishClerk@WhaddonBucksPC.org.uk as your help will be gratefully received.

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by waste and resource management company FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Emma Brooks, WREN's grant manager for Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire, says: "We are delighted to be supporting the Whaddon Recreation Ground project and pleased that our funding will provide such a fantastic facility for children and parents alike. WREN is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that make a difference to local communities and we're really looking forward to seeing this one take shape soon." Whaddon Parish Council is very grateful to WREN and we are excited at the prospect of villagers of all ages enjoying the new site.

Pat Haig, Whaddon Parish Council





St. Mary's Church Whaddon

REGULAR SERVICES

1 st Sunday	10.30 am	Family Worship
2 nd Sunday	10.30 am	Holy Communion (Common Worship)
3 rd Sunday	10.30 am	10.30am Sunday Special - Trial Contemporary Service. Tea, coffee & croissants from 10am (See Flyer)
4 th Sunday	8.30 am	Said Holy Communion (Traditional)
5 th Sunday		Benefice service (venue varies)

OTHER REGULAR EVENTS

2 nd / 4 th Tuesdays	7.45 pm	ICTHUS Group - 3 Church Lane Whaddon
Tuesday	7.30 pm	Bell ringing – new recruits welcome
1 st Saturday	10am-12 noon	Coffee Shop St Mary's Church

A very warm welcome is extended to anyone who may wish to attend any of these activities.

DIARY DATES

Sat 6 June	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm	Annual Summer Fete at Whaddon House
Sat 1 August	10.00 am - 12noon	Florrie's Village Coffee Morning at 3 Church Lane. All are welcome. Thanks to Hazel & Barry Dudley.
Sat 12 Sept		"Ride and Stride" See below
Sat 3 Oct	10 am-4.30 pm	Open Day at St Mary's. Morning coffee, soup ploughman's lunches and cream teas will be served. You are also invited to bring gifts of produce to the church.
Sun 4 Oct	10.30 am	Harvest Festival
Mon 5 Oct	7.30 pm	Harvest Supper & Auction of Produce in Jubilee Hall

Once again, our **ANNUAL SUMMER FETE** will take place at Whaddon House on Saturday June 6th by kind permission of Mrs Weatherby. There will be lots of fun and games for the children with pony rides, hoop-la, treasure hunt and our raffle, cake, book and plant stalls to mention but a few. There will also be ice creams and a Cola and Pimms bar. Woburn Sands' Band will be entertaining us as usual and afternoon teas will be served.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support the village church and have an afternoon of fun in the beautiful gardens of Whaddon House, so please come along and bring all your friends. This year we have some exciting new games for the children.

If you are able to help in any way please contact any member of the PCC. We especially need helpers at the village hall in the morning to load the chairs and tables at 10.00 am (this usually takes about 30 minutes) erect the gazebos at Whaddon House and clear up at 4.30 pm.

If you have anything such as a bottle, tin or jar of anything which you can give for the tombola, or plants, books, toys and cakes for these stalls, please contact Hazel Dudley (505727), Clare Garland (501732), Jo Bush (749323) or bring donations to Whaddon House between 10.30 am and 11.30 am on the day. We would also be very grateful for raffle prizes - contact Pauline Winward (01908 502559).

At the **ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING** in April there were no changes to the PCC. A big thank you to all PCC members and Sides persons for the time they give to support the church in so many different ways.

The New PCC:

Hazel Hedges	Churchwarden	01908 501729
Jo Mortimer-Bush	Hon. Secretary	01908 749323
Barry Dudley	Hon Treasurer	01908 505727
David Spencer	Electoral Roll Officer	01908 502540
Beryl Evans		01908 502567
Hazel Dudley		01908 505727
Simon French		01908 501830
Frederick Hayward		01908 506083
Clare Garland		01908 501732
Rev Gussie Walsh		01280 821616

EASTER services were well attended and the church looked beautiful on Easter Day thanks to all who arranged the flowers and laundered the Altar linen.

MESSY CHURCH in the village hall drew a large crowd of children and parents on Good Friday who had fun making Easter cards and banners, stained glass windows and other activities. Thank you to the WI members who provided welcome refreshments.

FAMILY WORSHIP has moved to the 1st Sunday of the month.

The **HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE** will now take place on the 2nd Sunday.

We have also begun to trial a new contemporary service called "**SUNDAY SPECIAL**" on 3rd Sunday of the month to replace Matins. It starts at 10.30 am in line with our other services, but with tea coffee and croissants being served from 10 am. The format will be informal with music, songs, slides and film excerpts, talks and discussion groups. Do come and see how you like it because your feedback will be valued. (See the ad at the end of this article for more information)

We still need volunteers to help with **CLEANING** the church on a rota so that everyone's turn comes round less often. If you, on your own, or with a friend, can give any time to keep the church looking beautiful, please contact Hazel Dudley on 01908 505727. Volunteers to do **FLOWERS** on a similar rota basis can contact Beryl Evans on 01908 502567 or Janet Spencer on 01908 502540.

RIDE & STRIDE - sponsored bike ride, horse ride or walk to a nearby church or churches which will be open for refreshments in aid of Bucks Historic Churches Trust. The Trust has given many grants to Whaddon church over the years from funds raised throughout Buckinghamshire.

This is an opportunity to give something back, so please support this worthwhile event. Sponsorship forms from Sally Green, Bellsbrook, Church Lane. Thank you.

BELL RINGING - Hugh Butler, one of our bell ringers, invites you – young, or not so young – to attend on Tuesday evenings to learn to ring the bells of St Mary's. You need no particular skill, just a desire to be part of the team. Many of our ringers are not youngsters and it would be a great pity if our bells hung silently for lack of ringers. On June 20th the North Bucks Striking Competition and Social will be held in St Mary's and 6 teams of ringers will be competing between 5pm -7pm. Refreshments will be served, so why not come along to the event and find out what bell ringing is all about, everyone is most welcome.

BAPTISMS May 3rd Martha Warnford Davis. Infant daughter of Julia & Simon

FUNERAL March 20th Daphne Wyatt. Wife of Neil Wyatt, formerly of this parish.

The associate priest for this parish is Rev'd Gussie Walsh who can be contacted on 01280 821616 or am@buckinghambenefice.org.uk or The Rectory, Chapel Lane, Thornborough, MK18 2DJ.

We invite you to join us at any or all of our events and services when you can be sure of a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you very soon

Hazel Hedges

Churchwarden 01908 501729 hazel.hedges@gmail.com



A NEW SERVICE FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

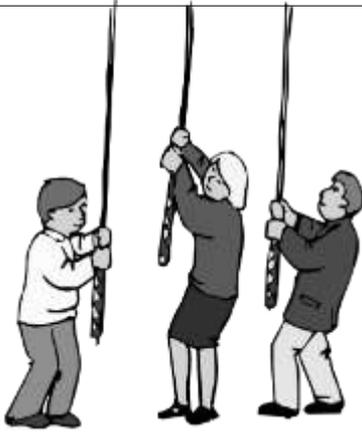


St Mary's Church is introducing a new contemporary service for those who would like to try a less traditional style of church.

Refreshments will be served from 10.00am and the service will start at 10.30am.

There will be a theme of the day presented through a variety of ways, while allowing time for reflection, discussion, and prayer.

We would love you to join us



Can you help to keep Whaddon's bells ringing?

A little while ago the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild did a survey around the bell towers in the branch to check on the condition of the bells, ropes and the number and age of the ringers.

The report we had back regarding Whaddon had some very worrying points - the condition of the bells and the tower was very good, the ropes poor (but we have had them renewed) - but the most worrying point raised was the number and age of the ringers!

We now have an average age with our youngest ringer present of over 65 and without him 70. Realistically we know we have a ringing span of about 2 years left and unless we have some younger people joining us we will have to join Thornborough, Beachampton and Great Horwood with a silent bell tower.

**Can anyone give us a little of their time to keep Whaddon bells ringing?
If you think you can, please give me, Derek White, Tower Captain,
a ring on 01908 501987 or Hugh Butler 01908 503707**



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Whaddon Chapel

June 2015

'...they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Book of Acts, Ch1v11, The Bible

The Christian year can seem very traditional; moving repetitively through an annual cycle of seasons and celebrations. Yet the world is ever-changing, restlessly moving from one big event to another, not returning to where it started.

Is the church out of touch? What happens after Easter? Do we simply sit and wait for Christmas again?!

Well, no! You see, remembering what God has done for us has a purpose. In fact, as we consider what God has done, we are encouraged that we are not trapped in a repetitive cycle. God has finished a lot of what He promised in the Bible, ie that Jesus came to deal with sin. But there is still a promise as yet unfulfilled; before he left earth, Jesus promised He will be back. Not as a baby born in a stable next time; but as Judge of the whole earth. This is not a popular idea today: but the Bible is clear that Jesus is coming back for this purpose. How else could there be ultimate justice in the world? When Jesus does return, everything as we know it will be changed forever.

This waiting period is time to consider our response to what He has done, in the light of His promise that He will be back.

You're always very welcome to join us to find out more.

Regular Services and Meetings

- Every Sunday at 4pm-5pm, Whaddon Chapel.
- Bible Study and Prayer 7:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 3 Briary View, Whaddon





St Mary's Church

Summer Fete



Saturday 6 June

2pm – 4.30pm

**Whaddon House,
Vicarage Road, Whaddon**

Entry: Adults £1

Children 50p Under 5s free

**Woburn Sands Band – Teas -
Ices - Raffle - Plants - Cakes
Toys - Pimms - Games - Stalls
Books - Pony Rides**

**Donations of raffle prizes and bottles / tins
for tombola gratefully received by**

Clare Garland (tel: 501732) or

Hazel Dudley (tel: 505727)

or any PCC member



**Please bring cakes, plants, toys,
Donations on the day 10.30 -12noon**

The History of the Whaddon Chase Hunt by village resident Derek White

Although it is a subject people do not wish to talk about these days, Whaddon was a hunting village and the Whaddon Chase Hunt was probably one of the top hunts in the country.



Photo of Whaddon Chase taken from a volume of the GRAPHIC, an illustrated weekly newspaper dated 1930

Before the First World War there were fields of over a hundred riders on most hunting days. The Squire, Mr Selby Lowndes at Whaddon Hall, owned the hunt and at that time Mr Bentley was huntsman, and my Great Grandfather, William Hopkins, was first whip and head kennel man. On the retirement of Mr Bentley as huntsman, Great Grandfather was promoted to huntsman and carried the horn (a term still used in hunts today) until the outbreak of the First World War. He was farming at Home

Farm with his two sons who went into the army, and so he had to give up his hunt duties to run the farm.

The hounds (they are always called hounds and not dogs) were kept in the kennels which were situated at the bottom of the hill below Kennel Lane. The new bungalow there is still known as The Kennels. Iron gates stood between the lodges at the top of Kennel Lane and at the end of a hunting day, when Great Grandfather reached the gates with the hounds, he blew his horn long and loud to let the kennel man know to get the food ready and to be ready to treat any lame or injured ones. The horses would return to Whaddon Hall mews to be groomed and fed.

The hounds were kept at Whaddon until 1939 when they moved to Ascott House at Wing, and they hunted from there until the coming of Milton Keynes when the lack of open countryside forced a merger with the Bicester Hunt and the hounds were moved to Stratton Audley where they are still housed today.

I have a picture dated 1889 of the Whaddon Hunt on Church Hill with Mr Bentley as huntsman and Great Grandfather as first whip plus Mr Selby Lowndes and his wife who was riding side saddle as all ladies did in those days .

Additional information by WQ Editor: Many years ago all the land in Whaddon was owned by the Selby Lowndes family and it was this family that started the Whaddon Chase Hunt in 1890.

There were 60 horses stabled at Whaddon Hall and all the hounds were kept at the kennels across the road to Vicarage Road. The country was hunted under the master ship of the Selby Lowndes family from before 1750 until 1920. The Selby Lowndes family and the Rothschild family were part of the Whaddon Chase Hunt, but keeping the horses and hounds became difficult, so just before the war they were moved to Wing by the Rothschild family.

In 1986 The Bicester Hunt merged with the Whaddon Chase to form the Bicester Hunt with Whaddon Chase. Situated to the south and east of the village are the remains of the Whaddon Chase, a medieval hunting forest. This former hunting forest originally covered an area of 22,000 acres and included woodland, heath and common land as well as a monastery, hermitage, ponds and a warren. South of the village lay Queen's Park, a medieval deer park. The Chase was largely cleared for agriculture in the 19th century but small areas of historic broadleaf ancient woodland still survive. Some of the historic rides and boundaries of the Chase are reflected in the lines of the present day hedgerows.



William Selby Lowndes Senior



WHADDON BOOK CLUB

The classic **Lorna Doone** by R.D. Blackmore was generally well received by our Book Club members. This book, set on Exmoor, was a moving love story set in 1685 seen through the eyes of John Ridd, a young farmer, as he sets out to win the heart of Lorna Doone and right the wrongs in his land.

Love again dominated our next book, an unusual tale called **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** by Rachel Joyce. Harold receives a letter from Queenie, an old work friend who secretly loves him, explaining that she is ill and in a Hospice. Harold writes a reply and walks to the post box to post it. Something then empowers him to carry on walking many hundreds of miles – in his sandals - to visit Queenie himself! Whilst initially appearing light-hearted, the book very quickly showed its serious side when the walk took on its own significance and of course there was plenty of time for Harold to reflect on his life and how things could have been so different. This book generated mixed feelings amongst us although most of us thought it was very different and generally interesting.

Our next book, **Her Fearful Symmetry** by Audrey Niffenegger was a bit of a strange one too!! One member felt that there was a good story in it but that it was a bit weird and wonderful. Another felt it a bit creepy!! When Elspeth Noblin dies she leaves her apartment and all her belongings to her twin nieces whom she had never met – that is until they arrive to take up residence! Her ghostly wanderings are picked up by Valentina, or Mouse, as she is known to her twin. The neighbours too are a bit dysfunctional, but will it all work out as Elspeth had hoped?

You can find out the answer to that by coming along to our next Book Club meeting. You will then be able to help us choose our next few books to read as we are just about to produce our programme for the next six months. So, if you love books, why not come along and become a Book Club member yourself??? For more information please contact Margaret Barrie on 01908 502564. *Jill Aitken*



WHADDON W.I. (afternoon group)

Well, we've produced a float for the May Day parade, complete with Punch and Judy, and a Fat Lady, taken cream scones to the polling officers on Election Day, (why have we never considered them before?), elected Sue White to be our delegate at the WI Conference at the Albert Hall with HM The Queen and Princess Anne, and Jill Aitken to represent us at the WI Garden Party at Buckingham Palace with Camilla, Duchess of Cambridge. So what's next?



Diaries out please and highlight **WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY** 7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall – this is our unmissable Trad Jazz Open Evening. Everyone is welcome to come and hear Geoffrey Harrison and his wife talk about the Jazz Age Greats, play music from the 1920s and '30s and sing songs from the period. Their visit to us last year was our happiest meeting ever, everyone was smiling, every foot was tapping and the only complaint was "Why didn't we dance?" Well, we will try to arrange that this time. Cost will be around £8 and further details will be sent out soon.

Meanwhile you can ring Sue White (01908 501987) or me, Margaret Barrie (01908 502564) or email me on mbarrie@btinternet.com

Who said WI was boring? I look forward to hearing from you. *Margaret*



theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN



Whaddon Night Owlers' WI is a friendly, enthusiastic group of women from all age groups and many walks of life who enjoy a varied programme of fascinating subjects, demonstrations and fun social events.

It's hard to believe that we held our first meeting on July 20 2010 and it's been a lot of fun over the past five years with all the events that we've organised, not just for ourselves but for the village as well. Most occasions have been a great success – for example our Christmas parties, the village lunches and our Ritz tea. Others have fallen a little short of what we'd expected and hoped for, but they are thankfully rare. We've gained a lot of insight from them all and plan to build on that experience to take us forward.

Talking of the future - forthcoming dates for your diaries are:-

Weds 20 May

50 Shades of Grey? Well no, not exactly! Completely the opposite in fact because we have invited Jo Moir, a consultant from 'Colour Me Beautiful' to talk to us about the joy of wearing the make-up that's actually right for you and the most flattering shades to wear for your current skin and hair tones – what a great way to welcome the summer!

Weds 17 June

The Girls with the Pearl Earrings – we've invited Frances Benson to return after the success of her previous talk all about pearls and this time we are holding a **Workshop** so that with supervision we can make our own earrings or bracelets or necklaces. Or you can watch others having a go if you don't want to take part yourself.

Weds 15 July

It's the Night Owlers' 5th Birthday Party – so anyone for Croquet? Join us to celebrate this momentous occasion at Stony Stratford Croquet Club where we will be trying our hand at this game whilst enjoying glasses of Pimms and slices of birthday cake.

We meet on the third Wednesday of every month from 7.00pm onwards at the Jubilee Hall so that members and guests can have a drink and a chat before the meeting starts.

For further details please contact our Programme Secretary, Wendy Smith, at wendyoldstables@btinternet.com or on 01280 822741



WHADDON CE FIRST SCHOOL - SUMMER TERM NEWS 2015

NEW LOOK TO MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING

We are very pleased with the smart appearance of the school corridor, library and Seahorse classroom. These areas have all been refurbished with new carpet over the February half-term holiday. Everyone is encouraged to wipe their feet on entering the school to prolong the smart new look!

EXCITING NEW READING BOOKS

The school has spent over £700 on reading materials, including a range of exciting new reading books for individual and guided reading. The books were presented to the children in assembly and are now available for pupils to select. There are exciting books from the following series: Clinker Castle, Enchanted Forest and Pirate Cove.

COMIC RELIEF- MAKE YOUR FACE FUNNY FOR MONEY

The children had a wonderful time on March 13th dressing up with funny faces and special outfits. Each child had their photo taken in our Red Nose Day photo-booth and made a special red photo frame for their photo. A big thank you to everyone who sent in a donation to Comic Relief. A gallery of Red Nose Day photographs can be viewed on our school website. A big thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the Comic Relief 'Make Yourself Funny for Money' event. The final total of money received was £107 and this has been sent to Comic Relief.

WORLD BOOK DAY- MARCH 5TH

The children had an exciting morning in school celebrating the work of Michael Rosen, the amazing poet and author. The children watched videos of Michael performing his poems and were inspired by his animated and lively performance. Everyone took part in a range of exciting activities based on some of his most famous poems. We chose three poems as the stimulus for our work – 'The Great Big Hole', 'I Know Someone' and 'Where Broccoli Comes From'. The children used the poems as a framework for their own poems. Each child took home two book tokens at the end of the day.

LIVING EGGS

On Monday 9th March ten eggs arrived in an incubator which began to hatch on Tuesday night. During Wednesday morning the children were able to watch some of the chicks hatching and by lunchtime nine chicks had hatched. All the children went into Starfish classroom each day to see the chicks and had the opportunity to hold and stroke a chick. We watched them grow and develop very quickly until they left us on Thursday 19th March. We are very grateful to FOWS for funding the project.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

All the children took part in their own class assembly this week. Each class showed work from across the curriculum including stories, poems, drama, music, technology and much more. On Tuesday 24th March Seahorse Class presented their work on the topic of 'Fire and Ice'. The children told us about woolly mammoths and living in the Arctic. They also told us interesting facts about 'The Great Fire of London'. On Wednesday it was the turn of Starfish Class to tell us about dinosaurs and animals. On Thursday Dolphin class presented their

assembly in the form of a news report about robots. We learnt so many fascinating things including facts about Japan.

As always, we were very proud of the children who learnt their words, spoke confidently to the audience and generally rose to the occasion. Thank you to all staff who worked so hard to put these events together and to all the parents and governors who came to support us.

EASTER CELEBRATION IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Our Easter Celebration took place on Monday 23rd March at 2.00 pm. Year 2 presented a play based on the story of the 'The Three Trees' and Year 1 led us all in 'The Hand of Prayer'. Rev. Walsh described what happened to the Christmas tree. Dolphin Class had made a beautiful Easter garden and this was taken up the aisle during the song 'All in An Easter Garden.' We were delighted that so many parents were able to join us for this very special occasion.

LOCAL FARM VISIT



Coddimoor Farm - hands on experience in the lambing shed

On the morning of 26th March, everyone wrapped up warmly in old clothes and wellies to walk across the fields to Coddimoor Farm to visit the lambing shed. The children were very excited to see all the ewes and newborn lambs in the shed. The sheep were arranged in separate pens according to how many lambs they were expecting. Farmer Chris answered questions from the children. They also had the opportunity to hold or stroke one of the two day old lambs which were very soft. The visit was a great success and a special thank you to Mr and Mrs Hickman for allowing us to visit the farm.

FOWS EASTER EGG HUNT

FOWS held an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children on Friday 27th March at 2.15 pm. The children enjoyed looking for clues to complete the hunt. Refreshments were served and all the children were presented with an Easter egg. Parents were invited to watch and enjoy the fun and refreshments. The children had great fun and enjoyed a visit from the Easter Bunny!!

MAY FAYRE – MONDAY 4TH MAY



This year we had a wonderful sunny afternoon for the May Fayre and the school field was filled with large numbers of parents, friends and members of the local community. All our children came dressed in fantastic costumes on the theme of "The Seaside". The procession was led by William and Niamh, our May King and Queen, with the school following behind. At 3.15 pm. the children performed three Maypole Dances watched by a large crowd. Well done to all the children and to Mrs Ash and all staff for their hard

work in putting it together. A big thank-you to everyone who came along to support the school and to all those who manned the stalls or rattled buckets. A very special thank-you to Michelle Thomson and her team of helpers who organised the fayre.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

This term school staff will be running two very exciting clubs for children in Years 1 and 2 on Tuesdays after school – Young Journalist Club and Outdoor Art Club.

On Thursdays, Short Tennis Club will be run this term by Sportfever for boys and girls in Years 1 and 2. The club begins in May 16th and will run for 8 weeks.

PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

Exciting new markings have been created on the playgrounds at the front and rear of the school. The markings are very bright and colourful and will be used by the children at playtimes and also to support activities in PE, Literacy, Numeracy and much more!

ATHLETICS FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 28th March, a small group of children from Year 1 and 2 were invited to attend an Athletics Festival at Buckingham School. The children had a fantastic time and gave 100% when participating in each event and showed fantastic team spirit. They threw javelins and shot puts great distances, jumped far at the long jump and were extremely fast at the sprint and hurdles. Well done to William, Sam, Jude and Zack, our amazing athletes that took part. A big thank you to Mrs Ash for giving her time to supervise pupils and to all those parents who transported children to Buckingham.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES FROM EVERYONE AT WHADDON CE FIRST SCHOOL

Mrs Diana Travis, Head teacher

Friends of Whaddon School - May Fayre

What an amazing event, the weather was great, there was a large crowd, the first hour was overwhelming at times on certain stalls, but everyone pulled together and created such a fantastic day that so many enjoyed.

A very big thank you to all those who helped with setting up, manning stalls, clearing, collecting donating jars, bottles, cakes. I don't know where to stop with the thanks as I was so impressed by everyone's support. It is impossible to name everyone but you all know who you are. I think it is important to remember this is a small school of only 45 children in a small village who pulled off a fantastic day.

The funds from the May Fayre go a long way; last year we helped to fund bus trips, which allowed the children to enjoy educational outings, and we funded the equipment in the woodland area as well as Christmas lunch and an Easter hunt. So this year's profit from the May Fayre, which was amazingly just over £3200, will help with all of this and a bit more, so thank you again for all your support.

The Friends of Whaddon School



Whaddon's Chase Choir
performed four songs
at the May Fayre

Whaddon Defibrillator Group

LEARN HOW TO SAVE A LIFE

Thank you to everyone who turned up to the awareness session on Friday 24th April. As you will know if you turned up, the trainer didn't, as he went to Whaddon in Cambridgeshire!

Accordingly, we have arranged, in association with the Community Heartbeat Trust, to hold a replacement awareness session on **Wednesday 3rd June at 7.00 pm in the Jubilee Hall** lasting not more than 2 hours. It's not a formal classroom course and is designed to answer your questions about CPR and AEDs, give basic instruction and create confidence in using the AED.

Please make every effort to come along — two hours out of your life could help you to save the life of a family member or neighbour - your wife, husband, partner or child. The evening is open to anyone over the age of 11.

Although you can just turn up on the night, it would be helpful if you could confirm your attendance by email to Whaddon.cPad@gmail.com or call Paul Logan on 07753 911056.

PRACTICAL TRAINING

We have also secured a grant from the British Heart Foundation, which has provided us with a training pack of 10 Resusci-Annie dolls, which means that we can now offer Whaddon residents practical training in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

The actual training is delivered by means of an instructional video using the BHF's Call – Push – Rescue Scheme. Each training session will last approximately 1 hour. Once again, that hour out of your life could help you save the life of a complete stranger or someone you love.

We will be running sessions as follows:

- Wednesday 8th July 7.00 – 8.00 pm & 8.30 – 9.30 pm
- Saturday 11th July 9.30 – 10.30 am and 11.00 – 12 midday.
- We will be able to accommodate 10 people in each session, so you will need to book.
- You can do so, by email to Whaddon.cPad@gmail.com or by texting/calling Paul Logan on 07753 911056.
- Only available to persons who are 16 and over.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these training sessions.

Paul Logan, Chair, Whaddon Defibrillator Group





Creative Coach: thoughts from my comfy chair

Listening, **really listening** to someone is a great way to slow yourself down, and helps you process your thoughts carefully when communicating. At the same time, you give the other person a precious gift: time. We all think we listen, and know how to listen. With a little thought and mindfulness, we can use our listening skills even better.

So, what is good listening, and what does it achieve? Being an effective listener is a vital skill for everyone, including a coach. The best listeners I've personally experienced make me feel as though they have all the time in the world to listen to me and let me do the talking. I feel valued, respected and safe in the company of a good listener.

Here are some of my thoughts which are applicable to listening to anyone, at any time.

Don't....

assume anything. People are always full of surprises!

judge. No two perspectives of the world are the same. What they see and how they see it will be different from you. Both are "right".

be tempted to take their story and tell them about the time you experienced the same thing. This is not all about you; it's not a competition. If you're busy thinking about your reply, you're not really listening.

fidget, look away, talk over or interrupt. This makes people feel at best irritated, and at worst, disempowered.

Do.....

choose your time and place carefully, when you can. The person you are talking to deserves your full attention, without distractions or feeling that they are being rushed.

clarify what the other person is saying to make sure you've understood completely. Ask questions.

use the 80/20 rule: if you're really listening properly, they will be talking 80% of the time, compared to your 20%.

listen with your eyes: look for non-verbal clues to help you understand and empathise. The other person may not verbalise everything, but body language speaks volumes too.

ask them what they want. It may be that you're needed as a sounding board, rather than a fixer.

try closing your eyes (if you're listening over the phone). It may help you concentrate on what they're saying without visual distractions; as one of your senses is removed, another becomes sharper.

embrace the occasional silence. It gives both of you time to reflect and gather your thoughts. "Listen" is an anagram of "silent"!

I like this quote from Bryant McGill: "One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say."

Wishing you all a summer full of sunshine.

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Tues 23 June	Abingdon to Oxford boat trip, with 2 hours in Oxford. £20
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Thurs 16 July	Visit Ascott House & Gardens £10 admission, £5 travel.
Fri 17 / Sat 18 July	Aylesbury Bus*
Mon 20 July	Visit Dobbies Garden Centre £4.50
Tues 21 July	Thame Market Shopping £5
Thurs 23 July	Westcroft Shopping*
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Wed 16 Sept	The Importance of Being Earnest. Starring Nigel Havers & Sian Phillips. Circle A/CC. £25
Fri 23 Oct	Romeo & Juliet. Eng Nat Ballet. Circle Row E/F. £31
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- Use deadlock bolt locks and secure lockable windows as approved by insurance companies. Your locksmith should be approved too – by trade body The Master Locksmiths Association (MLA).



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WHADDON JUBILEE HALL

The Jubilee Hall Committee has had a busy start to the year.

In March we hosted a movie afternoon/evening. All who came enjoyed a good sing along to Mamma Mia with traditional popcorn and hot dogs being served.

On April 11th, Cat Weatherill performed 'The Golden Oak' and captivated the audience with her stories, songs and poems. These were set against a backdrop of images by forester and photographer Phil Hinton. Her tales were wonderful and she even left us with the recipe for oak leaf wine!

Most recently, a very successful Curry Night. Safina Sarong served up a tasty array of curries and poppadums in what was a very enjoyable and popular evening. For those that want more, she also runs events to teach small groups how to make curry. All profits made from these events go towards an extension and refit of the kitchen in Jubilee Hall.

If you have any ideas for future events and would like to help then do get in touch.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY...



Friday 4th December

Theatre in the Villages will be bringing the play **'It's a Wonderful Life'** to Whaddon.

Make a note of the date and more details will follow.

To reserve tickets contact

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Regular Jubilee Hall events:

- 1st Wednesday in the month 2 pm: Women's Institute
- 3rd Wednesday in the month 7.30 pm: Whaddon Night Owlers WI
- Monday: Chase Choir 7pm
- Tuesday: Pilates 7.15pm and Table Tennis 8.15pm
- Thursday: Yoga 7.30pm
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- Father's Day 21st June (Please remember to book early)
- Summer Bank Holiday 31st August (We will be open all day)
- Halloween 31st October (We are having a party - watch out for details)
- QUIZ NIGHT is the 1st Sunday of every month at 7.30 p.m.
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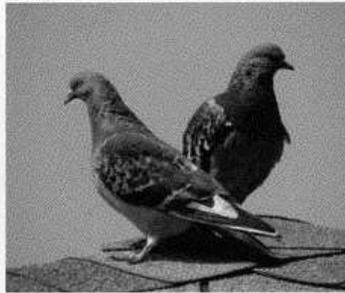
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Hoe-down, hog roast and midsummer magic – Saturday 20 June looks set to be a memorable night in Whaddon’s 2015 social calendar as Coddimoor Farm plays host to a Barn Dance complete with disco in aid of 65roses4Kath (www.65Roses4Kath.co.uk).

It promises to be a fabulous and fun-filled family evening, featuring the opportunity to win or bid for some incredible and glittering prizes.

But what is 65roses4Kath and who does it commemorate? Kathleen de Brito (nee O’Flynn) was a much-loved Whaddon resident, who sadly passed away far too early in 2014 as a result of Cystic Fibrosis. For some people, this was the first they knew of her condition as she lived with it privately, quietly and courageously. Kathleen’s parents were told that she would probably live to the age of seven – well, she proved everyone wrong! She built a great career in hospitality, working both at Intercontinental and Hilton Hotels, where her reputation as an excellent sales manager was well-known in the industry.

Kathleen was so well respected within Hilton UK that created the company has created a Bravery Award in her honour. Kathleen kept her illness to herself and never looked for sympathy. When her illness worsened, she and her beloved husband Manuel were advised to move out of London and head to either the coast or the countryside for a better quality of air. They came to the Whaddon area in 2007 and fell in love with it. Kathleen loved her glass of wine or Pimms and was no happier than when friends, family and neighbours were over for a BBQ in the garden. The move to the countryside also meant she could fulfil her dream to have dogs: Pumba, Timone and then Winnie.

Kathleen sadly lost her fight against CF in April 2014, but her passing proved a catalyst for her friends and family to form 65roses4Kath, with the aim of celebrating her life in a fun way, while raising vital funds in her memory for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. The first such event will be the **Midsummer Magic Barn Dance in Whaddon on 20 June**. (PS the name 65roses is what some children with CF call the disease because the words are much easier for them to pronounce.)

The extent to which Kathleen was loved and esteemed by her colleagues in the hospitality industry is borne out by the array of amazing prizes that have been donated for the event. In fact, such is the generosity of the sponsors and donors that the prizes will be both raffled and auctioned on the night and also auctioned in advance via eBay and social media. Auctioneer for the evening will be Whaddon’s very own Sid Vincent and many of the amazing prizes are shown on the next page

Raffle tickets can be bought in advance of the evening from Helen Hickman (Tel: 01908 501816/504506; helenclarehickman@gmail.com); Julia Lemagnen (Tel: 01908 521533; julia@lemagnen.com); Pauline Winward (Tel: 01908 502559); and Manuel de Brito (07734 686 205; pumba279@hotmail.com).

Tickets for the Barn Dance are now sold out, but it’s still possible for everyone to give generously to this valuable cause by buying raffle tickets or bidding for one of the incredible auction prizes, either on the night or by making a bid for prizes in the Silent Auction.

A full list of raffle/auction prizes can be found at the website (www.65roses4kath.co.uk) and on the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/65roses4kath).

We look forward to seeing you for a great night on the 20th – and don’t forget to bring lots of pound coins for the whisky rolling!

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Entry Ticket Free Raffle

- Afternoon Tea One Aldwych Hotel, London

Raffle Tickets

- Sofitel Hotel St James - 1 night Stay inc breakfast
- Afternoon Tea at The Savoy Hotel
- Aman Spa Treatment for 2 (The Connaught Hotel)
- Park Plaza Hotel Westminster Bridge -1 night stay inc breakfast
- Hilton Worldwide £150 voucher
- Sewing machine
- 65 Chocolate Roses
- Roger Black Inspirational Book ...and more

Silent Auction

- Hilton Brighton 2 night stay
- MK area - Hairdressing Vchr. for 1 & £50 Food Vchr. The Bell pub
- Michel Roux - 4 signed books
- 6 Bottles of McCallans GOLD Whisky
- Round of Golf with buggy at Woburn Golf Club ...and more

Auction on the Night

- 2 Theatre Tickets to any West end show
- Nicky Clarke Hair Studio London for 1
- Cipriani "C" London meal for 2
- Spa treatment at the Inter-continental Hotel London for 1
- Dorchester Hotel, London - Afternoon Tea for 2
- Park Lane Sheraton Hotel – 1 night stay inc breakfast ...and more

Auction online - EBAY

- Gleneagles Hotel 1 night – Including dinner & breakfast plus 2 Hilton hotels en route - 1 night B&B for a total of 3 nights
- KAI of Mayfair – Fine dining Chinese cuisine – voucher for £500
- Berners Tavern – Meal for 2 £180 voucher - wine chosen by Sommelier ...and more



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Two Poems by Eileen Kay Gingell

The Swifts

Such sweet little creatures, small and slim,
Tiny eyes with soft, black wings
Fly for miles the open skies
Over oceans nations wide,
Chase the jet stream, stay together,
Looking out for one another.

Eats tasty morsels, drops of rain,
Over mountains, lowland plains.
Swooping, diving, death defying!
A creature of habit, close to the wire,
Nature's diversity for us to admire.

Mystic, fragile to the touch,
Our fleeting image in a rush.

We watch and wait,
Come back to us.



Our Little Church Among the Trees

(about the little church of St Giles when it was in solitude and had no amenities)

Our little church among the trees
Surrounded by the evergreens,
So little to detect your past,
Earth and grass have all but turned to stone.
Fields forsaken by the grazing beasts and plough,
In the wood no snorting, grunting sows.

Candle wax runs down to tears,

Church walls stand cold, iced north east winter winds,
Sunlight illuminates the stained glass window panes.

Close my eyes of idle trances,
See through my face pressed against the window frame.

An assortment – solitude of thought

Increasing a channelling of hurt.

Harvest hymn or Christmas carol sung.

Erase not its spiritual tranquillity

On God's precious acres wain

Absent. Its bell lay'n silenced of its ring.

