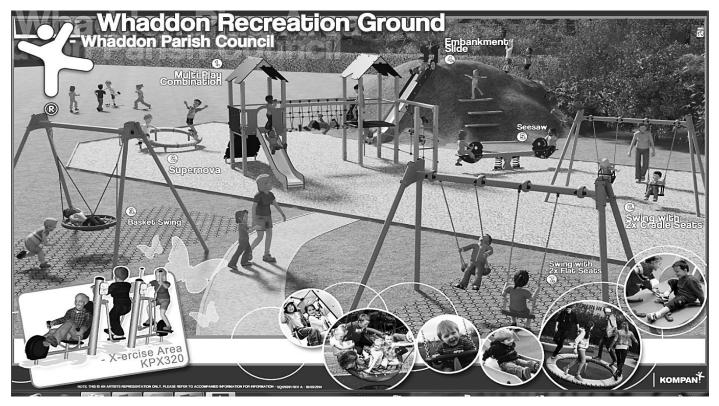
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If you offered help with site clearance,

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT SUMMER 2015

At the time of last writing, elections were imminent at national, district and Parish level.

At the same time as the Conservatives were gaining a majority nationally, the party also made solid gains at Aylesbury Vale District Council, increasing its majority there.

I was returned with a solid majority as your District Councillor and am pleased to say that I have been re-appointed to the post of Cabinet Member for the Environment, in which I am now in my thirteenth year.

I much enjoy all aspects of the job, not least being in charge of our one hundred and twenty bin men who are a fine and hardworking team.

At Parish level, all seven previous Councillors stood again and as there were seven available seats there was no contested election. As always, in Whaddon, party politics did not play a part.

The Parish Council has met once since the election and I was re-elected Chairman.

We await, with great excitement, the installation of new playground equipment at the Recreation Ground.

My fellow Councillors will be reporting elsewhere in this issue on Milton Keynes issues, traffic issues in Whaddon including the MVAS and HGV routes and footway repairs due in Stock Lane.

Councillor Peter Lemagnen is working on updating the Parish Council web site.

As you will be aware, we are trying to make sure that all the Parish Council's land is properly registered..... but it's a slow process!

Billy Stanier
Chair, Whaddon Parish Council



Clerk's Corner

Helpful information from Whaddon Parish Council

Dealing with Dog Mess

Sadly, we have a new complaint about dog owners allowing their dogs to foul in public areas and on verges. If you are also experiencing the same problems, your first port of call is to talk with the dog owner directly if you can, but this often results in a curt response and just moves the problem to another patch of grass.

If you are having persistent problems, please get in touch with AVDC's dog warden service by email at envhealth@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk or phone 01296 585605. While their main function is dealing with stray dogs, they also deal with enforcement of the law on dog fouling. They will ask you for your evidence, and at this point details of the regular 'walkies' times of the miscreant and dog, and especially any photographic evidence, are very helpful. Owners can be fined up to £1000. The good news is we now have two strategically positioned dog bins in the village, so if you are struggling with clearing up after your dog, take a handful of plastic bags, and plan your walks around the dog bins and you will have a quick and easy disposal method for those undesirable packages.

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Date of Next Parish Council Meeting(s)

The next meetings of Whaddon Parish Council take place at Whaddon Chapel, Stock Lane, on 24/9/15 and 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 RECREATION GROUND - NOW THE WORK COMMENCES

We were delighted to announce in the last Whaddon Quarterly that our bid for funding to refurbish our run down village recreation ground had been successful to the tune of £47,000 thanks to WREN.

In our application we said that the preliminary site clearance would be undertaken by a village work party, so that the maximum amount of our grant could be used for new equipment rather than manpower. You may have been wondering why work has not yet commenced. The reason is that we have been awaiting the final contract from our funder, WREN. The good news is that we have just received the formal contract so we have now appointed our contractor, Kompan, and the playground equipment installation will start on 28 September.

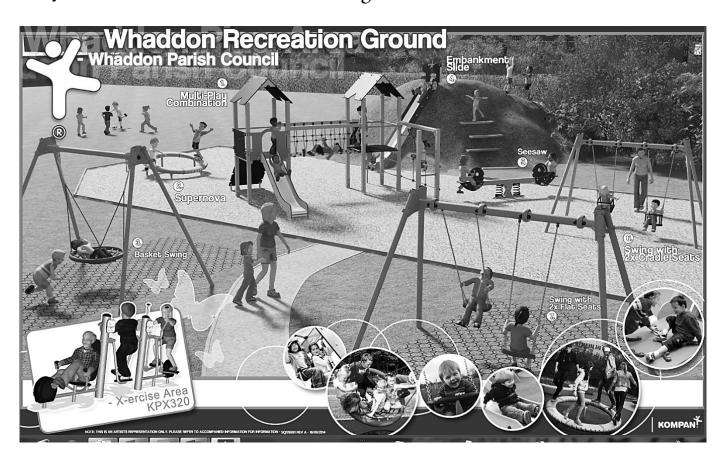
If you offered help with the preliminary site clearance work, we are proposing two weekends, namely 29 and 30 August and 12 and 13 September.

We will be contacting everyone who offered help via the questionnaire at the playground exhibition last year, but if you didn't attend this or maybe you are new to the village, then please contact us below if you are able to help:

Suzanne Lindsay ParishClerk@WhaddonBucksPC.org.uk

Pat Haig pat@tscevents.co.uk 07771 702136 Helen Hickman helen@bumpstartbabyshop.co.uk 01908 501816

Thank you to Roy Scott who has offered to take photographs of the work in progress to support our project and reporting procedures. We are very excited at the prospect of having a much improved village amenity which will soon be available for everyone's use. Best wishes $Pat \mathcal{H}aig$, Whaddon Parish Council



WHADDON PLANNING SNIPPETS

MK WESTERN EXPANSION AREA

• Development Update

Of the 7000 new homes planned over next 15-20 years, the following developers have been granted first consents and have commenced on site: Bovis 840 units; Barretts 1450 units; Taylor Wimpey 440 units; Abbey 250 units. It is currently expected that 20 new homes will be occupied by Xmas 2015 and then, between 150 and 350 will be completed every year thereafter (subject to economic conditions). Despite highway layouts being designed to encourage usage of the MK grid system, it is inevitable that traffic will continue to increase through Whaddon as the short-cut 'ratrun' (and much prettier and less travelled route) is discovered by new residents, city visitors etc.

Problems

Whilst attending the regular Area 10 & 11 WEA Meetings, your P.C. highlighted a recent and potentially dangerous construction vehicle's breach and reminded Gallagher Estates, the main developer, that the agreed No Construction Vehicle signs still have not been erected – despite construction having start on site some few months ago. This was in contravention of the legal Construction Environment Management Plan, to which Whaddon PC were signatories. Investigations were made into the offending company, and serious disciplinary action was taken against them. It has since been agreed that the signs, which had been 'overlooked' will be tendered, made and erected during August. Whilst this should help the ongoing problem, there may still be breaches so it remains up to residents to report all instances of problems, but please remember that we must have factual evidence of lorries passing through the village and then actually entering the development sites along the V4 Watling Street between Stony Stratford and Crownhill Crematorium. Fortunately the resident who witnessed the previous breach, having been nearly hit by the lorry, followed it to the development site and was able to record, vehicle number plate, company and times.

• Traffic Count at A421 Whaddon roundabout

Every 2 years, Bucks CC undertake a manual count at this location, basically to monitor A421 movements and traffic increases. Residents may have noticed that this latest count occurred on 8th July last. This year your PC were able to persuade BCC to separate out HGV's from ordinary vehicles, when monitoring traffic leaving and entering the roundabout from and to Whaddon Village. The results have not yet been made available, but when they are the total vehicle movements will be compared with those of two years ago. More importantly, a sound base will have been laid for comparing with future years – which depending on traffic usage may help forward our campaign to have a weight restriction placed on Coddimoor Lane/Stratford Road in years to come as the WEA gathers momentum.

• Kingsmead South, MK (off Shenley Road) - Horse riders and cyclists please note! As well as monitoring and commenting on all village planning applications (well those that we are consulted on following the recent 'planning changes and system stream-lining') your P.C. also monitors M.K. planning applications, especially those which may have an impact on future traffic flows through the village. As a typical example you may be interested in the following response (part-edited to keep short!) sent to M.K. Council, after the last P.C. meeting on 30th July. Items such as this are regularly discussed at P.C. meetings, to which residents are welcome to attend and add their voices to discussions affecting the village:

Ref 15/00699/REM – Kingsmead South 1 and 2 – Taylor Wimpey
Whaddon PC are disappointed that the deviation in the Whaddon Road alignment opposite
the Kingsmead North Play Area (as proposed and agreed in both the July 2006 Development
Brief and February 2007 Design code) has been designed out of the latest Road Improvement
Works scheme, however councillors are content that the 'build out' and priority signing that will
replace the deviation, together with the two raised paved tables and two raised black-top tables (to
replace the existing temporary speed humps) will help in both speed reduction and hopefully the
ongoing 'rat running' problem experienced through Whaddon Village.

Councillors would appreciate your confirmation that when the next phase of Kingsmead is planned (i.e. that fronting Whaddon Road between the two ends of the North Bucks Way), then similar improvements will be required, to replace the temporary calming features that currently exist close to the county boundary with Bucks CC at Tattenhoe Bare Farm. Whilst writing, can we enquire and request an update on the 'AGREED' North Bucks Way Bridleway diversion? Horses are still having to use the Whaddon Road between the two ends of the North Bucks Way, which is totally unacceptable especially now that housing development is set to recommence in the general area, which will increase traffic usage along Whaddon Road. It was agreed that the bridleway would be diverted along the gravelled path that has already been constructed INSIDE the hedge-line and within the proposed development area. The gates that have been erected (presumably by MKC) are totally inappropriate, and impossible for horse riders or cyclists to negotiate! Can you confirm that new horse- and cycle-friendly gates will be erected to replace those existing, and that works will be completed BEFORE consent is granted for this latest Kingsmead South development please? Yours sincerely.

- Planning applications (New and Updates)
- 1) Pear Tree Farm 27 High Street Whaddon Buckinghamshire MK17 0NA

Ref. No: 15/02360/APP - Demolition of existing detached garage and replace with timber garage and erection of porch to dwelling. Validated: Tue 14 July 2015.

2) Thrift Farm Bletchley Road Whaddon Buckinghamshire MK17 0EQ

Ref. No: 15/02348/APP - Installation of a gas tank. Removal of 3.4m of existing hedge and replacement with 1.8m high security fence with a gate. Installation of a new 1.5m wide timber bridge over ditch. Validated: 16 July 2015

- 3) 1 Chase Farm Cottages Whaddon to Mursley Road Whaddon Buckinghamshire MK17 0PP Ref. No: 15/02413/APP Single storey rear extension. Validated: Wed 15 July 2015
- 4) Update. 15/00716/APP Two new houses Land rear of 2a & 2b High Street.

The second application has recently been refused on similar planning grounds to those recorded on the first application back in Nov 2014. However, the applicants' new speed and safety tests – although considered 'marginal' by Bucks CC - have just overcome the original highway objections. The door has therefore been left open for the applicants to either appeal the current refusal or submit a further application with smaller, better designed houses with more space around them and with two extra spaces to meet AVDC parking standards. Unfortunately the PC's concerns relating to parking within the vision splays, proximity of playgroup, lack of parking for the Village Hall and Church, and general highway congestion and safety concerns around the Nash Road corner and along Stock Lane are not considered sufficient reasons to uphold the highway objection – especially as there have been no serious accidents in the vicinity over recent years. Additionally, the PC's arguments against back-land development, village character and existing linear development patterns etc were not supported by AVDC planners, partly due to an out of date Local Plan, and new National Planning advice.

Finally

I do hope that by the time you read this article the Stock Lane footpaths will have been resurfaced. When I spoke to the operatives with spray cans of paint defacing our paths with multi coloured markings some time ago, they assured me that the resurfacing gangs normally followed them about 4 weeks after!!

Your PC will continue to make applications to the BCC Local Area Funding pot to complete the rest of the village footpaths, and other works required within the village, but there is only a small limited amount of funding available (which seems to diminish each year with continuing austerity cuts) and this has to be 'bid for - on priority cases' and is spread over the entire district!



St. Mary's Church Whaddon

REGULAR SERVICES

1st Sunday10.30 amFamily Worship2nd Sunday10.30 amHoly Communion (Common Worship)3rd Sunday10.30 am10.30am Sunday Special. Tea, coffee & croissants from 10am4th Sunday8.30 amSaid Holy Communion (Traditional)5th SundayBenefice service (venue varies)

OTHER REGULAR EVENTS

2nd / 4th Tuesdays 7.45 pm ICTHUS Group - 3 Church Lane Whaddon Tuesday 7.30 pm Bell ringing – new recruits welcome

1st 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 3 Oct	2.00 pm - 4.30 pm	Annual Open Day, with displays, quizzes, archives etc, coffees, soup & cheese lunches and cream teas
Sun 4 Oct	10.30 am	Harvest festival celebration
Mon 5 Oct	7.30 pm	Harvest supper & auction of produce in jubilee hall
Sat 28 Nov	2 pm	Annual Christmas fayre in jubilee hall
Sun 29 Nov	5.30 pm	Christingle Service with village school

The Church Fete at Whaddon House was as enjoyable as ever and we were blessed with fine weather. Those present enjoyed the music of Woburn Sands Band and the various stalls and sideshows. This year there was a new layout to accommodate the new games and stalls .Teas were served beside the house and everyone seemed to be enjoying the afternoon. Grateful thanks go to Mrs Weatherby and all those who gave raffle prizes, manned stalls on the day, or helped to set up and clear away. Approx £1900 was raised, which was similar to last year.

Florrie's Village Coffee Morning, organised by Beryl & Mike Evans, was held on August 1st at 3 Church Lane thanks to Hazel & Barry Dudley. Such events are always well supported by the village and give everyone an opportunity to mingle and chat over a cup of tea or coffee and delicious cakes.

Open Day Coffee Shop - On October 3rd the monthly coffee shop will be part of the Open Day and Harvest Celebrations. In addition to coffee and biscuits during the morning, light lunches of soup, bread and cheese, etc. will be available, with cream teas and cakes in the afternoon. The church will have been beautifully decorated ready for the Harvest Festival the next morning at 10.30 am .There will be the usual attractions: the archives from Aylesbury Museum, quizzes, games and an opportunity to try your hand at ringing hand bells and brass rubbing. Please join us between 10am - 4pm and bring your friends along for a sit down and chat.

Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce will take place on Monday Oct 5th at 7.30pm in the Jubilee Hall. Tickets £6 available from Hazel Dudley on 505727.

Churchyard - Whilst every effort is made to accommodate personal wishes, we are required to follow certain Diocesan regulations regarding memorials. These determine the design and material used. They must be in local stone or as near as possible to it and a standard size. Also, for ease of maintenance and mowing it is necessary that the grave does not have a raised surround or tall flowers planted. Further information is obtainable from Rev Gussie Walsh or myself.

Many of you will have attended the funeral in July of Hugh Butler, who lived in the bungalow next to the church. Hugh was a man of deep faith who supported the church in many ways. He was a bell ringer, he locked and unlocked the church gate, mowed the grass, maintained the war memorial and kept a keen eye on things. It was thanks to Hugh that the theft of lead from the roof was discovered before there was any ingress of water. He will be much missed and our prayers are with Enid and her family.

To arrange weddings, baptisms, and funeral services, please contact our assistant minister, Rev Gussie Walsh, tel 01280 821616 am@buckinghambenefice.org.uk or The Rectory, Chapel Lane, Thornborough, MK18 2DJ.

We look forward to meeting you very soon at any and all of our services and social events when you will receive a warm welcome. Thank you all for your continued support of the village church. Hazel Hedges, Churchwarden

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Hugh Butler 1934 - 2015

The bells rang in memory of Hugh Butler at St Mary's Church, Whaddon on 28 July. Whaddon ringers rang their tribute to Hugh before the service, followed by members of the Bell Guild, and after the service six senior ringers who had rung with Hugh over many years rang the cortege to the graveside for the committal.

Hugh always made it quite clear that he didn't like muffled or tolling bells and so it was open ringing which he loved and was very fitting for the occasion. The church was packed, not only with family and friends, but also included many ringers from the guild and members of the model steam engine club, plus dog walkers who used to meet Hugh out over Church Hill with Lucy, and always stopped for a chat.

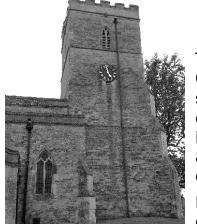
After the service refreshments were served in the Jubilee hall.

Derek White



Enid and Rachel would like to thank everyone for the messages of sympathy following Hugh's death. They really appreciated seeing the many people from the village who came to his funeral. The sound of the bells was a real joy and a fitting tribute to a dedicated churchgoer who loved his bellringing.

We are very grateful to everyone who has helped and supported the family in these last few weeks and continue to do so.



St Mary's Church, Whaddon – Bellringing Striking Competition

The 20th of June saw St. Mary's at Whaddon host the annual Oxford and Diocese Guild, North Bucks and District Branch, striking competition. While the branch officers did their usual excellent organising and advertising, the Whaddon ringers roped in as much help as they could muster to try and make the event as relaxed and welcoming as possible, and to provide the competitors and listeners with much needed refreshments.

Prior to the day, the ropes were all adjusted to make them as even as possible. However, like many church towers, the bells

have their own unique quirks, and the second of our six decided to rise higher than the others. We think that where it rests in the frame it must be damper than the others, or maybe we have a mischievous ghost! This was only realised when the bells were rung up shortly before the competition, and so time did not allow for the rope to be adjusted. Fortunately Whaddon is possession of several boxes, which can be used as platforms, and of which the competitors could make use.

With the rules laid out and order of ceremony decided, it was time for the refreshments to be unveiled. We hope those who were able to make the event would agree that no-one was left hungry by the few morsels that were provided; there was even enough for more than a few doggy bags, and we ate well on a fine selection of cakes, sandwiches, fruits and sausage rolls, not to mention the copious tea and coffee that was on offer.

The ringers of Whaddon would like to offer sincere thanks to all of those who contributed their time and catering talents to this event, including those who are not ringers, but wanted to make the Guild members welcome to Whaddon.

I hope that my photos do justice to their hard work!

Should anyone be interested in trying bell ringing please contact Derek White on 01908 501987.

Phillip Starr - Ladymead Close





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

WHADDON WI - AFTERNOON GROUP







It's been a busy summer celebrating the WI centenary in style. First was the garden party at Buckingham Palace (Jill Aitken attended) then the National WI meeting in the Albert Hall (Sue White attended together with HM The Queen and Princess Anne) and finally the Bucks garden

party at Waddesdon, where we won a small prize (a very small box of chocolates).

Not to be out-done, Whaddon WI celebrated with the Bob and Dot Show featuring Trad Jazz and Swing, on the hottest night of the year, for which Sue Sullivan created a Centenary Cake resplendent with the WI logo, a Centenary Rose and icons of WI crafts such as tiny pots of jam, flowers, a sewing machine, Jerusalem, a teapot with cups and cake, and a miniature version of the famous calendar. Thank you, Sue.

Our next meeting was a visit to the alpacas in Thornton. Alpacas are very docile beasts, but did you know that they love to sniff human hair? Must be the shampoo ... or something. Mia who owns them has 11 alpacas ranging in colour from cream, through grey, pale brown (there is one named Cappuccino) through dark brown to almost black. No need to dye the wool, then. Mia then told us the history of spinning wool, from the early days of hand spinning to the invention of the spindle and finally the spinning wheel, which she demonstrated. It looked so easy....

She also showed us specimens of wool from other animals such as Ilamas, camels, yaks and goats and a fabulous poncho made from the wool of her own alpaca and priced at...... (wait for it) .. £800 Yes, we all wanted one but there were not many orders .On the other hand, it will last for ever, and has taken months to make by hand.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2.00 pm in the Jubilee Hall, and we are currently working out next year's programme. If you fancy doing something interesting, come and join us. Sorry, gentlemen, you are welcome to our meetings, but you cannot be members. You could suggest topics for our Open Evenings though.....

Contact Sue White on 01908 501987 or Margaret Barrie on 01908 502564





Whaddon Chapel

From the moment we wake each day, we all have choices to make. Some are bigger than others. Choice is a precious thing; the freedom to choose is a fundamental part of being human.

Recently, in our midweek meeting, we were reading through the book of Deuteronomy in the Bible. It tells us a great deal about the history of God's people. Having been rescued from slavery and oppression in a foreign country [Egypt], and then provided with everything they needed for forty years living in the desert, God's people [Israel] were faced with a choice. They were on the verge of entering the land long promised to them, a land full of blessings: rich in natural resources and watched over by God himself. Their choice is summed up by the following:

"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God ... by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways...then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish...Therefore **choose life**, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days...' Deuteronomy 30v16-20, The Bible.

The best decision seems obvious, doesn't it? After all, who would want curses and death?! But the fact is, it is still a choice. It has to be taken willingly. No-one can force us to do something against our will, whatever the consequences.

We face the same choice today: do we chose a life lived under God's rule (with blessings and life) or do we chose our own way (with curses and death)? It seems stark, doesn't it? But the Bible is clear that this is indeed the most fundamental choice we all face.

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

Regular Services/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).
- Harvest Thanksgiving: Sunday October 11th 4pm followed by refreshments.
- Chapel 108th Anniversary: Sunday 15th November 4pm followed by refreshments



Chase Choir continues to go from strength to strength since its beginning in January 2013 – we're now well into our third year! We are a community choir and our members hail from Whaddon, Newport Pagnell and surrounding areas.

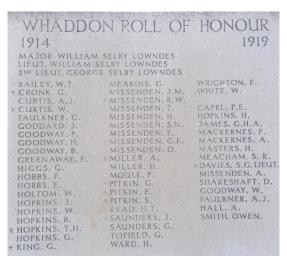
Our continued performances are supported by many of our Whaddon Quarterly readers and our thanks for your attendances at our various events and your help with them comes from a very grateful bunch of keen amateur singers as well as our Choir Mistress, Karen Logan, and our two accompanists Holly and Roz.

The main focus of the singing is three-part harmony for our soprano, alto and male voices. Some examples include the well-known popular numbers 'The Rose', 'You Raise Me Up' and 'Fields of Gold'. We also like to mix these contemporary arrangements with some classical compositions, such as Mozart's 'Ave Verum', 'All in the April Evening' as well as selections from 'Les Miserables' and Rodgers and Hammerstein musicals.

Some of the choir's public performances include weddings, school parades, masonic evenings, 'flash mobs', Milton Keynes Music Festival and performing at an old folks' home.

Choir practice is held each Monday evening between seven and nine in Whaddon's Jubilee Hall. If you are interested in joining us and enjoying the singing, socialising and performing, please come along; we'd love to see you, and this is a great time to join, as we will be learning new numbers once we start our new 'term' in September. (No auditions required!)

Whaddon War Memorials by Jill Aitken



Recently, by chance, I met a man, who, with his son, has done a lot of research on those listed on the war memorials in our village and who sadly lost their lives for us.

He has very generously shared a lot of the information that he has gathered with me which he is happy for me to pass on to anyone who is interested.

In return, he is hoping that there may be people in the village with photos or information that they would be willing to share with him.

Please let me know should that be the case, and I will be happy to pass things on.

I feel strongly that these people should not be forgotten and it is therefore very special to have some extra information to enable us to know a bit more about them all. Jill Aitken, tel 01908 502781







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.

Whilst celebrating the WI's one hundredth birthday this year – oh my! And applauding its achievements throughout the century that's gone by It's not so much about knitting patterns and making Victoria sponges Or even jam and Jerusalem these days and the images that this conjures.

Think instead of jewellery making, astrology or painting on silk,
Zumba classes, wine-tasting, writing your first novel – topics of that ilk.
The Whaddon Night Owlers are very much about an exciting future and
Invite you to join their lively, forward-thinking, inclusive,
welcoming band.

Contact Wendy Smith on 01280 822741 or wendyoldstables@btinternet.com



Keep Wednesday 21 October 2015 free

for an evening of

Fizz & Bubbles!

hosted by wine connoisseur, Rob Price and Whaddon Night-Owlers W.I.
at the Jubilee Hall, Whaddon 7.30pm for 8.00pm
Tickets £7 per person

Further glasses of your favourites will be available from the selection of champagne, prosecco and sparkling wines following the presentation.

To reserve your ticket, please contact Wendy Smith on 01280 822741 or at wendyoldstables@btinternet.com





WHADDON CE FIRST SCHOOL SUMMER NEWS AUGUST 2015

HEADTEACHER'S LEAVING EVENT



Paintings of Mrs Travis by Starfish Class

On Monday 20th July, the whole school presented a Leaver's Celebration for Mrs Travis, who is retiring as Head Teacher of Whaddon School after 10 years in the post. The children reflected on their fond memories of Mrs Travis which included poems, music, songs and paintings. Mrs Hazel Hedges, Chair of Governors, gave a speech in celebration of all that the school had achieved in the past ten years and thanked Mrs Travis for all her hard work and leadership. Parents, governors, staff and friends had contributed to a gift of a food mixer which was then presented to Mrs Travis. Children, staff, parents, governors and friends enjoyed a delicious celebration tea which had been prepared by FOWS.

DOLPHIN CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 17th July, Dolphin Class presented their assembly on 'The Rainforest'. The children showed their vast knowledge of the rainforest through discussing the tropic zone, the layers of the rainforest and the wonderful wildlife that lives there. They performed a song and a dance from the African rainforests. Dolphin Class also discussed the importance of caring for the rainforest and the animals that live there. They showed posters and habitat designs that they had created to make people aware of the orang-utans' dilemma. Rev. Gussie Walsh presented the Fred Green Citizenship Award to Joe and Kaitlyn for being exceptional role models for their peers.

STARFISH CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 16th July, Starfish Class took part in the assembly on their two topics this term – 'Space' and 'Beaches and Seas'. The children showed some of the work they have done through songs, stories, poems and artwork. The children had used the internet and information books to investigate facts about planets and sharks. They talked about the visit to Whipsnade and about their favourite animals.

SEAHORSE CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday 15th July Seahorse Class presented their assembly based on the topic of 'Fashions, Fur and Feathers'. They had learnt about the Masai tribe and presented their leaflets about these interesting people. They re-told the traditional African story of how the rabbit got its ears and performed a Masai dance. The children had made clay models to show how camouflage helps creatures survive in their habitat. They told the journey of a banana from Africa to England through a diary. Everyone joined in with 'Song for Every Season'.

SPORTS AFTERNOON

We had a fine afternoon for our Sports Afternoon on Friday 17th July. The children were divided into nine teams, each led by a Year 2 pupil representing a country from around the world. The teams took turns to try a variety of different activities to test their PE skills – running, throwing, skipping, balancing and much more. Points were awarded and each team cheered on their country.

Mrs Hazel Hedges presented the Whaddon Sports Cup to Scotland, who were the winning team. Well done to all the children for excellent effort and teamwork.

PRAYER AFTERNOON

On Tuesday 14th July Rev Gussie Walsh led a prayer afternoon with children from Year 1 and 2. The children had opportunities to reflect on their actions, people who are special to them and forgiveness. They took part in a variety of activities which involved creating prayers to God saying thank you, sorry and wow for his creations.

MUSIC WORKSHOP- July 6th

On Monday, Mrs Karen Logan, who is one of our Governors, came into school to lead music workshops with the children. Starfish class sang seaside songs and accompanied each other with percussion instruments. They also created seaside sounds linked to a poem about the seashore. Year 1 and 2 learnt a song about animals and accompanied this with musical instruments

THE AMAZING AMERICAS - MULTI-CULTURAL WEEK - JUNE 8th TO 12th

During this week we celebrated the culture of different countries in the Americas, learning about their language, music, stories, art, food and much more. Each day there were activities linked to a different country. On Monday it was Magical Mexico where children played Mexican games such as kickball and 'the blind hen' and made Mexican sugar biscuits called polvorons. On Tuesday the children listened to traditional Peruvian pan pipes and used geographical skills to find Peru and Machu Pichu on the map. They learnt Spanish with Paddington Bear and made terracotta figures in the style of Inca art. On Wednesday they prepared for the Rio carnival in Brazil and made colourful head-dresses and shakers before parading around the playground to Brazilian music. The children toured the U.S.A on Thursday, beginning with a video snapshot of a week with Oliver Mayson, aged 6, who lives in California. The children travelled to visit different famous sites, such as The Statue of Liberty, Niagara Falls and the Golden Gate Bridge, completing a challenge at each station. Finally on Friday the children focused on Canada, designing totem poles and tourism posters. It was a very exciting and inspirational week.

SMALL SCHOOLS SPORTS FESTIVAL - JULY 2nd

Children in Years 1 and 2 took part in this event which was organised by the Buckingham School Sports Partnership at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Mrs Ash and Miss Nash accompanied the children and they took part in a fantastic range of activities including athletics, 2Tennis, multi-skills and dance. Everyone had a great time and each child received a special t-shirt to wear on the day, a certificate, bag, pen and gold medal.

ROALD DAHL FESTIVAL



Roald Dahl Festival Parade

We all had a wonderful day on Wednesday 17th June working with artist Anita Osborne to create artwork on the theme of "The Twits" All the children were involved in creating amazing birds and balloons with willow and tissue paper and decorated with paint, materials, streamers and glitter.

We had a lovely sunny morning for the Roald Dahl parade on Saturday 4th July and everyone proudly waved the birds and balloons. There were steel and brass bands which added to the occasion.

VISIT TO WHIPSNADE ZOO

The whole school had a fantastic day at Whipsnade on 23rd June. Activities for each class were linked to the topic for this term. Starfish Class looked at sea animals and birds including penguins and the sea lion demonstration. Seahorse Class focused on fur and feathers and Dolphin Class looked especially at animals from a rainforest habitat. We were very proud of our children who behaved very well and were a pleasure to take on the visit. A great day was had by all.

OUTDOOR ART CLUB

This term in Outdoor Art Club, children have had an exciting time creating Mexican paintings and collages, a variety of mini-beast themed artwork and collage and sketching of Whipsnade animals. During the final session the children visited Whaddon wood to collect and make natural materials to create a crown and a woodland creature. A big thankyou to Mrs Ash for organising the club

MATHS FUN IN THESUN DAY - JULY 8th

A Marvellous Mathematical Fun In The Sun Day was had by all at Whaddon School on Wednesday. There were three special areas around the school – The Fish Pond, The Ice-Cream Truck and The Great Outdoors and in each location children used their mathematical skills to solve challenges. In The Ice Cream Shop children investigated the greatest number of combinations using 3 or 4 scoops of different flavours. In The Fish Pond, children used addition and multiplication skills to find totals from the numbered fish they caught. In The Great Outdoors, children used their measuring skills to measure and compare the sizes of leaves, stones and much more. At the end of the day, as a reward for their enthusiasm and hard work, the children were awarded stickers for the best effort in each challenge and there were certificates for the highest score in the fish challenge. Everyone agreed that they had great fun solving the challenges. Special thanks to Miss Nash and Mrs Ash for organising such a fantastic event.

RECEPTION MULTISKILLS

On Friday 10th July Starfish Class had a lovely afternoon of sport here at Whaddon at Padbury with the Reception classes from East Claydon, Twyford and Padbury. They took part in a variety of team activities including an obstacle course, javelin throwing and balancing games. The afternoon ended with the opportunity for the children to play together in the sunshine. It was great to have so many parents there to support the children and cheer them along

It has been another very successful, exciting and busy year for Whaddon School. I would like to thank everyone who has supported the school over the past ten years and wish the school continued success in the years to come with the incoming Head teacher, Mrs Selina Davies.

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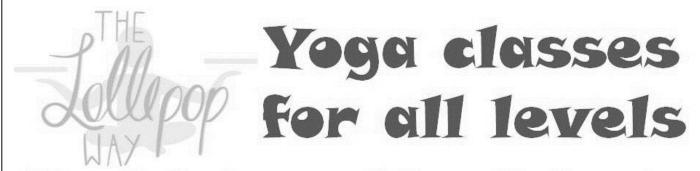


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Yoga is for everyone: young or old, male or female, the fit and the unfit, the less-abled and the able-bodied. But many of us are still timid about taking that first step - we may dance or flirt with the idea a number of times before the alchemy gets into our veins! Don't be put off by pictures of contortionists in leotards - yoga is all about finding your own personal equilibrium and wellness. It is not competitive!

If you are not already participating and have any questions, or would like to discuss any aspect, do give me a call on 077644 85921 or drop me a line at lauren@thelollipopway.co.uk

I do run a number of classes locally (including Whaddon Village Hall on Thursdays at 7.30 pm and Westbury Arts Centre, Shenley, on Wednesday afternoons) but I am happy to offer sessions for individuals or private groups.

Lauren Scott



Creative Coach: thoughts from my comfy chair

"Transient are all the elements of being." An odd little phrase I saw in a Buddhist temple once, which applies to so many things, *leaving* being one of them.

It's time to leave. It could be a job, a place, a house, a school or college, a relationship. You've made your decision to go for very good reasons: you want to progress, need more money, more space, more peace of mind, you've completed your studies and you move on, you have had enough. Whatever your reasons, it's time to go.

Sometimes leaving is easy. Often it's a challenge. Your reasons for leaving are logical and sound, and the hard part is often leaving the people: colleagues, friends, family, neighbours, classmates, a lover. How can you find strategies to deal with your feelings? What about those left behind? How do they deal with the gap you left?

Building resilience is the key to dealing with change. I've written before about patience, inner strength, positive affirmations, states of mind, the importance of family and how useful NLP techniques can be in helping you overcome obstacles. Whether it's you doing the leaving, or whether someone important to you is leaving, I think the following also applies quite nicely to both scenarios.

- Remember: it's ok to be upset (for a while). Be easy on yourself. Feelings are good; without them, we are automatons. Acknowledge your feelings. Recognise their significance.
- Later, if you find yourself regularly becoming negative, recognise that state and, particularly what triggers it. Then work on ways of changing it. Practise linking positive thoughts to the situation; physically move and do something different. These strategies may not work immediately: persistence is required!
- Be purposeful in your goal-setting and activities. Work on getting something done every day, no matter how small. At the end of the day, remind yourself of what you've achieved. This will help you to feel motivated.
- Connect with people who can support you when you need it. Build a network of friends, acquaintances and colleagues that you can go to. They will be all too happy to help, and sometimes, they will need your help too. Good connections work both ways: it's a win-win relationship.

There are some very practical things you can do too:

- Practise some regular physical activity which makes you feel good. This could be meditation, running, swimming, gardening, Pilates: anything you like. Activity is good for building overall, or background resilience.
- Build in some "me time" to your day to do something you enjoy: it could be frivolous or serious. Again, this will increase your general well-being, which, in turn, will help with your ability to cope with difficult situations.
- Take care of your diet. Healthy eating habits will help you feel better mentally and physically.

Plan how to keep in touch with the people you are leaving/who leave: and then do it! Exchange important details, addresses, birthdays, skype details, Facebook, Google+. It's so easy in this world of modern technology and social media to keep in touch with someone, if you really want to. Be proactive.

Building resilience is good insurance, even when you don't have any particular issues to work through. Someday, you'll need to be strong for yourself, or for others.

And don't forget: feelings and emotions can take their toll. As the rather quaint translation in this at the top suggests: be patient; it will pass.

Wishing you all an autumn full of "mellow fruitfulness!"

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- Thursday: Yoga 7.30pm
- for bookings please telephone Maria Cole on 07784 653031

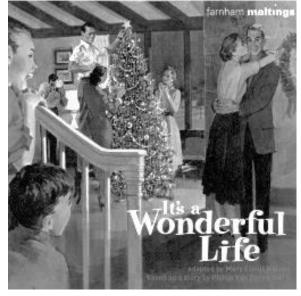
Whaddon WI and Book Club bid Farewell to Betty Ashford



Betty Ashford (seated, fourth from left) was presented with a beautiful orchid and a photo frame by Whaddon WI and Book Club respectively to mark her leaving the village to live in Northampton.

It is au revoir, rather than goodbye, however, as Betty will continue to attend St Mary's Church, where grand-daughter Jessica is Church Organist. Betty came to live in Whaddon in 2004

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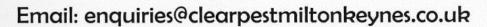




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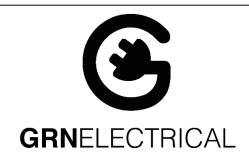
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Saturday 20th June was the culmination of months of preparation for our first fundraising event "The Midsummer Madness Barn Dance & Hoe Down". It was all going so well until the heavens opened as the tents were being erected for the intrepid overnight campers. We had torrential rain, thunder and lightning but none of that was going to dampen our spirits.

By 7pm the skies had cleared and we started to welcome over 200 of Kathleen's family, friends, colleagues, our Whaddon friends, (plus friends of friends) for what was an absolutely wonderful evening.

Whether or not the guests were "stripping the willow", eating hog roast, enjoying a home-made gelato or partaking in a drink from the bar there was still time to get involved in our silent auctions, live auctions, whiskey roll and raffle.

We have been overwhelmed by the support we received and the evening would not have been such a success had it not been for the generosity of so many.

On behalf of 65roses4Kath we would like to sincerely thank everyone who came along and or supported the evening. We would also like to thank all our volunteers, who rolled up their sleeves and helped in any way that they could. (A particular BIG thank you to Sid Vincent, who did an excellent job as our auctioneer, and Pauline Winward who did a marvellous job helping organise the raffle and selling raffle tickets). Thank you too to Julia and Peter Lemagnen and Pete Bush for all their help, and to Ruth Scott for selling raffle tickets.

We are still totalling up the money, but it looks like we will have raised in excess of £14,000.00 and we couldn't have achieved that without you all.

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- We have had a wonderful programme of activities over the last few years and we hope to be able to continue that into the future - but it depends on your support so please contact us to find out how you can help us. Telephone:

Paul Ketteridge - 01296 670 663 / Andrew Fuggle - 01296 714 865

Thank you from enthusiastic and well behaved (most of the time) Gt Horwood Cubs



Number one of two posters to provide an understanding of the size and diversity of the infrastructure managed and maintained by TfB

We maintain...



3200km of carriageway

2400km of footway



Over 28,000 streetlights

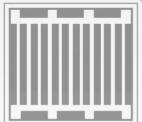


over 100 controlled crossings

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over 79,000 gullies

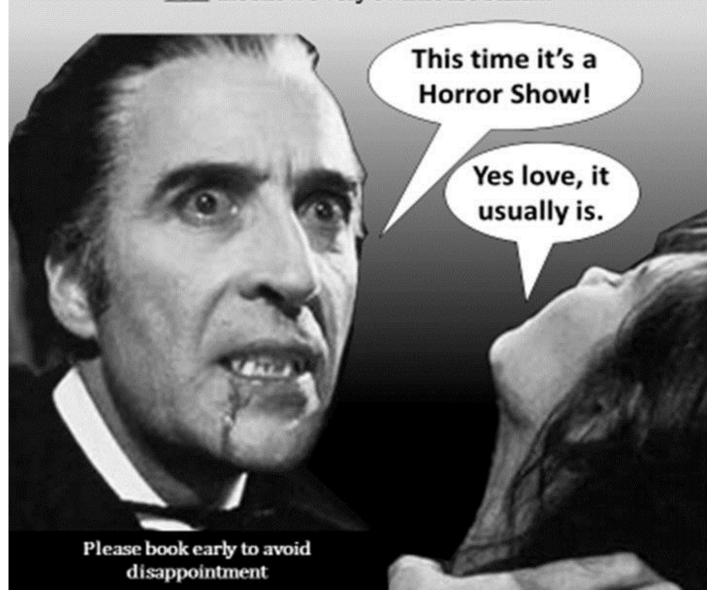


Your assistance with reporting faults you find on this network is welcomed: www.buckscc.gov.uk/telltfb

The Whaddon Show

Fri 30th and Sat 31st October 2015 Whaddon Jubilee Hall £8 Adult £6 Under12 & OAPs Contact Daphne (01908 502088)

All the usual sketches, songs and magic of the quality you've come to expect. Plus the show's very own house band!!!



IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM YOUR EDITOR:

Many of you will know that I have now moved out of Whaddon, to Northampton, and so this will be my last edition of the Whaddon Quarterly.

Whaddon now needs someone to step forward to take over from me as editor / compiler, which is a voluntary, unpaid post.

There are 4 editions per year.

I have a template which the new incumbent can use and it is compiled using Word, then emailed to Suzy, who then kindly prints it and it is delivered by Pauline Winward and Frederick Hayward.

If you can take over from me then please contact me on 07771 702136 / pat@tscevents.co.uk