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Editor's Letter

Welcome to the Summer edition of The Whaddon Quarterly

The last Quarter has been another busy one for the village.

At the beginning of April, a social night was held at the Jubilee Hall including the opportunity to be a pop/rock star for a few minutes on the karaoke. From start to finish, there was no shortage of volunteers to get up on stage to show the crowd what they were made of. It was a fun night and more will be held in the future.

The Whaddon Entertainers performed over two nights in April with the usual mixture of music, merriment, magic and mayhem! Over £500 was raised on the raffle for this year's chosen good cause, the village's own St. Mary's Church. A great time was had by cast, crew & audiences alike. If you would like to get involved in future shows, please keep an eye on notices in future Quarterlies & the Whaddon Entertainers Facebook Page.

St. Mary's bells were rung for the coronation of King Charles III by bellringers from Stony Stratford, Old Wolverton, Hanslope, Mursley and our Whaddon parish councillor, Derek White. What a lovely, joyous sound the bells made as they echoed around the village. God Save the King!

The coronation of King Charles III in May was celebrated in the village with a barbecue, organised by the Jubilee Hall Committee, with help from many others in the village. The May Fayre at the school was also a big success.

Whaddon is a busy village with fun and interesting activities and events to get involved with, should you wish to. Please see the back page with "Dates for your diary" to ensure that you do not miss a thing.

In this edition of the WQ, there is a further update on the Shenley Park Development. You will remember from past editions; the proposed development is large and will have a potentially significant impact on Whaddon village. Please ensure that you read the updates so that you know what to do if you have questions and comments to make.

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

The deadline for the Autumn edition is 18th August with publication planned within 7 days of that date.

Keep safe and enjoy the summer.

Sharon

The Editor

Cheaper Heating Oil, anyone...?

You may not know it, but there's a buying syndicate for heating oil based in Whaddon and for nearby villages.

Operated on a not-for-profit basis, it is entirely free to join and can result in a saving of 4 - 5 pence per litre. Each month, members decide if they'd like to add to a group order (500 litres minimum), and if they do, they email the person who runs the syndicate. The price for a bulk order is negotiated and the order is placed by the syndicate organiser. You then pay the oil company direct at the agreed price and your oil is delivered, usually within 10 days.

Interested? Please email oil@northbucksos.co.uk for more info.

Clerk's Corner



Helpful information from Whaddon Parish Council

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

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

Please contact us via the Jubilee Hall Facebook page or e-mail: whaddonvillagehall@gmail.com for more details.

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

In 2023, we have had the external walls mended & painted as well as the railings. We would like to raise funds going forward to repair and improve the flooring inside the hall. Please help us achieve this by supporting us if you can.

EVENTS since the last Whaddon Quarterly:

Saturday 1st April: The social evening with karaoke was a huge success. Was so good to see so much talent in our village. It was our first event of that kind and certainly won't be the last.

Sunday 7th May: Barbecue to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. The event sold out and it was fabulous to see so many friends and neighbours celebrating this historic event. Thank you to Reverend Dove for running a craft corner to keep the younger members amused.



FUTURE EVENT CALENDAR - Please save the date in your diaries:

Friday 7th July: Quiz night – Doors/Bar opens 7pm. Quiz starts 8pm.

Come along to this popular village event hosted this time by Guy Birch-Jones.

Teams of up to 6 people. £4 per person entry fee payable in advance. There are limited tables so book yours early to avoid disappointment.

Please e-mail whaddonvillagehall@gmail.com to book your table.

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

Whaddon Parish Council

Get to know your Parish Councillors

Graham Stewart

I have been a WPC councillor since March 2005. It is not just about putting something back into the community - which is hugely important & which I have been delighted to be part of since moving to Whaddon from Nash in 1980 - but in my case it's also about trying - in retirement - to continue my life's work and pursue my particular interest in all planning & related housing/development issues. A topic which needs to be closely monitored in the years to come if Whaddon is to retain its individual character, identity & popularity, whilst hopefully trying to improve the ever-worsening traffic problems!

I'm always happy to help those 'councillors in waiting' who might like to join WPC & continue this work to 2040 & beyond!!

Jane Herriman

I am a retired Executive Headteacher of several secondary school trusts which have all been in challenging circumstances, after being trained by the Department for Education to support schools in significant difficulties.

As a recognised National Leader in Education from 2015, I have worked at senior levels to develop high-performing organisations by developing leadership capacity, forging public and private sector relationships and securing local and national funding to support further improvements.

I have served on several trust boards, including as chair, in both executive and non-executive roles, and am currently Chair at Westbury Arts Centre in Shenley Wood, Milton Keynes. My core mantra is engaging with local communities and offering opportunities to further improve communities.

I've lived in Whaddon for 12 years, and I know a number of villagers reasonably well. Do feel free to approach me to get your voice heard!

Peter Lemagnen

I moved to Whaddon in 1998 after living overseas. After a few years I wanted to be able to give back some service to the community that was so welcoming to my family and had the opportunity to join the Parish Council as one of the village councillors. That was 20 years ago this year, and it is still for me, a privilege to be able to serve this wonderful community and our home for the past 26 years.

Derek White

My name is Derek White, and I have served on Whaddon Parish Council for nearly fifty years with just a short break during Covid. I have lived all my life in Whaddon and have been married to Sue for fifty-six years. I worked all my life in agriculture, the first thirty years as Senior Cattle Breeding Technician for MMB at Chase Farm Little Horwood, and the last ten years at Midland Shires Farmers feed mill at Fimere on the transport desk. My hobbies are gardening and ringing church bells.

I think it's important for Whaddon to flourish by welcoming new people and encouraging new ideas, whilst retaining the best of our traditional community values and way of life.

Helen Hickman

I'm Helen and have lived in Whaddon for 35 years. I live at Coddimoor Farm and I co-own Bumpstart Baby Shop with my daughter Susannah. I have been a Parish Councillor for the past 6 years and was re-elected vice chair at our last meeting.

I love the Whaddon community and have many friends living here. I joined the Parish Council to "do my bit" for the village. I have also served as a school governor for Whaddon School, and I've recently joined the PCC for St Mary's Church in Whaddon.

I don't have much spare time, but I love spending it with my family and particularly my grandchildren. I also enjoy reading, travel, theatre and being outdoors.



Back row: Graham Stewart; Jane Herriman; Peter Lemagnen; Derek White
Front Row: Helen Hickman; Billy Stanier

Billy Stanier

I have lived on Nash Road for most of my life, arriving shortly after getting married. I was a commuter to the City of London, but later I turned to farming and then got elected to the Parish Council. Twenty years ago, I became a District Councillor (now part of Buckinghamshire Council) in the Winslow ward and represent you at the Aylesbury meetings. I have a very special Labrador dog which keeps me company, having sadly lost two wives prematurely. My three children and their children remain nearby.

Whaddon Women's Institute



Well, who knew that ceramic painting could be such fun? We discovered our inner Picasso skills at Chiki Ceramiki in March and were amazed to see what we could all do and even more surprised to see the results when we returned to collect our ceramics properly glazed and looking all bright and shiny. Some of us are tempted to go back and do it all again and that is one of the great things about the W.I. as we are encouraged to try new things and find new hobbies.

Lakers Garden Centre once again made us very welcome in April, when we ventured out to look for ideas for our own gardens, and of course to test out the tea and cake, which we would highly recommend!

We all looked forward to our May meeting which this year was not only our birthday celebration, but also our chance to raise a glass to our King and Queen and to celebrate their Coronation. We all brought food to share and had a Coronation quiz and fizz too! In fact, we enjoyed the quiz and fizz so much that we might well do that bit again!!!!



One of our members, Sue, brought along a stunning red, white and blue floral decoration (picture left) and with some Union Jack decorations, we were definitely in the zone.

Some of our members visited the Coronation bus when it visited Milton Keynes, which was a sight to behold. See picture below.

As always, we hope that the sun shines for our garden party in June, but we will enjoy ourselves whatever

the weather. We have such a friendly little group that we can enjoy ourselves anywhere, but of course a little bit of sunshine is the icing on the cake, so if you fancy coming along to find out more, you would be more than welcome any time.



Jill Aitken - Secretary
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Whaddon W.I. Programme 2023 – venue and timings to be confirmed

| | | |
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| June | - | Garden Party |
| July | - | Walk at Howe Park Woods with tea and cake |
| August | - | “Take my hand” story telling with Trudie |
| September | - | Croquet |
| October | - | Bollywood dancing |
| November | - | Annual meeting and social |
| December | - | Christmas meal |

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



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – WHADDON

YOUR LOCAL CO-ORDINATORS

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
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| Peter Beckwith | 6 Old Manor Close | Tel: 01908 503194 |
| Sally Green | Bellsbrook, Church Lane | Tel: Ex -directory |
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| Pauline Winward | 1 Whaddon Hall | Tel: 01908 502559 |

Need to dispose of unwanted knives safely?

Thames Valley Police have asked Neighbourhood Watch to remind residents (following the recent Knife amnesty week - now ended) that there are knife amnesty bins located around this area for you to safely dispose of your knives and bladed articles.



The bins are available to use **all year round** and you can dispose of your knives **anonymously**.

Local Knife amnesty bins are located at the following police station:

Milton Keynes, 302 North Row, Witan Gate East, MK9 2DS

You can find alternative amnesty bins in the following public locations nearby.

Milton Keynes; Westcroft Centre, Wimborne Crescent,

Frank Moran Centre, 12 Melrose Avenue, West Bletchley.

If you have any information about the possession of knives or criminal activity relating to this type of crime, please report online via Thames Valley Police website or call 101.

Alternatively, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers 100% anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Village Car and Content Theft

Sadly, recent village reports suggest that car theft, and car/van content theft is on the increase. Nationally, and very alarmingly, **one car is stolen every 10 minutes**.

Car thieves are opportunists. Leaving an iPad on a car seat or forgetting to lock your car can act as an invitation for crime.

Neighbourhood Watch wants to instil the habit of double-checking where and how you've parked with three simple steps. As a local charity with a trusted voice in the community, NW is asking everyone to proactively support their neighbours and friends by sharing the four steps below, with three others. By spreading the word, they are confident that residents can crack down on car crime which can be deeply distressing and debilitating for its victims. It is essential you leave your car in the safest place and state possible. There are 4 simple steps everyone can take to protect their car and their belongings inside it.

1. Leave your car locked : A simple mistake that can prove calamitous: 44% of cars were broken into via an unlocked door.

2. Leave your car well-lit : 80% of car crime occurs during the evening or at night. Parking near streetlamps or in a busy area can deter thieves.

3. Leave your car empty or with no items on show: Owners often forget that personal belongings within the car are at as much risk of being stolen as the car itself.

4. Secure your keys safely ; Some high value vehicles and makes are stolen to order and thieves have some very sophisticated ways of gaining car entry and starting them, especially 'keyless entry' cars. Protect your keys in a Faraday box (or pouch), which can be bought on eBay/Amazon or any good car accessory shop. (See b) below).

TOP TIPS TO AVOID KEYLESS THEFT

To avoid keyless car theft, remember DISTANCE, SIGNAL, STEERING WHEEL.

a) **KEEP KEYS A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE CAR:** Keep keys far away from doors and windows. This will minimise the chances a thief will be able to find and amplify the key's signal and is general good practice.

b) **BLOCK OR TURN OFF THE SIGNAL:** Consider purchasing a Faraday pouch to keep your car key in. These pouches contain signal-blocking materials that stop your key transmitting its code, preventing crooks from being able to detect and amplify the signal. Check your manual or speak to your dealer to find out if your key can be switched off.

c) **STEERING WHEEL LOCK:** Consider using a steering wheel lock, a driveway parking post, or even a wheel clamp.

And finally, look out for others, if you see anything suspicious report it immediately.

Thank you - Safe and happy driving.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

News from Whaddon's Chase Choir

"Getting to Know You" is a song that we won't be singing at our concert on 10th July, but it's what we've been doing, with our not-so-new Musical Director, Rob Parker, since January. You won't know him though, so why not come along at 7pm on 10th July and we'll put that right?

This is a "save the date" alert: **Chase Choir Summer Concert on 10th July.** Mark your calendars and prepare yourselves for a lovely musical evening.

We'll have some special guests playing for you and some extra surprises thrown in to make the evening a wonderful, summery experience. We can't promise that the weather will behave itself, but what else would you do on a Monday evening? You'll hear some new material, as well as some old favourites, in our newly painted Village Hall, and yes, of course, there will be a bar – this is Whaddon, after all!

Our charity this year is Brain Tumour Research. We wanted to donate to this charity because one of our members is currently undergoing treatment for a brain tumour, (go, Team Lauren!) so it's close to our hearts, and all proceeds from the evening will go to this charity.

Look out for reminders and more information nearer the time. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

If joining a choir is something you've been thinking about for a while, do get in touch and let's get to know you!

Contact Marianna Beckwith: 01908 503194



News from St Mary's Church

Hello everyone, in Whaddon, or further afield,

My last newsletter began with a fervent plea – for someone to take over from Barry and fulfil the role of treasurer for St Mary's. This one begins with a heartfelt thank you, both to Barry, who was a brilliant treasurer for so many years, and to Chris Robinson who has gamely volunteered to inherit the chequebook and all else that being a church treasurer entails. Thank you, Chris, we are delighted that you have stepped in to take on the task.



We've had some joyful services and seen much beauty in and around the church since my last newsletter. Flowers have figured mightily, and we thank everyone who has been involved in the magic of spring blooms: first of all, Mark Carter and his team of merry bulb planters, who braved the cold one morning and planted so many daffodils in the space behind the war memorial. I hope lots of people managed to see them when they bloomed – they had been so cleverly planted that the shape of a cross could clearly be seen, formed by the grass among the flowers. It was as if the war memorial was casting its shadow over them.

On Mothering Sunday, as promised, during the service, posies were offered to all the mums, grannies, aunties and honorary aunties – and there were even some left over to be shared in the village. Thanks to Clare Garland, who made all the posies. Thanks to everyone who decorated the church for the Easter Sunday service too: Lesley Inchley did a stunning arrangement to stand at the front, and I know that Ruth and Alice's mum were responsible for the flowers on the altars and the windowsills.

While I'm in 'thank you' mode, I'd like to add Hazel and her sister Val, who clean the church so regularly, and keep it looking pristine. You take such good care of everything – thank you both. Our regular coffee mornings continue to be happy, successful occasions, much enjoyed by all. Thanks to everyone who is involved in making and serving cakes and drinks, and indeed to all those who come to enjoy them.

The service on Easter Sunday was lovely – the church was full and there was a happy atmosphere. Rupert Bursell kindly officiated, and equally kindly, kept his lesson very short and handed over to Sally to tell the Easter story. You could have heard a pin drop as she talked to the bunch of children who sat at her feet, in rapt attention as she told the story – using a sheet of A4 paper! Indeed, the whole congregation was amazed as she tore and folded the paper to illustrate the story – she made everything, from the palm branches for Palm Sunday to the empty tomb, all from the one sheet of paper!

Well, that's about it for now. I wish you all a happy late spring, and early summertime. The normal services are listed below; please note, though, that on 2nd July we will be holding a Pet Service at 10.30am instead of Forest Church at 3.30pm.

With very best wishes.

Daphne Willis
Church Warden, St Mary's, Whaddon

Normal church services:

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| 1 st Sunday | Forest Church | 3.30pm |
| 2 nd Sunday | Holy Communion | 10.30am |
| 3 rd Sunday | Table Talk | 10.30am |
| 4 th Sunday | Holy Communion | 9.00am |

Please note the change of time for the 4th Sunday service – from 8.30am to 9.00am

Reflections from the Rectory

BY REVEREND JACQUELINE DOVE

Well, it finally feels like Spring has sprung as I write this, as the sun is shining and it's 19 degrees. Though the birds have been heralding spring for some time it has felt like winter has not been willing to completely relinquish her grip. I'm writing this in the garden and there is a yellow butterfly flitting hither and thither and several lawn mowers are competing with the birds, to eradicate the sound of silence. Everything is growing. Earlier our younger dog did a 'doggy-dash-about', which wonderfully captured the *joie de vivre* that is so much easier to grasp on a warm, spring day in May.

I led the Collective Worship at Whaddon Church of England School this morning as Collective Worship is still a part of the national curriculum. Awe and wonder are an integral part of worship and psychologists tell us experiencing a sense of awe and wonder is good for our mental health. I would suggest that many of us experience a sense of awe and wonder when looking up at a cloudless night sky bedecked with stars. Someone referred to stars as the footprints of the angels this week as a group of us gathered at Whaddon to share our faith and learn more about prayer.

I listen to a Psalm being read or sung each morning thanks to the Church of England Daily Prayer app and I loved these words from Psalm 19 recently:

- 1 The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- 2 One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another.
- 3 They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world.

We can feel very small when looking up at an unmasked night sky which is good for us because we can take our noisy thoughts and feelings far too seriously. Instead, the psalms invite us to be still before the mystery of God. The psalms also invite us to lament the terrible pain and loss we suffer as along with Jesus on the cross we cry out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Voicing our anguish is also good for mental health.

Well, I had intended to write about our dogs and the joy and companionship they give us as a way of promoting the Pet Service taking place in Whaddon on the 2nd of July at 10.30am and I ended up talking about the Psalms. Oh well, perhaps someone will feel inspired to write a Psalm for Pets for the Pet Service.

Celebration of Pets - both past and present



At St Mary's Church, Whaddon

Sunday the 2nd July

10.30am

*Bring a pet, or picture of a pet
or soft toy animal to church.*

Dogs on leads, cats and rabbits etc in cages, fish in bowls.

The Whaddon Entertainers

The Whaddon Show 2023

Who knew there was a postcode/class divide in Whaddon when it comes to schools? Having lived in the village for 35 years, I couldn't wait to find out more about the two oh-so-different establishments and the one everyone apparently hates (and where I worked for 8 years), Whaddon School! Blend into the mix the clever concept of showcasing village talent in a show where the sub-plot is about a talent contest: Mark Carter and Guy Birch-Jones certainly pushed the creative boat out for the 2023 Whaddon Show.

As the fearsome head of the sink estate school at Whaddon Hall (always knew they were a dodgy lot up there), Lou Collin played up both her acting skills and her Aussie accent and seemed to have little control over either her students or her staff: the apology at Parents' Evening was especially hilarious. The whole evening was a riot, in all senses of the word, from start to finish. The audience participation was enthusiastically undertaken, from hymns to Chumbawamba, with a bit of Zutons and Chuck Berry thrown in for good measure.

Audience aside, the main talent was undoubtedly onstage. Mark Carter and Guy Birch-Jones co-wrote some brilliant mini-pieces, and Whaddonised other sketches to great comic effect.

They are both talented actors in their own rights too, joined by 20 home-grown talents and "adopted" Whaddoner/exchange student: great work from Tanera Snell! It's always wonderful to see new talent blossom on stage and all 5 of the youngsters who took part did so well: George Carter definitely a chip off the old block, Rose



Ambler-Boateng got a well-earned standing ovation for Rolling in the Deep, and Benjamin Burnett played an excellent new teacher, ignored by his colleagues, only to find his confidence (and a very loud shouty voice) in the end. Annabelle Geddes, as the smallest cast member, was a perfect Annie/shark, and Grace Birch-Jones did well to control the out-of-control magician, Fred. I loved that 4 of these had their dads onstage to embarrass them. I can only imagine what went on at home between rehearsals!

With too many accolades to hand out, special mentions must also be made of the Teenage Dirtbags, the Kevin sketch, the tribute to our much-loved magic man in Fred's Magic Art and the hugely talented house band, directed by Graham Hain, aka Lemmie, showcasing the immense skill of Mark Burnett's harmonica playing, Jamie Spinks, Whaddon's axeman and Chris Mansbridge, powerhouse drummer.

Putting on a show like this of course is not possible without a whole range of skills and talents backstage, so hats off to John Robinson, Chris Robinson and the crew of many, who pulled it off with such a professional level of sound, light, staging and props. Oh, and well done to the bar staff who were quick and efficient! Very important to keep the audience inside!

If you didn't make it to the show this time, my advice would be to be faster with your ticket request next time. It gets more popular each year! What a night!



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SHENLEY PARK

CREST COMMUNITY CONSULTATION.

The recent Crest Nicholson (CN) event held on 24th May, was one which the Government expects developers to undertake with affected communities prior to a planning application being submitted. It was essentially a 'tick box' exercise to gain local opinion, and hopefully overcome or reduce objections from residents when an Outline planning application is submitted, which CN confirmed can now be expected late June/early July, and at which time further comment can be made by residents and any other interested party, during the Statutory public consultation period.

The Outline application is a simple 'red line' application (hopefully supported by a 'Traffic Impact Assessment') to gain approval for the 'principle' of the development which must accord with the policies for the site, specified within the adopted Local Plan to 2033. Sadly, the outline application is unlikely to tell residents much more than what was on display at the exhibition because it will be the 'Reserved Matters' application (showing the detail of the development) that must eventually follow approval of Outline application - but only once Bucks Council have published their 'Supplementary Planning Document' (SPD) in September - which again will be subject to further formal public consultation, for a period of 6 weeks.

This copy goes to press **immediately following** the end of the Whaddon event! Attendance at the Whaddon event was 145 people compared to 115 at the previous Saturday's exhibition at MK. It was apparent at both events that huge resident concern exists, especially on traffic, highway connections, landscape and many, many other related matters. Sadly, it is unlikely that the plans on display at the 'community events will bear much relationship to the eventual detailed Bucks SPD plans once they are published, but without seeing these it is impossible to predict.

Whilst not forgetting the all-important concerns, including: traffic, highway connections, public transport, A421, landscape, community integration, education, health and other issues, one proposal on the Crest 'Design Concept Plan' **one very important issue that should be supported, and which is taken** from the CN plans on display, is the 300m approx. 'Green Gap' between Briary View and the possible school/playing field site, which then extends to 400m approx. to the edge of the built development Distances which could and probably will, be reduced dramatically when detailed plans emerge, and which could 'roundly' highlight the lack of 'listening to' and 'incorporation of' resident opinion. With whatever Green Gap distance that remains, it will be imperative to understand its ownership, future management (MK Parks Trust?) and proposed imminent and future structure, landscaping and possible use (future extended transport route?).

The Crest Nicholson 'Consultation website with plans etc can be found at: - shenleypark.consultationonline.co.uk and will **remain live until the 10th of June**. So, even if you missed the exhibition, you still have a chance to comment (good or bad) via this website. Otherwise please return the forms that were available at the event. Your PC has a few spare paper copies of these forms for those that may have problems accessing or using the internet.

There will be **two much more important consultations** ... **Firstly, the** statutory consultation following any Crest Nicholson 'Outline' Planning Application, which against BC advice, is expected to be submitted in June, and **Secondly**, when BC publish their Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which is a requirement of the Adopted Local Plan, and which is now expected to be published and held in September. This should be based on an Illustrative Master Plan, showing highway/traffic implications and connections, land uses, green corridors, landscaping etc. and will last for 6 weeks, allowing sufficient time for comments to be submitted. WPC have specifically requested that BC hold a proper 'Drop-in' Village Hall Exhibition, attended by BC Officers, and **confirmation has just been received** that this will occur at the commencement of the public consultation period (Date to be confirmed - but expected in September).

The SPD, once adopted as policy by Bucks Council, should then guide any 'Reserved Matters' planning application submitted by CN developers. It is hoped that the developers will follow this process, but BC cannot control developer actions or indeed their time scales. If CN were to submit a Reserved Matters planning application before the SPD is adopted (which may not follow the approved SPD guidance contained therein), it could be

considered 'premature', running the risk of being refused, but the Government NPPG on 'Prematurity' suggests that this is unlikely to happen!

RESPONSE SUGGESTIONS.

As there will not be a further edition of the WQ before the expected Crest Outline planning application in June, the following points contain some of WPC views and questions, although residents will undoubtedly have their own concerns and opinions.

- a) Extra traffic generation from some 1265 new homes; how to stop rat-running: new road layouts; future of Shenley Road and Coddimoor Lane.
 - b) A421 dualling; how much and where?
 - c) Width of 'green gap' separating Whaddon from the development edge; ownership and future management? what should be the function and purpose of this land; will highway reservation land be identified for longer term expansion?
 - d) How will the village/parish cope with some 3,100 new residents - school, healthcare, recreation, church and burials; household waste recycling centres; road/footpath safety and improvement of existing traffic calming (including along Coddimoor Lane) ... without compromising the survival of existing facilities?
 - e) How to successfully integrate the physical and social infrastructure of the two communities?
 - f) What are the full results of the ongoing archaeology investigations, and recent traffic volume studies - both undertaken by CN by their consultants?
 - h) What benefits should Whaddon, and the community derive from this development?
- Etc.

EMERGING BUCKINGHAMSHIRE LOCAL PLAN

In March, WPC submitted a response to the 'Infrastructure Baseline' consultation - part of the emerging BC - New Local Plan to 2040. Further comments on the current 'Vision and Objectives' consultation were agreed at the recent May WPC meeting and duly submitted.

It is now expected that BC will, during Wintertime, publish a 'Draft Options' version of the Plan that will hopefully describe/outline the different ways any new housing sites (and there will be many), might be delivered (i.e., expand existing towns and villages, possible new 'stand-alone' settlements, sites supporting main transport routes etc.) and this may even include a 'possible site inclusion' list, which could impact further on Whaddon. This would effectively be a 'Growth Scenarios' consultation, where WPC (and residents) will be able to make their views known. Bearing in mind the various stages that the New Local Plan still has to go through it is unlikely that BC will meet the end 2025 deadline for its production, so they are considering revised Government timetables to see how best to proceed.

NOTE: With this in mind, it is extremely interesting to see the list of '**Greenfield Sites**' that have been promoted by developers and landowners during a recent '**Call for Sites**' exercise by BC, and how some of these might impact Whaddon village in the next Local Plan period from 2033 up to 2040. Clearly Bucks Council have an immense amount of work to undertake before they are able to select sufficient appropriate sites throughout the County to fulfil Government housing requirements, but when thinking about the next Shenley Park development consultation (Crest Nicholson Outline Planning Application in June?) and then again for the BC - SPD document in September, it might be worth bearing in mind the longer-term impact of future possible growth scenarios Although any questions to BC on that subject will, almost certainly, be deflected and met with the answer "*that is a decision for the next Local Plan and no decisions in that respect have yet been made!*"

PLAN and SITE LIST INCLUDED HERE. (A,B,C & D)

Promoted sites include:-

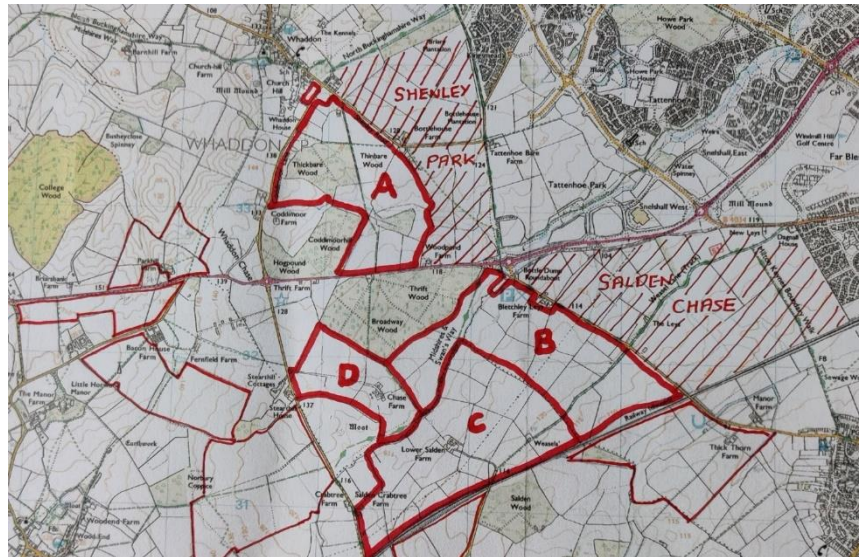
A: Shenley Park extension - 75ha (186 acres)

B: S.W. Milton Keynes, Salden Chase extension - 91ha (225 acres)

C: Crabtree Farm & Lower Salden Farm - 88ha (217 acres)

D: Chase Farm - 33ha (81 acres)

The information is now in the public arena and can be shared. The small Weatherby field on the corner of Coddimoor Lane (shown but with no lettering), is listed as being 1.13ha (2.5 acres)



Coronation Memories of Billy Stanier

To say that I took part in the Queen's Coronation in June 1953 means that I must admit to being of a certain age!

The previous year, in February 1952, when I was at school near Windsor, King George VI had died and the Cadet Corps of my school was roped in to line the route inside Windsor Castle between the Round Tower and St George's Chapel for the arrival of the coffin, which came by train from Paddington Station in London and then by carriage from Windsor Station to the Castle. We were told to bow our heads on to our rifle butts reversed, as the procession came past but I could not resist, at one moment, a quick upward glance which was just as the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill's carriage passed.

Fast forward a year and I had won a Commission to become an officer in the Welsh Guards while still eighteen. I was posted to Aldershot where we were rehearsing for the Coronation, getting used to our bearskin caps, red tunics, and sword drill. The night before the momentous day, we all came up to London to be ready for a start before dawn. We slept on the floor at Chelsea Barracks as the Scots Guards already occupied it. We rose at dawn and were on the way by seven o'clock marching towards our street lining positions in The Mall. And it was raining hard. (It was statistically the least likely date to be wet!) We had to settle down for a long wait but there was plenty to watch as thousands of troops from the British Empire and Commonwealth nations passed by to take up their own positions. I also had to ensure over the ensuing hours that my platoon of around thirty men had something to eat and toilet opportunities, a few at a time.

Early afternoon in a steady drizzle, the procession started to come past us on its long journey around Central London. The countries of the British Empire and Commonwealth (and other nations too) paraded in vast numbers together with the new Queen and Prince Philip. It seemed to go on forever. One of the highlights was Queen Salote of Tonga, an enormous woman with the biggest of smiling grins, who waved and beamed continually from an open carriage despite getting so very wet as a result. Eventually it ended, and we made our way back to Chelsea Barracks. All had gone well, and it had been truly unforgettable.

I managed to catch up that evening with my father who was not long retired from thirty-two years' service with the Welsh Guards in two world wars. He had been ushering at Westminster Abbey I still have the Coronation stools on which he and my mother sat.

We could not record television in those days (not that my parents had a set!) so a few days later, it was off to the cinema to see the full-length technicolor film of the Coronation with all the bits that I had not witnessed.

It was an unforgettable day 70 years ago and I am sure that the Coronation of 2023 will have been equally amazing and impressive in its own way reflecting the many changes since 1953.

Billy Stanier
May 2023



Thinking about the sun and your skin

Summer is almost upon us.

Whether you plan to escape for a much-deserved getaway or relax at home, we all know that getting outside in the fresh air and doing some exercise is great for our mental and physical wellbeing – you'll get some much-needed Vitamin D from the sun, which helps keep bones, teeth and muscles healthy.

With being outdoors in mind, we wanted to share some tips to keep you safe in the sun, and these tips are useful all year round.



Slip, slop, slap

We've all heard it but it's so, so important: part of enjoying the sun healthily is to use sunscreen. Did you know it takes an average of 30 minutes for sun cream to soak into your skin? Even on a cloudy day, 80% of UV rays can pass through fog and clouds, so don't get caught out.

Every two hours in the sun you should apply 30g of sun cream to your body – that's equivalent to a shot glass! A Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 30 or above gives 97% broad spectrum protection from harmful rays for most people, and most activities.

Limit your time in the sun during the hottest part of the day – 10:00 to 16:00 – as that's when the UVA and UVB rays are at their strongest. If your shadow is shorter than you are then you're in the sun at its brightest, so think about finding some shade to avoid sunburn.

Sunglasses, a wide-brimmed hat and protective clothing can help give you more coverage, especially if you're near reflective surfaces like water.

Keep yourself hydrated. Don't wait until you feel thirsty as that means you're already dehydrated, which can lead to headaches, lack of concentration and dizziness. NHS guidelines recommend eight glasses of water a day – why not add some slices of fruit for something a little bit of flavour?

Summer is a great time to eat healthily, ensuring there are plenty of fresh, seasonal fruit and vegetables on your plate (try and regularly eat each colour of the rainbow).

The vitamins and antioxidants in vegetables help to protect cells from the effects of UV radiation; leafy greens and tomatoes are particularly good.

Omega-3 fats help reduce inflammation and promote healing. Good sources include fish (such as sardines and salmon), eggs, flaxseed and walnuts.

Other healthy saturated fats, like coconut oil and avocado oil, are the building blocks of healthy skin, hair and nails.

Antioxidant-rich foods such as vegetables, berries, beans, nuts and green or black tea help reduce inflammation as well as protect against sunburn and skin damage.

Embrace the sunshine and the (hopefully) warm and long summer but do take care of yourselves whilst enjoying the benefits.

Tom's Story -The life and times of Tom Short, by Tony Everitt

Tom is well known in the village. Anecdotes from his life, written by John Mortimer, have been included from time to time in The Whaddon Quarterly. Now, a full biography of Tom's life has been published.

Born in 1933, Tom retains a phenomenal memory. This has been extended by thorough research, creating a unique family and local history centred almost exclusively on a small rural area of North Bucks. Fascinating facts relating to family members back to the mid-1800s have been revealed, including a transportation to Tasmania, a village pub landlord for 45 years, death & injury whilst serving with a yeomanry cavalry regiment during WW1, and one man who survived the war but was killed during a fight shortly afterwards.

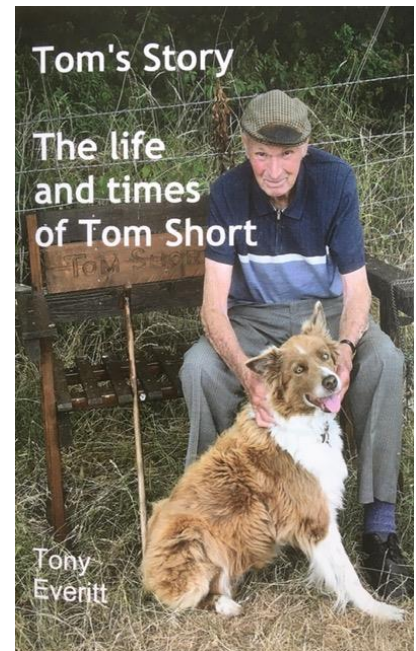
Tom was aged 4 when in 1937 his family moved to a farm near Stewkley. He describes how they adapted to a hard life on the pre mechanised farm, with no utility services of any kind. He was aged 6 when WW2 began. Wing Airfield was built on an adjoining field. Despite his young age, he did his bit for the war effort. Memories of plane crashes, bombings, and adapting to war conditions show that the fear of invasion was as real for country people as it was for those in the towns and cities. Contemporaneous council records and a family diary confirm the events. Aged 12, following the war, Tom attended Bletchley Road School. He spent much time at the now famous Bletchley Park.

The Shorts were at the farm for 24 years, but Tom left home in 1954 when he married a Mursley girl, Pat Harris. They soon moved to Dove Street, raising their children Steve and Melanie. In 1968 Tom and his family moved to the Lowndes Arms pub in Whaddon. He was the landlord there for 7 years, and he recalls some fascinating customers, and events associated with the pub. After leaving the Lowndes Arms, in 1975, Tom went to work as a part time barman at The Two Brewers in Thornborough and was there for 17 years.

Tom has now lived in or near Whaddon for 55 years. He lived at the old 'The Oaks' farmhouse for 19 years and has lived in Stock Lane for 27 years. 'The story' summarises his life, the many societal changes that have taken place, and the interesting acquaintances he has encountered. One chapter tells of his lifelong passion for horses and horse racing. Real life crimes are mentioned, as are suspected ghost activities. The book is full of nostalgia, poignancy, and humour.

The writer, Tony Everitt was a policeman for 30 years, retiring in 2004. He then worked for the government in national security vetting. The book explains how he and Tom met, and how their friendship developed. Despite having met so many people, (the good and the bad of society), Tony considers Tom Short to be one of the most interesting people he has encountered!

'Tom's Story – The life and times of Tom Short' is a 200-page paperback. It is available through the publisher www.feedaread.com and soon from Amazon Books, or from other principal book sellers. For a limited period, it can be purchased from Mursley Farm Shop. A discounted 'cash only' sale & signing of the book will take place at the Farm Shop, with Tony, and Tom (if health permits) in attendance, on Saturday 17th June between 11am and 3pm. Also, for a limited period the book can be purchased from The Two Brewers pub in Thornborough.



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How Miss Eileen became Lady Cruise – Part 1

A 'breezy admiral', a 'floozy', a royal eye surgeon and a young woman golfer representing Scotland. What more do we need to create a portrait of life in 1920s Whaddon? By JOHN MORTIMER.

THIS latest History half-hour continues the theme of previous epistles: a micro-history of Whaddon and its people down the ages: the watchmaker from Chelsea, the groom, the farrier (yes, there was even a Worshipful Company of Farriers as far back as the 14th Century), the vicar, the vicar's daughter, the carpenter, the joiner, the farmer, the cooper, the innkeeper, the policeman, the shopkeeper, and so on. All in Whaddon at one time or another.

We don't know, of course, what they said, or how they felt, but from newspaper reports, we do have an idea of what was going on way back. But here we look back on one particular lady, an unassuming lady in a photograph, who did indeed become a Lady.

Looking back in time

IS IT worth the ink to look back in time? Well, that may be worth a moment or two as a subject for debate at Whaddon's *Lowndes Arms* over a G&T or a pint of Best.

Certainly, what follows here highlights how Whaddon resonated with London's 1920s and 1930s glitterati. So perhaps it's not surprising Whaddon Hall came to be singled out as a top-secret location for part of Britain's intelligence services in WW2.

But take another look at that photograph in the last WQ. Did you take particular notice in that moment, frozen in time by the click of a shutter, of a group standing in front of shot game? An image of Britishness; or, maybe, past Britishness?

Some might have viewed the photograph as a bugle-call to traditionalism and elitism; many more may not. Aside from that, look again at the photograph. And the young woman in the middle of the group: Miss Eileen Greenless.

Only her name was not Greenless at all. That 1926 article misspelt her surname, surely causing some people then at Whaddon Hall good cause to be very cross. Her real name was Miss Eileen Greenlees.

Just to remind you, here **(right)** is part of that photograph with Miss Eileen Greenlees next to Colonel and Mrs Selby Lowndes.

To my eyes, there *was* something fascinating, special even, about Miss Eileen. I could not quite put my finger on it. Indefinable. I was thrown too, by the name Greenless; my ancestry.co.uk research proved fruitless.

However, two new-found friends soon put me right. Read on ...



A classy, sporty young woman

The former 1920s Whaddon Hall resident turned out to be a classy, rather sporty young woman who became surrounded by some very, very interesting people, and one in particular.

But to uncover Miss Eileen's true identity, I am indebted to Ruth Cammies and her friend, Amanda Saladine, for using their family history research skills; they located Eileen's marriage record, that set the wheels in motion, but more of that later.

So, how *did* Miss Eileen Greenlees, born in Scotland, and her mother come to be photographed amidst that Whaddon shoot in December 1926? And what became of Miss Eileen? That's the theme of this portrait of the foxhunting clan that inhabited Whaddon Hall.

The Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News was not the only newspaper to misspell Miss Eileen's surname: others did too. It was an easy, but careless mistake.

The first newspaper to carry that late 1926 photograph of the Whaddon Hall shoot was the *Daily Mirror* of Monday, 29th November 1926. It carried another photograph (**right**). In typical *Mirror* style, words were few and far between: "Out for the shoot. Miss Eileen Greenlees loading during the shoot at Whaddon with Colonel Selby Lowndes."

More than a week later, *The Sketch* caught up with the *Mirror*. On Wednesday, 8th December 1926 it even went a step further, offering readers several photographs under the headline: "At Whaddon Hall and Stanford Hall: Shooting party. Pictures."

The photograph was identical to the *Mirror's*. Its caption: "A lady loader. Miss Eileen Greenlees loading for Colonel W Selby Lowndes."

Both photographs suggest the two people were 'close', as well they might be: father and stepdaughter no less. Now, how many would know that? There was no reference to that fact. And were newspapers and other publications which printed it aware of the situation?

But discovering that and much more about Miss Eileen required research in some excellent websites such as britishnewspapersarchives.co.uk, findmypast.co.uk, and ancestry.co.uk.

Miss Eileen's name appears many times in the golfing and steeplechasing press of the 1920s, suggesting she was indeed a sporting young lady.

Aged 20, Miss Eileen appeared first in *The Scotsman* of Wednesday, 28th April 1920, following a wedding in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh. The account indicates the elevated class of society in which Miss Eileen circulated.

The newspaper reported: "Yesterday afternoon, the wedding was solemnised of Mr Thomas Heywood Coats and Miss Olivia Violet Pitman, daughter of Mr and Mrs J C Pitman of 1 Glenfinlas Street, Edinburgh.

"Presents were gifted by guests, including Lords, Ladies and Marchionesses. For example, silver salvers were received from Major A Coats, Mr T C Glen-Coate, Sir Kay and Lady Muir, Mr F J Muir, Miss Villiers Stuart and Colonel and Mrs Pollen."

The Scotsman added: "Lady Muir sent a silver tea service, while Mrs T Glen Wotherspoon and Miss Eileen Greenlees gave a set of silver entree dishes." Remember that name: Wotherspoon. We'll come across it again soon.

A championship golfer

It emerged from other news items in *The Scotsman* and elsewhere that Miss Eileen was indeed sporty: she represented Troon, in Scotland, as an active golfer, readily participating in competitions at Turnberry, Gleneagles and elsewhere.

The *Northern Whig* of Wednesday, 1st June 1921, reported under LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP: "At the great match at Turnberry yesterday, Miss Leitch successfully warded off another determined American challenge for her title of British champion, while Miss Eileen Greenlees (Troon) beat Mrs Hill (Weybridge).

Miss Eileen enjoyed other interests. In 1921, she visited the south of France, returning to Tilbury docks, in Essex, from Toulon in January 1922 aboard Orient Line's *RMS Ormonde*. Miss Eileen's family obviously had money.





First class dining room of *RMS Ormonde*

Whether Miss Eileen travelled first class is uncertain; she certainly travelled alone. The *Ormonde's* first-class public rooms were fitted out in true British style: rich timbers, marble, and fine carpets.

For Miss Eileen, the voyage offered a glimpse of some new shores ahead of her return to London. She declared 'nil' as her occupation.

Meanwhile, Miss Eileen's father, Matthew, a self-made businessman, took a keen interest in sports too. A prominent figure with the Renfrewshire Foxhounds, he was also well-known for many years as one of the finest amateur yachtsmen on the Firth of Clyde with his boat, *Noyra*.

A fellow yachtsman on the Clyde, and one well known to Matthew was Thomas Wotherspoon; he also enjoyed foxhunting. In fact, the two men had much in common. Thomas was also a self-made man; he manufactured starch in Monkton, being Matthew's senior by 15 years.

The *Glasgow Herald* of Saturday, 19th May 1900 captured the pair together. It reported the West of Scotland Regatta: "The second fixture of the new Clyde programme will be carried through from Greenock to-day by the West of Scotland Yacht Club. Four boats will represent the 20-ton class, the addition being Mr B W T Morris' *Rosemary*. The others are Mr MacIvor's *Avalon*, Mr MacLaren's *Snarleygow*, and Mr M Greenlees's *Noyra*. Mr T G Wotherspoon's *Tigris* was launched in the middle of the week, but she is not far enough advanced for today's match."

The Greenlees family enjoyed good living at their home, *Greenside*; their live-in servants were Christine, 36, Bella, 25 and Mary, 33.

A surprising turn of events

Sadly, Matthew died on 15th May 1903, aged just 35. His wife, Maude, and Eileen were 25 and 3 respectively.

The Will of Matthew, sole partner of manufacturer Messrs M Greenlees & Sons of 167 George-street, Paisley, near Glasgow, shows he left £46,678; that amount is worth £6,047,433 today. Six million pounds!

Matthew's premature death shocked mother and daughter; none more so than Maude, who could have expected many years ahead with her husband. Suddenly, Maude was a young widow; she and daughter Eileen were alone in a very large house with servants.

However, Maude was not entirely alone. Through Matthew's foxhunting and sailing activities, Maude knew his 'best buddy', the self-made starch maker Thomas Glen Wotherspoon. He attended Matthew's funeral, no doubt supporting the newly widowed, but very rich mother.

Clearly, something 'clicked' between Maude and Thomas. They married five years later on 1st February 1908; Maude was coming up to 30 years of age, with Thomas aged 44.

Everything seemed to go well for several years with Miss Eileen, in particular, developing a passion for golf.

Except that in 1922, there was more family drama. Thomas passed away, aged 58, leaving Maude, still only 44, a widow once again. However, from then onwards, amid the dark clouds of sorrow for those left behind – namely, Miss Eileen and Maude – events moved apace.

A fearless knight at Whaddon Hall

Meanwhile, hundreds of miles away, across the border, in England, a tall, statuesque figure, a knight of the realm, no less, increasingly became a common sight in Buckinghamshire; in Whaddon no less.

He appeared initially within the Whaddon Chase Hunt and, later, at Whaddon Hall itself. As a well-known London society figure, Sir Richard Cruise frequently attracted the attention of newspaper editors around the country through his skill and determination as a skilful and fearless horseman. An aristo hero.

Sir Richard was born in 1876; at Purneah, India, His father, Francis, died three years later and never saw his son attend Harrow School. His mother, Frideswide, came from Waterstown, County Meath. How on earth did they meet?

Sir Richard received his medical training at St Mary's Hospital. After qualifying in 1900, he specialized as an ophthalmologist, serving as senior clinical ophthalmic assistant at St Mary's and as chief clinical assistant at the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields.

A house surgeon at Bristol Eye Hospital, he worked too at the Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark; in Paris and at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital to whose staff he was elected in 1909 and where ultimately, he became a consulting surgeon.

In 1934, Sir Richard founded a research scholarship at the hospital. Engaged as consulting ophthalmic surgeon to Harrow Hospital, he became ophthalmic surgeon to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers. In August 1914, he received a commission as a captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) and served in France and at the 3rd London General Hospital at Wandsworth.

He excelled through the extraction of cataracts through iridectomy, and in obtaining perfect drainage in operations for glaucoma. He was for many years surgeon oculist to King George V and on the King's death in 1936, he became surgeon oculist to Queen Mary, an office he held until the end of his life. And so, when at work, Sir Richard naturally generated the air of a confident, assertive, and authoritative individual.

Next time. Find out more about how Maude and Eileen found themselves in Whaddon Hall.

WHADDON PLANNING SNIPPETS

As this copy goes to press, these are the latest updates on old and new planning applications. Full details of these and other recent applications can be viewed on the Buckinghamshire Council planning web page at :- <https://publicaccess.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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

CURRENT LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

And :-

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

Despite chasing BC several times for updates (nothing has appeared on their planning website since 10 Oct 22), no response received. As far as WPC knows, both applications remain undetermined. WPC received confirmation that adult care provision historically undertaken will be safeguarded, although it is understood that some highway & environmental concerns may remain.

A final decision on both applications is still awaited.

23/01338/APP - Householder application for single storey rear extension - 6 Briary View

Although deeper than the 'Permitted Development' 4m rule, it is not in a Conservation Area, which enables it to go up to 6m deep - subject to a Prior Approval Application. WPC has submitted a No Objection response.

A final decision is awaited from BC.

23/01005/APP - Householder application for conversion of integral double garage into habitable space and changes to fenestration. Erection of detached double garage - 16 High Street, Whaddon

Having considered this application a **No Objection in principle** response was submitted, but some slight concerns were raised, with a request that these be considered by the appropriate BC planning departments.

A final decision is awaited from BC.

URGENT - PLEASE NOTE:-

To consider the approach from Novus regarding a proposed Solar Energy Project to be located at Oaks Farm, off Stratford Road.

There has been a recent Scoping Opinion approach to BC from applicants, who are considering making a planning application for a development of a 37MW Solar Farm, Substation, and supporting infrastructure on this 46.5ha (115-acre site) in the Whaddon/Nash valley - beyond the access to Oaks Farm - on the left, at the end of the long Stratford Road 'straight', as you leave the village.

BC decided by delegated powers on 16th March that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not necessary and considered that all of WPC concerns would be addressed by detailed officer reports if and when Novus submitted a formal planning application. So....

IMPORTANT UPDATE AND DIARY DATES :-

The applicants have asked to introduce their scheme to WPC and having accepted they are expected to attend the **September 14th meeting, 7.00pm in the Chapel, Stock Lane**. Residents are encouraged to attend to learn more and to ask any questions.

In addition, Novus have booked the Jubilee Village Hall, for a 'drop-in' event to further introduce their scheme and possible planning application, on **Wednesday 5th July** (times to be confirmed). Residents are encouraged to attend this exhibition, to understand the implications for this 30-year project that, if approved would be very visible within a highly 'valued landscape'.

This 'Novus' approach would satisfy Government advice for developers to hold 'public Community Events' on major planning applications prior to making a formal planning application so that resident concerns can be considered, hopefully overcome and incorporated in any scheme thereby limiting objections at a later stage.

To view the applicants solar farm activities, visit <https://innova.co.uk/renewable-hub/>

For Information :- Similar local solar farm applications have already been submitted at Manor Farm, Beachampton (22/03492/APP) where a final decision is currently delayed awaiting results of a bird survey.; Stratford Road, Beachampton 20/04311/APP (approved); Mursley Road, Little Horwood, 19/04485/APP (approved); These can all be accessed and viewed on the BC planning website:-

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



Winslow Lions Club

On yer Bike!



Winslow Wheelers Cycle Club

Whether you're a sporty cyclist, with a super lightweight machine, or someone who only rides the family bicycle to the shops there's something in the **North Bucks Bike Ride** for you. Last year more than three hundred people joined us for a great day out and on **16th July** we're doing it all again.



Leisure riders passing through the grounds of Claydon House

For casual cyclists and family groups there are **Leisure Ride** options of 20km and 30km rides through the beautiful North Bucks countryside with optional stops at four fantastic local attractions. All are offering **FREE ENTRY** on the day for those taking part in the North Bucks Bike Ride.

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Way back in 1653 (yes, 370 years ago!) William Elmer, a resident of this area died, and through his Will, founded a Charity for 'Educational Purposes' in favour of the Ancient Parishes of Beachampton, Maids Moreton, Whaddon, Calverton and Nash.

This Charity still exists today with the original fund worth in the order of £25,000. After the proper costs and expenses of running the Charity, the income from the investment (the investment itself cannot be touched), is used to promote the education of those between 18 and 25 years. The fund provides financial assistance for; ***“Clothing, tools, instruments or books to assist such persons to pursue their education (including music and other arts), to undertake travel in furtherance thereof, or to prepare for or enter a profession, trade, occupation or service on leaving school, university or other educational establishment”***. The grants, if applicable, agreed and awarded, are not huge, and depend on the amount of investment 'interest' earned and the number of eligible persons applying, but can range from £25 - £100. Recent recipients have used such sums towards books and stationery (but not any actual educational fees).

The grants are not means tested and are available to all.

There is a simple application form to complete, and grants are paid on the production of receipts. Applicants can apply more than once, whilst attending Further Education Colleges or University up to the age of 25.

For further information and an application form, please contact either of the two Whaddon trustees: **Derek White** or **Graham Stewart**.

Please Note: Mr Elmer at the same time set up a second charity - **The Elmer's Charity** - which all those years ago was set up for 'poor persons' to provide them with 'clothes, boots, blankets, fuel, medical or other aid in sickness'. Times have moved on, and the trustees now have a little more scope in how the income from this larger fund can be spent. Over many years deserving residents of Whaddon have been helped.

If you are in need, please contact the trustees **in confidence**, or the Trust Secretary, Miss K Phillips email:- elmerscharity@gmail.com

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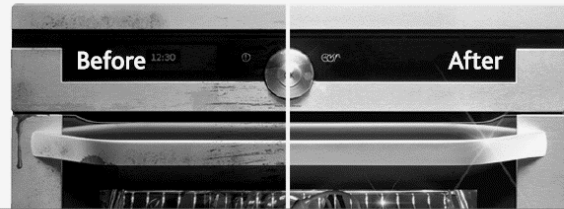
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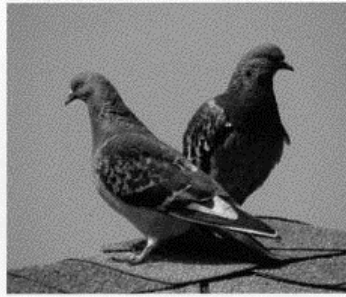
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What's happening in Whaddon?



Dates for your diary

JUNE: WI Garden Party. Contact Jill Aitken for more details, see Page 8.

SATURDAY 3rd JUNE: Coffee morning 10am-12pm at St. Mary's Church to raise much needed funds.

SATURDAY 1st JULY: Coffee morning 10am-12pm at St. Mary's Church to raise much needed funds.

FRIDAY 7th JULY: Quiz Night at Jubilee Village Hall. See Page 6 for more details.

MONDAY 10th JULY: Chase Choir Summer concert – see Page 10 for more details.

THURSDAY 13th JULY: Whaddon Parish Council meeting 7pm at The Chapel, Stock Lane.

JULY: WI Walk at Howe Park Woods. Contact Jill Aitken for more details, see Page 8.

SATURDAY 5th AUGUST: Coffee morning 10am-12pm at St. Mary's Church to raise much needed funds.

2024 Save the date:

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

Regular events across the village

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAYS: Church activities, please see Page 11 for more details.