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Autumn 2024



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Editor's Letter

Welcome to the Autumn edition of The Whaddon Quarterly

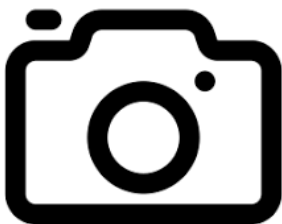
Hello readers!

As a village, we have had a pretty busy summer! The Village Hall and the Church have both played host to some memorable events. Who could forget Sid dressed as a chicken at the Whaddon Show or rocking in the aisle (and the pews) in St Mary's Church courtesy of V2?! Looking ahead to the Autumn and Winter, we have a packed programme of events to look forward to. Your support and participation are very much appreciated and really brings the community together.

Special credit for this quarter's cover picture goes to Guy Birch-Jones for the "Whaddon Elephant" taken at the Beacon Lighting on 6th June.

I would like to thank everyone for sending their contributions in such a timely manner, Please do keep sending articles to wqeditor@whaddonbucks-pc.gov.uk and the deadline for the Winter edition is **15th November 2024** with publication planned within 7 days.

Sally
Editor



Are you an enthusiastic photographer?

If you would like your picture to be considered for the front cover, please submit to

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Whaddon Parish Council Chairman's Report

Whaddon has been striving to preserve its rural heritage for over half a century. As long ago as the 1960s, a concept was born of a North Bucks new town, but initially, we did not know exactly where its boundaries would be: it could have centred on Whaddon, but, as we got to know, it didn't reach quite as far as us.

In the period since Milton Keynes was born, we have had to fight to maintain our landscape, successfully opposing the "Over the Ridge" proposal adjacent to Shenley Dens, (north of the village), some 20 years ago. More recently, Buckinghamshire Council decided to fulfil its housing numbers by including Shenley Park on the eastern side of the village. Now we hear that Shenley Dens is back on the Milton Keynes agenda again.

All of us, especially your Parish Council, must try to ensure the best outcome for the village. Traffic through the village is one of the most important issues, and it is vital that we do not become an escape route round the edge of the city, especially as the A421 is already so overcrowded. The difference between the two areas is that Shenley Park is part of Buckinghamshire, whereas Shenley Dens is part of Milton Keynes. Shenley Park effectively means a very different and much bigger village (or 2 villages?) with consequences for not only the Parish council, but the village hall, the school, the church etc. A smooth transition must be achieved in the next few years. We shall look to our newly elected MP to be our ally.

Cllr Billy Stanier Chairman
Whaddon Parish Council



Clerk's Corner

**Helpful information from
Whaddon Parish Council**

Help with Avoiding Bank Scams

The main banks have introduced a quick and easy phone number – **159** – if you need urgent help with a banking scam and need to get in touch with your bank quickly. Don't get tricked into handing over your personal details or money. **Stop! Hang Up! Ring 159!** And remember - 159 will NEVER ring you.

New Contact Information for WPC

With expansion of the Parish in mind, WPC now has a dedicated phone number and address. Going forward, please call 07903 187417 and address any mail to P O Box 6542, Milton Keynes, MK10 1YY.

Dates of Whaddon Parish Council Meeting(s):

All meetings held at The Chapel, Stock Lane, MK170LU.

Start time: 7.00pm

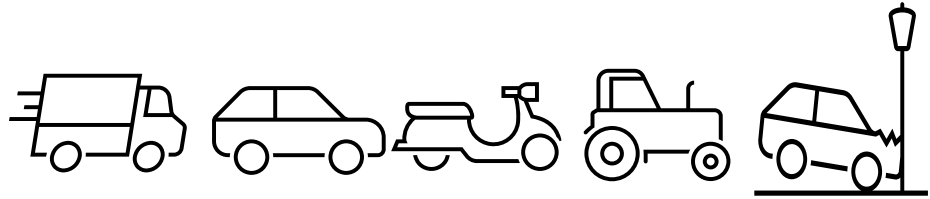
- 12th September 2024
- 14th November 2024,
- 9th January 2025
- 13th March 2025

Meetings are generally every other month on 2nd Thursday, but please check the Village Notice Board on the bus stop to confirm these dates and the location, as these can be subject to change. All welcome to attend!

Full details are also on the WPC website

www.whaddonbucks-pc.gov.uk

All welcome!



What to do about the Traffic?!?!?!? Volunteers Needed!

A trawl through WPC’s archives throws up files full of concerns and complaints about traffic, going back to the 1980s and probably long before that if those old files were still around. It is one of today’s hottest village topics and focus of much concern about the future.

Back in May 2008, thirty-two intrepid Whaddon Residents signed up to do a Community Speed Watch (CSW) initiative. Over a period of about a week, teams of volunteers in Hi-Viz jackets manned the checkpoints and recorded the passing vehicles and their speeds on Stock Lane. Speeders’ details were sent to TVP and they received a warning letter. Opinions on how successful this was in catching speeders and deterring future speeding were mixed.

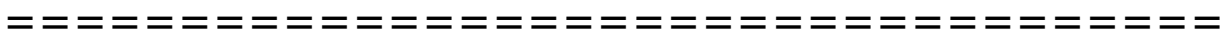
WPC is frequently approached by residents suggesting a Community Speed Watch initiative would be a good idea. So, WPC has been in touch with an adjoining parish and secured their help and support to set up a CSW initiative in this village. They would help with both advice on how to set up a CSW Group and the loan of equipment.

To undertake a Community Speed Watch Project, we would need....

- A volunteer to plan and lead the project
- A group of volunteers to take turns to do the monitoring
- A volunteer with IT skills and a computer to sort out the data collected and upload it into the police database.
- Secure storage for the equipment when located in the village.

Volunteers would need to set up a local CSW group online and each one undertake an online training course at <https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/>, which must be completed and passed to authorise them to participate. Then there would be training on the correct setup and use of the equipment provided. The equipment would need to be collected and returned to the adjacent parish and stored in a safe place in the interim. And, of course, your time would be needed for the actual traffic monitoring.

Your Village Needs YOU!!!! If you would like to volunteer to play a role in a Community Speed Watch Initiative in Whaddon, please contact the Clerk at Clerk@Whaddonbucks-pc.gov.uk or on 07903 187417.





PUBLIC MEETING

Whaddon Parish Council is pleased to invite Residents to an Important Public Meeting:

**Wed. 28th August - 7.30pm
Whaddon Jubilee Hall**

Speaker: Callum Anderson MP

Topics for discussion will be varied and interesting, touching on local planning, transport issues, and community health.

If you have any specific questions for Mr Anderson, please forward them to the Parish Clerk no later than 27th August and every effort will be made to include as many as possible. Or come along and ask your question if time permits.





Recent Changes to Planning System Your Opportunity to Have Your Say!

You'll likely have seen in the news and in a recent press release from the Leader of Buckinghamshire County Council, Martin Tett, that changes are being made to the planning system, that are described by Mr Tett as "cataclysmic".

For Buckinghamshire, it means a 42% increase in the already challenging housing targets for the County, with no commitment from government to help with funding for the necessary supportive infrastructure. This equates to an increase from 2912 to 4122 new houses *per year*.

As you know, to the east of Whaddon planning for the new Shenley Park development - at least 1150 houses - is in hand, and an additional 1000 houses are now being mooted at Shenley Dens to the north of the village, within the emerging MKCC Local Plan. This is in addition to the imminent Salden Chase development (approx. 1800 houses) located southeast, off the A421/ Bottledump Roundabout. We should also remember that several other sites have been strongly promoted by developers within the New Local Plan for Buckinghamshire, that might well expand both Shenley Park and Salden Chase well beyond their current land footprint, during the lifetime of the new local plan, to 2040.

There is also huge concern over encroachment on greenbelt, loss of agricultural land and rural industry, expansion of urban sprawl and lack of infrastructure to support these developments, as well as Bucks possibly having to additionally accept the unmet housing needs of adjoining and nearby counties.

The government has released a Consultation Document, in which you can have your say:

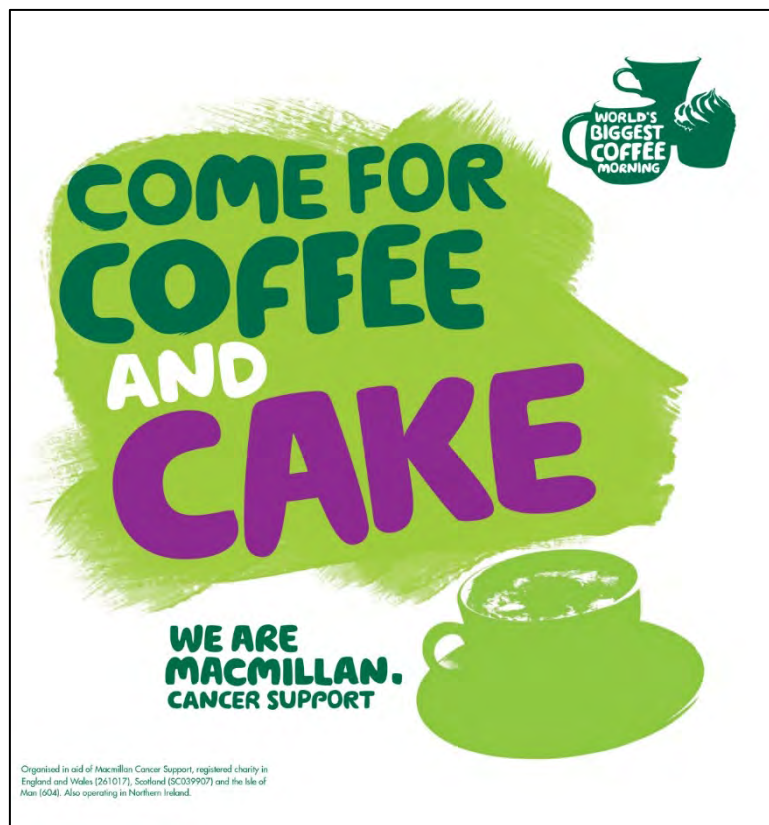
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Knowing it's a big ask, WPC hopes you will take this opportunity to make your views known. As this is a Nationwide survey affecting the whole country, and not just Buckinghamshire, your Parish Council feels unable to help with any suggested responses, as it is up to individuals to make their personal views known, on those sections of the consultation most relevant to them.

WPC hopes you will take advantage of this important opportunity to respond to this survey.

The deadline is 11.45pm 24th September 2024.

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You're invited to a MacMillan Coffee Morning
Friday 27th September
9.30-11.30am
At Whaddon Chapel (opposite the bus stop)

News from St Mary's Church



Hello everyone in Whaddon, or further afield,

Well, St Mary's Rocks, that's for sure! I was so sorry to have been away on holiday on 22nd June, thus missing the second concert of the year in the church ... but I've seen the photos! It sounded like a truly great night, and to prove it, I heard that the last song, that made the rafters ring, was "Simply the Best". Huge thanks go to Pete Shrimpton, drummer extraordinaire, and his band, V2, who gave such a magnificent performance for us, and to Sally Shrimpton and everyone on the Fundraising Committee who helped to organise the event. It was such a successful night that another Rock Night in St Mary's is planned for next year. Watch out for dates and publicity ... I will be sure not to miss out again!

Another event for which we are so grateful, is Florrie's Coffee Morning. For those of you who don't know about this Whaddon tradition, Florrie was a wonderful lady, full of joy and smiles, who lived in Vicarage Road. She always held a coffee morning in support of St Mary's, in her orchard at the beginning of the summer holidays, and though she is no longer with us, the tradition continues, and it is now held in the church. Grateful thanks to everyone who helped organise it this year, those who baked cakes, and of course thanks to everyone who came to drink tea or coffee, chat to friends, and buy the delicious cakes. It was a lovely occasion, a tribute to Florrie, and this year made a whopping £388.45 – the best yet!

I think our churchyard is lovely. It is so beautifully kept, and our Merry Mowers are one of the best teams ever. Whenever I walk through, and I do so frequently, I admire the lawns and enjoy the peace and stillness, and mentally thank you, our Merry Mowers for all you do. It's a labour of love, and we appreciate all your mowing efforts tremendously. Similarly, a big thank you to all the volunteers who help in other ways: we appreciate the flowers in church, the shining brasses and all the cleaning that is done, as well as the organising and help at the monthly Coffee Shop. And as for the Fundraising Committee – you rock!

Now for some important dates for the Autumn: the Harvest Festival will be held over the second weekend in October. There will be no Coffee Shop on the first Saturday in October, but we'll be offering Cream Teas again on Saturday 12th, from 2–4pm. Please watch out for some information regarding four beautiful quilts, that were lovingly made by Beryl Evans, that she wanted to be sold to benefit St Mary's. Photographs

of the quilts, and further information will soon be on Facebook, and they will be on display in the church on the afternoon of the Cream Teas. The Harvest Festival Service will be at 10.30am on Sunday 13th and the Harvest Supper and auction of produce (don't mention the giant marrow!) will be on Monday 14th, in the Village Hall. Tickets for the Supper will be available from me closer to the date.

As the days grow somewhat shorter – how did the year go by so quickly – I wish you some happy days full of end-of-summer sunshine and look forward to the coming season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.

With very best wishes,

Daphne Willis
Churchwarden. St Mary's, Whaddon



Harvest Cream Tea on Saturday 12th
October at the Church from 2-4pm.

Short All Age Harvest Thanksgiving Service
with a story and the opportunity to sing
some favourite harvest hymns on Sunday
13th October at 10.30am.

Harvest Supper with the best Harvest
Auction Ever on Monday 14th October at
7pm in the Village Hall - £10 per ticket

St. Mary's Church Whaddon Services: September - November 2024

Everyone is most welcome to all our services

Sunday 1 st Sept	6.00pm	Compline
Sunday 8 th Sept	10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 th Sept	10.30am	Café style Church: Table Talk at the Whaddon Chapel
Sunday 22 nd Sept	8.30am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion
Sunday 22 nd Sept	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Beachampton Church
Sunday 6 th Oct	6.00pm	Compline
Sunday 13 th Oct	10.30am	Harvest Festival Family Communion
Sunday 20 th Oct	10.30am	Café Style Church: Table Talk at the Whaddon Chapel
Sunday 27 th Oct	8.30am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion
Sunday 3 rd Nov	6.00pm	Compline
Sunday 10 th Nov	10.30pm	Remembrance Sunday starting at the War Memorial
Sunday 17 th Nov	10.30am	Café Style Church: Table Talk at the Whaddon Chapel
Sunday 24 th Nov	8.30am	Traditional Service of Holy Communion

#Keep the Church Alive Support the Big Five

Sunday 15th December – Carol Concert

Further details will be in the Winter edition of the Whaddon Quarterly.



Reflections From the Rectory

By Reverend Jacqueline Dove

During my ordination Bishop Steven addressed us with these words, “....Remember always with thanksgiving that the people among whom you will minister are made in God’s image and likeness.... Pray therefore that your heart may daily be enlarged.”

With the help of God’s Holy Spirit my heart is daily enlarged as I easily see the image of God in those I minister to. I therefore find it heartbreaking that often those who have suffered a run of tragic loss feel it must be because they have done something wrong, that somehow, they have brought it upon themselves. The truth is bad things happen to good people and the unfairness of this galls our sense of justice. So, we can either harden our hearts against God for allowing this injustice or take the blame ourselves. We are wired as humans to make sense of things, and so we want to give meaning to suffering, for it to at least have some kind of purpose. Libraries are full of books trying to make sense of how an all-powerful, loving God allows senseless suffering. I think we don’t really know the answer to this all-important question.

Perhaps instead of blaming God or blaming ourselves, we can accept that bad things happen to good people without understanding why. Loving-kindness (*hesed*) is God's primary response to suffering and, with the help of God, it can be ours too. I find that in response to suffering, God's Holy Spirit moves me to weep, like those at the 'weeping wall' in Jerusalem as I mourn with those who mourn. Christians believe that God came down from heaven and 'pitched his tent' amongst us and experienced this suffering first hand. God on a cross is perhaps the closest we get to any kind of answer. Being with those who are suffering perhaps is the answer.

The suffering which comes hand in hand with being vulnerable humans who are not always in control of what happens to us is compounded by the suffering caused by selfishness, by the absence of loving-kindness. There is also the suffering caused by the abuse of power and oppressive systems. Suffering is a given. Rather than trying to make sense of it, the more important question is how we respond to it. Do we harden our hearts and turn our back on God and others or do we allow it to break our hearts wide open that our "hearts may daily be enlarged. "

ST MARY'S CHURCH – FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Saturday 30th November – Christmas Lights Jolly

A super way to get in to the festive spirit and kick off the season in style. Seasonal fancy dress suggested!



Book now for the Whaddon Christmas Lights jolly to London – not to be missed!

- ◇ Leaves our bus stop “library” in Stock Lane at 3.30 pm.
- ◇ Bring your own drinks and snacks – and dress up warm!
- ◇ £25 pp (under 14s £10) – all proceeds to St Mary’s Church.

Please note that this is an old-style “Routemaster” bus, with stairs. A loo stop will be made each way as required.

Email: whaddonxmasbus@gmail.com or text 07436 812800 to book your place and make payment – places are limited, so this is done on a first come, first served basis!

Our thanks to Paul and Jane Sainthouse for enabling this outing.

Sunday 1st December – Christmas Wreath Making

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop



Light Lunch included

Tickets: £45pp

All funds raised go
to St. Mary's Church

To book your place please email
whaddonwreath@gmail.com

Sunday 1st December 10am - 3pm
Whaddon Village Hall

Saturday 14th December – Christmas Fair



This event will be held in the Village Hall and further details will be announced in the Winter edition of the Whaddon Quarterly.

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A Word of Thanks from Hazel Dudley

Thank you so very much to all the wonderful people of Whaddon who have helped and supported me since I lost my dear Barry at the end of last year.

Many of you will know that Barry was in the Royal Navy and was based in Portsmouth for a number of years. We were given the honour of being allowed to scatter his ashes at sea, so on a lovely sunny day in May the family, accompanied by a Royal Navy Chaplain, set out from Portsmouth Harbour in a RN boat. The sea was beautifully calm, and after the Chaplain had conducted a short service, we gave Barry back to the sea. The Chaplain stayed with us and showed us round the Royal Navy church afterwards and we felt that Barry, and the family too, had been given a very special privilege.

My thanks again for all the loving kindness you have shown to me – you have made these last few months much easier for me.

With my love, Hazel Dudley

Jubilee Hall **Whaddon's Village Hall**

A lot has happened since the last Whaddon Quarterly and the hall has once again been at the heart of the community's entertainment and fund-raising activities.



Whaddon Show Review



Photo Credit: Amy Tau

Hi-de-Hi!

The start of the summer saw the return of the Whaddon Show, back with a bang for 2024. This year, audiences were transported to the luxurious holiday camp Shenter Parks, where they were greeted by a cast and crew of enthusiastic Yellowcoats and fellow holidaymakers.

The stage set, bar well-stocked and lines learnt (!), we kicked off with a recrafted version of I Love Rock and Roll, led by the Whaddon Show's very own house band.

We were then treated to a parade of original and adapted sketches, many from Whaddon's own catchily-named writing quartet, Birch-Jones, Bloomer, Burnett and Carter (The BBBC?!).

As the night progressed, we saw the suspiciously young Shenley Park Management team sent on a teambuilding trip into the wilderness, which descended into Lord Of The Flies-style mania in a way only the Whaddon Show knows how.

Some other highlights included the hilarious 'Couples Interviews' sketches, and the Whaddon show's beloved Chickens turning up, even in the places you'd least expect!

This year's outing for the Whaddon Entertainers has proven itself to be a particularly strong one for newcomers – not just fresh acting talent but new musical talent too, and even a first for the Whaddon Show: an end-of-Act-1 Bollywood Extravaganza.

This made for all the right ingredients for a perfect Whaddon Show. And the results? Truly camp-tivating!

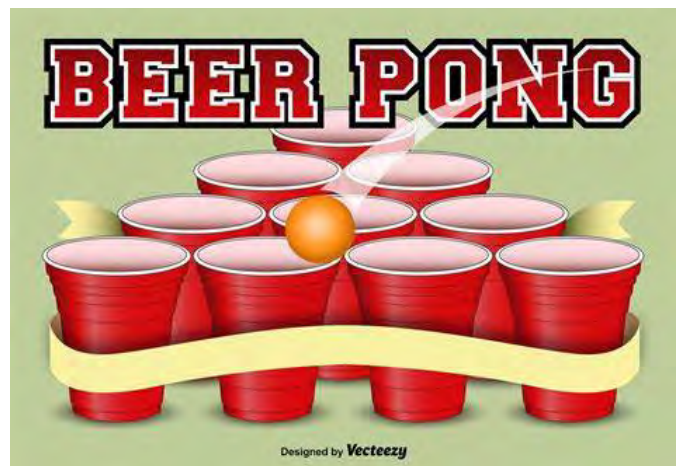
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 20th September: Beer Pong Challenge

With the darker nights starting to draw in, the Village Hall is kicking off the Autumn with a Beer Pong Challenge.

- Cost per team of 3 people: £15
- **Pre-registration essential**
- Max number of teams: 16
- Bar opens: 7pm



Please e-mail whaddonvillagehall@gmail.com to register your team

Friday 18th October: Quiz Night

7pm: Doors and bar open.

Quiz starts at 8pm.

Teams of up to 6 people.

£4 per person entry fee payable in advance.



Come to this popular village event and see if you can put the Crystal Methodists in their place. It was a very close-run thing last time so let's see who the "Brainiest in the Village" is.

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

Friday 8th November: Bollywood Theme Event

Who doesn't love the glitz and sparkle of Bollywood?

We are proud to be able to bring you a taste of India and Bollywood style entertainment.

More details to follow on Facebook but mark your diaries now for this fantastic evening.



Saturday 7th December: Christmas Tree Lighting & Social Evening

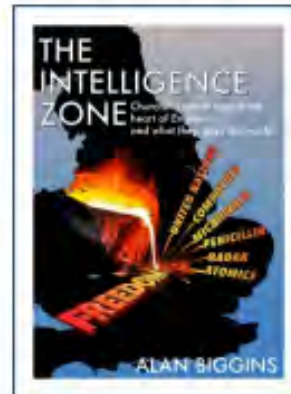
Save the date for our fun family Christmas Event. Tree lighting at 6.30pm.



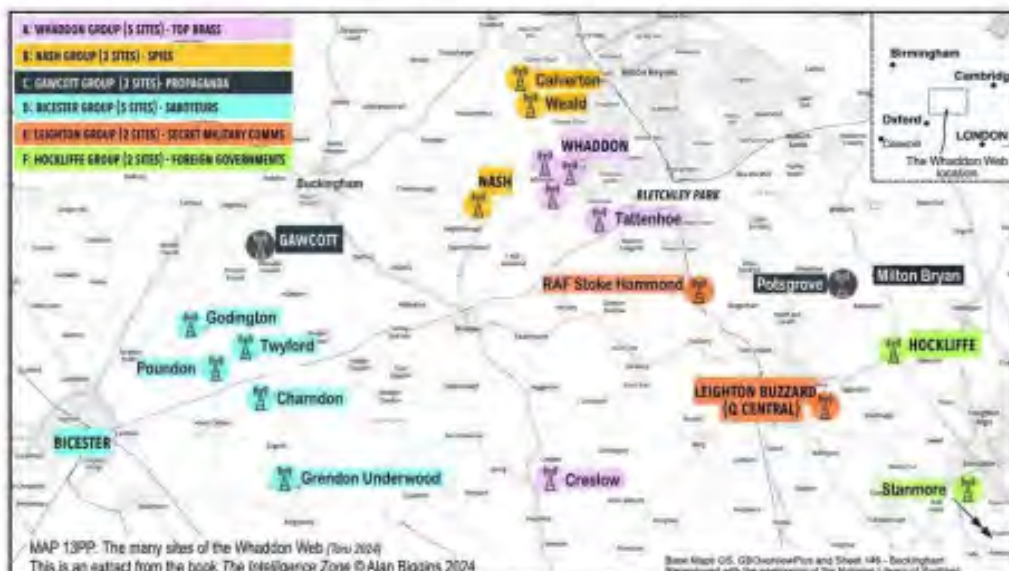
The Intelligence Zone



After presentations in the new Bletchley Park Auditorium to 170 international cyber security specialists and local villagers, 'The Intelligence Zone' is... 'Coming Home'.



- Local History talk by author Alan Biggins and short film by Whaddon's own John Conneely
Controlled from Whaddon during WW2 and scattered everywhere in local villages were a mass of SIS/MI6 secret communication sites
- Providing vital information for generals and top brass, as well as running spooks, spies and saboteurs; this was James Bond for real.
- Alan and John recorded these stories before they vanish into the ether.



Guests limited to 72 we encourage you to bring your teenage children to learn local history.
Book now £5 for this village fund raiser - contact John Conneely: johnconneely2@gmail.com
For further information about Alan Biggins and his books visit: www.theintelligencezone.com

WHADDON Village Hall - Wednesday 27 November 2024



LOCAL HISTORY TALK by author Alan Biggins and Whaddon film by John Conneely
WHADDON Village Hall - Wednesday 27 November 2024

TABLE HOSTS

CAPTAIN

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| 1. WW2 Wireless Code XW Operators | Rodger Gledhill |
| 2. RAF Squadron | Sid Vincent |
| 3. Canadian Airforce | Lucy/Ella Stewart Clan |
| 4. Tuckwell's Land Army | Alice Hain |
| 5. Horwood 007 Inventions | Howard Elliott |
| 6. Danish Resistance | Camilla Williamson |
| 7. 'Windy Ridge' Troopers | Pierre Hibble |
| 8. Tartan Army | David MacIntyre |
| 9. Mursley's Marauders | Tiffany Draper-Bushell |
| 10. 'The Chase - Ultra Secret Ladies' | Mignon French |
| 11. *.. ***** - ** ** - - * | Tim Searle |
| 12. Special Operations Executive (SOE) | Mark Carter |

ULTRA SECURITY CLEARANCE has been provided for all the above to attend. This follows our presentation at Bletchley Park in the new Amphitheatre Arena to an audience of over 170 International Cyber Security Specialists. Now we're 'Comin' Home..' to the Whaddon Palladium.

TWO PRIZES to be award for the most creative WW2 table decoration. JC encourages flamboyance ranging from a Spitfire propeller to a 'Windy Hill' birds' nest. (Tables for six or 8 with teenage children or a squeeze)

'SOLD OUT' Notice – will go up and provisional bookings will be taken for 2nd presentation in the NEW Year.

Would You Like to Hire the Jubilee Hall?

Hall hire is £12 per hour for Whaddon residents; £18 per hour for non-residents.

Chairs and tables can be hired separately plus speakers and mood lighting are available for use upon request. In addition to hire costs, there is a cleaning charge for one-off bookings.

All proceeds raised from hall hire and events goes towards the upkeep of this much loved and much used space and your continued support is very gratefully received and very much appreciated.

Please e-mail: whaddonvillagehall@gmail.com for more details.



Please Like, share, and follow our page "Whaddon Jubilee Hall".

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Whaddon School News

We have a series of open days for our lovely school for anyone interested in visiting. Please book with Marj Ellis – Office Manager at Whaddon CE School on 01908 501719

7th September 2024	09:30 – 10:30am
14th September 2024	09:30 – 10:30am
19th September 2024	11:00 – Noon 13:30 – 14:30
23rd October 2024	09:00 – 10:00
18th November 2024	09:00 - 10:00
19th November 2024	13:30 – 14:30
9th January 2025	09:30 – 10:30



You have seen our crazy shows, full of music, sketches, dancing and generating much laughter and amusement for our wonderful audiences. We will still be putting on these shows regularly, as we know they are loved and eagerly anticipated by people in the village and outside. And have been a feature of the village for decades now. The next show is planned for 2025, and preparations will begin in a few months.

We would also like to start performing plays: both dramas and comedies. Dependent on interest, we would like to start planning the first one after the 2024 summer holidays.

We are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join us and would like to hear from you if you are interested in getting involved.

****Actors:****

Step into the spotlight and bring characters to life! No experience is necessary—just a willingness to learn and have fun. This is a fantastic opportunity to express yourself, build confidence, and be part of a supportive community.

****Backstage Crew:****

Love the magic of theatre but prefer to stay out of the limelight? We are also seeking volunteers for technical roles, including lighting, sound, costumes, and stage management. Help us create the atmosphere and ensure every show runs smoothly.

Why Join Us?

- Be part of a creative, friendly, and supportive group.
- Learn new skills or hone your existing talents.
- Make new friends and enjoy the camaraderie of theatre life.
- Experience the thrill of putting on a live performance!

Interested?

Contact us by e-mailing Sharon at Sharon.bessell@btinternet.com or via the Entertainers Facebook page.

Whether you are a seasoned performer or a complete beginner, we would love to meet you.

****Come join us and be part of something special!****



As always, Chase Choir welcomes new members, and September 9th is the perfect time to begin something new, as we reconvene after the summer break! We meet in the Jubilee Hall on Monday evenings at 7.30pm – 9pm.

Everyone has a voice, and we'd love yours to join ours! We're a friendly, inclusive group, singing a wide variety of popular music. You don't have to audition, and you don't need to read music to join in the fun. Your first session is free, if you'd just like to try us out.

Please get in touch with Marianna (07763 102994) if you'd like to chat about it or need more information.

D-Day Commemorations

The recent commemorations of D-Day throughout the UK (and in Whaddon) triggered some profound emotions for me, as my family has a direct connection to those dramatic and world-changing events of June 1944.

My father, Jean Lemagnen, was born and brought up in Normandy, 30 miles south of the landing beaches, and is a survivor of the Battle of Normandy. Born in Saint-Lô in 1933, he lived in town throughout the German occupation and after its liberation by the Allies. Aged just 10, he experienced the bombings of Saint-Lô, the 'exodus', the 'battle of the hedgerows', the liberation and the aftermath of the war.

Jean had not long started at primary school when the German army occupied France in 1940. His first memory of war is of seeing a German Messerschmidt 109 flying very low over his garden: he could see the pilot, his helmet and goggles, and the plane's markings. Soon, there were German soldiers everywhere in town. Life became very strange and, although he did not quite grasp the significance of events, my father was aware that life was becoming increasingly difficult for the town and its inhabitants. But D-Day was to change everything. Jean said that they had heard rumours of an impending invasion, but they did not know where and when it would happen. In fact, on the morning of D-Day, millions of leaflets written in French were dropped by the Allies, warning citizens of the impending invasion and urging them to abandon the Saint-Lô and head for the fields ("you have no time to lose!"). Unfortunately, due to the wind, the leaflets were blown off-course and were never read by their intended recipients. The first my father knew about the invasion was the sight of three aeroplanes flying over his house, strafing and shooting everything. As he took shelter, he saw the markings of the US stars and stripes on the wings and realised that D-Day had begun.

The next five weeks were unspeakably difficult for the inhabitants of Saint-Lô and the surrounding area, trapped as they were between the two warring armies. Finally, things came to a head when my father and his family were ordered to leave their home on 11 July 1944 (my grandmother's birthday) "Or else!" said the French-speaking member of the German paratroopers, called in to reinforce German positions blocking access to Saint-Lô, which was a key communications hub for the Nazis. My grandmother argued with the soldier, saying, "We've not had our lunch yet!" and pointing to a rabbit stewing on the stove (food

always took priority for her!). A group of 20 people took to the road, led by my grandfather Louis, and comprising of Jean, his mother Estelle, his elder sister Jeanne, and friends and neighbours, including some very elderly people, a dog and a donkey. They fled Saint-Lô, where the battle still raged, and travelled on foot, transporting their essential belongings in my grandfather's wheelbarrow, walking from place to place, to wherever they could find refuge. They arrived in Saint Denis-le-Gast on 14 July and stayed with farmers there until the war front moved towards them. There, they were able to assist two German soldiers who had deserted to surrender to the American army, with my aunt Jeanne acting as interpreter. On 28 and 29th July they were trapped amid a fierce battle between the American 41st Infantry regiment and German tanks from the Panzer-Lehr division. With the American victory at Saint Denis, my family was finally liberated on 29 July 1944.

Saint-Lô was now officially out of bounds, having become a disease-infested area, but somehow Jeanne had organised transport with an American army vehicle via the backroads. On returning home in early August, they found their house still standing, although American shells had ripped through the living room and bedrooms and all the windows were shattered.

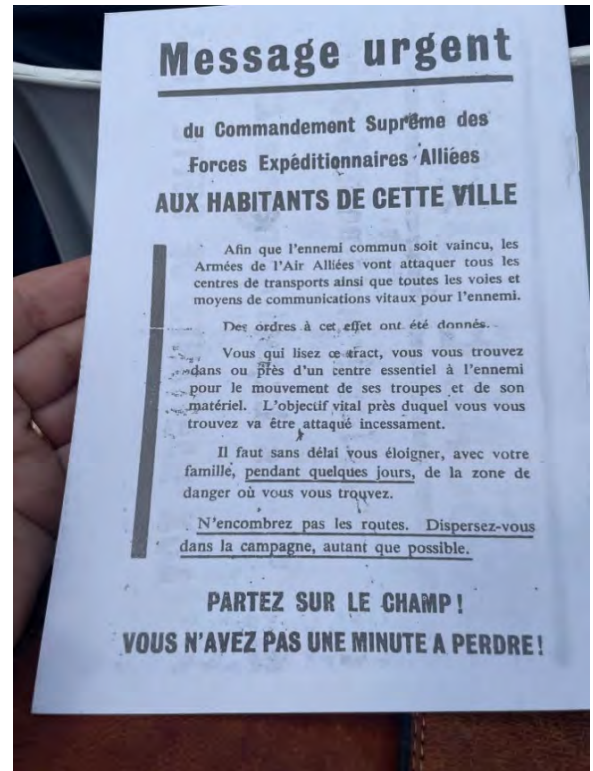
Norman civilians had paid a heavy price for the liberation. In all, nearly 20,000 perished in the fighting, especially under the bombardments, and 300,000 others suffered losses. Saint-Lô had been 95% destroyed, with most of the buildings razed to the ground. The following winter was extremely cold with snow and ice, but the 'plateau' of Saint-Lô was still so warm from the intense bombing, that snow was unable to settle on the ground around the cathedral. (My father had been due to make his first holy communion on 9 June 1944 in Saint-Lô cathedral, but the pre-Operation Overlord bombing changed the course of things – the front of the cathedral had been completely blown out.)

Jean's memories of these days of war are still vivid and intense. He says that these were exciting and challenging times for a boy and that he learned many life skills, having looked death directly in the eye.

On 5 June 2024, my father was honoured to be invited by President Macron to attend a ceremony in Saint-Lô to commemorate the Norman civilians killed and injured in the war. The following day, he joined King Charles III and other world leaders at the memorial service at the new British memorial in Ver-sur-Mer to pay tribute to the bravery of the men and women who liberated his home country.

We owe them a debt that can never be repaid.

Leaflet dropped warning the citizens to flee the town, unfortunately all were blown away before reaching St Lo



Picture taken June 1945 to celebrate first anniversary of the destruction and liberation of our town St. Lo. We are in the middle of charred building's relatively unsafe as walls still did fall. General de Gaulle was present as well as a US Gen. Omar Bradley. I was part of the choir. I am 3rd boy from left front row.



The resulting destruction of St Lo – 95% destroyed



Invite to the St Lo commemoration

Jean (June 5th St Lo) with US veteran Steven Melinkoff who landed on Omaha beach in 3rd wave.



Jean with the "Gurkas" June 6 Vers sur Mer memorial

Whaddon Hobbyhorse Poem by Paul Moss



When the day is fair and the wind is right
My hobbyhorse is all a leafy shudder
I mount Church Hill and ride in full sight.

We ride and ride and hope
To break the earthly bond of roots
And reach into the sky in flight
To race along with clouds.

#mossmanpoet

Also, I hold a monthly poetry group in Buckingham
called B-Muses (every third Thursday at the Woolpack) all welcome.

Whaddon Women's Institute



It's been a busy couple of months for the Daytime WI group. We had our annual garden party at Jill's house and a very engaging talk by Scotty on her volunteering work at a school in Cambodia. Sue Pearson from the Winslow WI dropped by to update us all on the proceedings at this year's national WI Annual meeting at the Albert Hall.

This month we will be visiting and having a tour of Camphill in Willen Park.

The committee has also been hard at work planning for this year's big event:

We will be having an open meeting on **Wednesday 4th September 2024** in the Jubilee Hall, Stock Lane, Whaddon MK17 0LS. Everyone is welcome to hear a light-hearted talk by auctioneer Evan Williston on his Life as an Auctioneer. We will be having a silent auction, with some great items up for grabs, along with our usual raffle and a sale of mystery books. **Please arrive by 1.45 for a prompt start at 2.15.** Admission £5 on the door to include refreshments. Have your cash or cheques ready for our raffle, mystery books and the silent auction. We do hope that you can join us for what will be a great afternoon!

Once we've all recovered, we will be treating ourselves to a pub lunch. Then it will be time for our November AGM.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, at 2pm for about 2 hours at various locations in Whaddon and its locale. Come along to any meeting for £4 as a visitor and see if it is for you. You can also contact our secretary, Jill Aitken on 01908 502781 to find out more. Remember: membership of our WI also gives you access to all the WI has to offer.

Jane Wycherley (committee member)



Neighbourhood Watch Whaddon

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No one in the village can have missed the fact that very recently over one night, in the early hours, quite a few vehicles were broken into, of which several - but probably not all - were reported to the police. The Bucks Neighbourhood Policing team tell us that 'enquiries are still ongoing' with their investigating team, and that they 'shall do patrols as best we can in the area'.

Whilst helpful, there appears to be little residents can do to guard against this rare, but possibly increasing problem, apart from taking greater care with their own possessions.

In addition, N.W. learns that Number Plate theft is also on the increase, so at the risk of boring readers, this article hopes to minimise both risks in the hope of keeping your vehicles safe!

Secure Number Plates with tamper resistant screws.

The easiest way to change the identify of a stolen vehicle or avoid speeding tickets and parking tickets is to fit stolen number plates. Using security screws to attach your vehicle's number plates make it harder for thieves to steal your number.

Stolen wheels are valuable, either as parts or for their scrap value. Using locking wheel nuts reduces the risk of your vehicle's wheels being stolen.

Advice on keeping your cars safe

Lock your vehicle

Locking your vehicle, even when filling up or parked on your drive, greatly reduces the possibility of it being targeted by an opportunist thief. Even if you have locked your vehicle, check you haven't left any windows or the sunroof open.

If your vehicle has wing mirrors that fold in automatically when locked, make sure you lock it properly. Criminal gangs are looking for vehicles like these where the wing mirrors are still out because it is clear to them that the vehicle has been left unlocked.

Close windows and sunroofs to prevent "fishing"

Leaving windows and the sunroof open invites fishing for items through the gap by hand or with, say a bent coat hanger, which could also be used to unlock a door for them to get in. Thieves can be ingenious. Do not give them the opportunity.

Secure anything that is on the outside of your vehicle.

Anything left on roof-racks, tailgate racks, holidays top boxes or in tool chests is easily stolen when the vehicle is parked. The use of cable locks, padlocks and self-locking tool chests which are secured to the vehicle, makes them more secure, but do not leave things inside boxes if you can avoid it.

Take it with you or hide it

Your mobile phone, coins for the car park, sunglasses, packs of medication, disabled badge or other items that can earn quick cash are irresistible to the opportunist thief. Remember, the cost of replacing a window is often much more than that of what is stolen. And it should go without saying that wallets, handbags, purses and credit cards should never be left in an unattended vehicle.

Hide electrical items and leave no clues

Leaving Sat Nav mounts, suction cup marks on windows or cables on view gives it away that you have left a Sat Nav, smartphone or other device in your car. Even if they cannot see the Sat Nav or iPad, they might still break in to see if it is stored in the car, out of sight.

Tool theft from vans

Vans are often targeted by thieves for the tools stored inside. If you must leave tools in a van overnight, it is a good idea to mark them clearly with your name/company name and address using paint pens and seal with a clear lacquer spray. Alternatively, you can use a variety of other property marking systems. Items that are clearly marked are less desirable and more difficult to sell on.

Consider using a lockable cabinet within your van to store tools – a number of security rated products are available. Small cameras are also designed to record inside vehicles.

And one final point

Many cars have removable boot covers. Removing these whilst parked shows that nothing is stored in the boot area, which will probably deter the opportunist thief!

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Shenley Park, Whaddon – Development Update

The only Statutory response to the original Crest Nicholson (CN) planning application to Buckinghamshire Council (23/02180/AOP) that has been uploaded to the BC planning website since the last edition, is one from The Rights of Way Officer at BC, which tells us nothing new. Interestingly, nothing has appeared on the MKCC website for their identical application (23/01610/OUT), since January of this year.

Despite asking for a progress update from the BC Officer dealing with this application, no response has been received but it remains highly likely that the revised application, to accord with the recently adopted SPD, is still some way off - probably much later this year. When this is finally submitted to Bucks and MK Councils, together with the updated Traffic Impact Assessment, there will be additional public consultation periods, when residents will be able to make any further comments on the changes.

IMPORTANT PLANNING INFORMATION, AND TWO IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE YOUR SAY.

Both Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes councils are in the process of preparing and updating their Local Plans, both of which will set the scene for growth in the next 15-25 years.

Buckinghamshire Council is in the process of preparing a new Bucks-wide Local Plan, which will cover the entire Council area for the period up to 2040 and should begin to explain how and where likely future housing development, over and above that already known about, is likely to take place. We can expect the latest version of the plan - which has been delayed following the recent election of a new Labour Government, within the next couple of months, and a public consultation period will follow, but this latest version should contain 'growth scenarios', which will be important for residents of North Buckinghamshire - because it is feared that more housing may be targeted in this general area, due to the lack of designated landscape protection, and previous recommendations from the Planning Inspectorate that growth within the county should be 'levelled out' and directed to areas, like Milton Keynes, where travel to work times can be reduced. The new plan is now expected to be adopted after public examination in 2027/28.

THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT, IS ON THE RECENT CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM, WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY IMPACT THE NEW PLAN FOR BUCKS AS IT PROGRESSES THROUGH IT'S VARIOUS STAGES.

This consultation is mentioned elsewhere in this edition, and basically repeats the original email circulated to Whaddon residents via the village email list on 8th August. Such is the importance that it is repeated here, and it is worth repeating Martin Tett's prediction (the leader of Bucks Council) that the changes proposed by the new Labour Government, will be "**CATAclysmic**".

For Buckinghamshire this means a 42% increase in the already challenging housing targets for the County, with no commitment from the government to help with funding for the necessary supportive infrastructure. This equates to an increase from 2912 to 4122 new houses *every year*. **Note** 'Every Year' - probably from now until 2040, being the end date of the current Plan.

Whaddon village already faces growth from the new Shenley Park development, of at least 1150 houses and now MKCC are proposing an additional 1000 houses at Shenley Dens Farm to the north of the village. This is in addition to the imminent Salden Chase development (approx. 1850 houses) which adjoins Shenley Park at the Bottledump Roundabout. Several other sites have been strongly promoted by developers and landowners within the recent Local Plan 'Call for Sites' process and these could well feature within the New Local Plan for Bucks, if recommended by Bucks, which might well expand both Shenley Park and Salden Chase well beyond their current land/plan footprint, during the lifetime of the New local plan to 2040.

Mr. Tett also, amongst other things, expresses huge concern over loss of agricultural land and urban sprawl, leading to the lack of infrastructure to support these major developments, and all this in addition to Bucks having to possibly accept the unmet housing needs of adjoining and nearby counties.

A worrying prognosis perhaps? - but one in which you can have your say, through a current Labour Government Consultation Document, by Googling:- "Proposed Reforms To The National Planning Policy" ... under the Gov.UK link

Although this consultation is Country wide and not just Buckinghamshire, you may feel that you would like your opinion to be considered. This is an important opportunity, intended to help shape the future growth of the Country we all enjoy.

The deadline is 11.45pm 24th September 2024.

THE SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE YOU SAY, IS IN REGARD TO THE NEW MK CITY PLAN, WHICH IS CURRENTLY OUT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION UNTIL 9th OCTOBER 2024.

The New 'MK City Plan 2050' will set out their bold and ambitious vision to 2050, which might include a pioneering mass rapid transport system.

Residents have already been alerted (via the village email system on 23rd July), to this plan and the inclusion of Shenley Dens Farm (just beyond Oakhill Wood to the north of Whaddon village) as a recommended site by MKCC for around 1000 new homes. Many residents will recall that this same site was also proposed back in 2003, but was deleted by the then MK Council, following many objections (mainly on landscape grounds), and a strong rebuttal by the Planning Inspectorate. Clearly the developers - supported by MKCC - are trying again to bring this site forward as a Major Development/Expansion Area, which if finally approved, will breach the Shenley Ridge and spill over into the Whaddon/Nash/Beachampton valley.

As explained in the village email, 'Shenley Dens Farm' is the only part (of a very long and complex MKCC document), that is likely to interest Whaddon residents So, to consider the implications of this expansion site alone and the specific policy 'GS19 Shenley Dens Strategic City Expansion' within the draft plan, together with the Key Diagram,visit: - <https://milton-keynes.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s19212/MK%20City%20Plan%202050%20Regulation%2018.pdf>

The important pages covering Shenley Dens Farm are :-

35 The 'Principles for Extensions to the City'

45 - 46 'Shenley Dens' - Policy GS19 - 1000 approx. new homes.

The 'Key Diagram', showing the Plan proposals (and the Shenley Dens site - in purple) is not within the document but can be accessed separately at:-<https://milton-keynes.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s19304/Key%20Diagram.pdf>

It is not necessary to complete the entire 70 plus questions within the consultation, as MKCC have said that respondents can simply make

their comments on any specific part of the document by:-

Emailing: Ncp.engagement@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Or by post to;- MKCC, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ

MKCC are holding a series of community exhibitions around the MK district to show and explain their 'Plan MK2050' proposals.

Unfortunately, there is not one in Whaddon, but you could visit one of the closest venues shown below, and quiz MK officers on the Shenley Dens Farm, strategic expansion site - where mysteriously the grade two listed Shenley Dens farmhouse was - possibly by coincidence or convenience? - almost completely destroyed by fire at the beginning of August!

It will be interesting to see if MKCC insist on it being rebuilt to its original glory?:-

Tuesday 27 th Aug	10am – 4pm	Kings Community Centre Wolverton, MK12 5LY
Tuesday 3 rd Sept	12pm – 6pm	Newton Leys Pavilion MK3 5SP
Thursday 5 th Sept	2pm – 8pm	Bow Brickhill Pavilion MK17 9JB
Friday 6 th Sept	10am – 3pm	Green Park Centre Newport Pagnell, MK16 0NJ
Tuesday 10 th Sept	2pm – 8pm	Kents Hill Conference Centre MK7 6BZ
Friday 13 th Sept	2pm – 8pm	Margaret Powell House CMK, MK9 3BN
Friday 20 th Sept	2pm – 8pm	West Bletchley Comm Centre MK3 6BH

Whaddon Planning Snippets

As this copy goes to press, there have been no new planning applications submitted since the last edition of the WQ. However, readers may still be interested to view details of recent or older applications, and these can always be viewed on the Buckinghamshire Council planning web page at :-

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

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

Population Growth - This is not available on the planning website, but purely for residents' interest, Buckinghamshire planners suggest that if this development commences - as currently expected - in 2026, then depending on market conditions etc. some 90 houses per year could be completed, at an average occupancy rate of 2.5 persons per dwelling, meaning that over a period of some 14 years, the parish population should grow by some 225 persons every year, to almost 3,200 people. Your Parish Council thinks that this growth rate may be slightly underestimated.

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The New MK City Plan will set out their bold and ambitious vision to 2050, which might include a pioneering mass rapid transport system. The next version of the emerging plan is expected to be published around mid/end-July 2024, and a 6-8 week public consultation period will follow. It is possible that as part of their search for new housing sites they may look again at expanding the Western Expansion Area, over and beyond the Shenley Ridge, just to the north of Whaddon But this is dependent upon the results of a recent Landscape Study, which has considered various attractive landscapes around the City.

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What is going on down Kennel Lane?

Some observant Whaddon folks may wonder: "What on earth is happening down Kennel Lane?" John Mortimer seeks to find out.

Villagers with enquiring minds might have been triggered by a succession of multifarious trucks, including tippers, gargantuan artics and concrete mixers, struggling to navigate their way down a narrow lane, once intended for horses and hounds, and now used mainly by cars, vans and dog walkers.

What is prompting this sudden burst of activity? Climate change? Or the impending imposition of Shenley Park?

So, donning my deerstalker hat and retrieving my magnifying glass, I ventured forth on the trail.

During quizzing, I find Anglian Water is upgrading its water treatment centre (WTC) at a cost of £5.2 million, no less. The company tells me: "Drains and sewers in your community take water away to the WTC where it is cleaned before being returned to the local environment."

It adds: "In extreme weather, for example, heavy rainfalls, the sewer network can become overwhelmed and, if this water has nowhere to go, it can cause flooding, posing a danger to the environment."

"To reduce the risk of local pollution, Anglian Water is therefore building a new Storm Tank, as well as strengthening the water treatment plant: both in Kennel Lane."

The new storm tank, which allows the site to temporarily store a portion of any storm water, helps keep the flow (from roofs and roads)

to the wastewater treatment process within its limits during heavy downpours.

When water flows are sufficiently low (usually overnight or during dry weather), the stored storm water can be returned to the site inlet and then through the usual treatment process.

Anglian Water says the new storm tank is almost complete. The tank has been built and associated pumps, pipework and valving installed, with all building work confined to the site.

But there's another factor: phosphorus – a chemical widely found in soaps and cleaning products, but which can be dangerous to wildlife in waterways.

To counter this, Anglian Water is installing new equipment at the WTC to remove increased levels of phosphorus before water is returned to the environment. Known as the P Scheme, this process improves water quality for wildlife and reduces algae growth in rivers and streams.

Most of the civil engineering work associated with the P Scheme is complete and Anglian Water will soon take delivery of two key components: Chemical Storage and Dosing system and Cloth Filter System. When these items have been installed, Anglian Water will bring the system online, once it has completed an upgrade of the site's electrical power supply infrastructure and commissioned the P Scheme. The job is expected to be complete by the end of August.

So, there we are!

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Whaddon's Wonderful Watchmaker – Part 3

Rise of the middleclass

Also living in Church Lane at the time as William and John, and a few doors away, was another John Underwood, 61, who farmed three acres with his wife Mary, 64. Among their children was another John who became one of the new 'middle class' because three years later, in 1864, John Underwood could be found in charge of a shop in Chalfont St Peter working as a grocer and provision dealer, tobacconist and an ironmonger.

John had trained to be a grocer at Hayes, Middlesex, becoming a master grocer in the process. They were the days of genuine striving, of enterprise by hard working people, days of invention and aspiration. And as becoming a master baker John served an apprenticeship with a Mr. Priest who was born in Holmer Green.



John married Mr. Priest's sister, Hephzibah Priest; her father being a wealthy farmer at Holmer Green, Little Missenden. However, John Underwood's occupation as shopkeeper might possibly explain why the couple, being a non-conformist family, married by license in



Wendover. Also, of course, John being a shopkeeper would be anxious to return to his grocery emporium in Chalfont St Peter.

If nearby Chalfont St Giles was anything to go by, from the beginning of the 19th century up to 1831 the population increased at the rate of almost 20% every 10 years, from 762 in 1801 to 1,297 people by 1831.

A similar pattern can be seen in the population history of Chalfont St Peter although nowhere near as marked in Chalfont St Giles. Even at the county level, Buckinghamshire experienced a much slower growth than the national average across the whole of the century.

The rapid rise in population must have put a strain on housing within the parish which led to people moving between parishes much more than they had done in the past. This situation changed dramatically from 1901. The population doubled in the 30 years to 1931 and then doubled again to 1961.

For grocer John Underwood, business was paramount: his customers were number one in his life and he felt it imperative to tend to their needs for fear of losing custom; hence little time for the frivolities of a wedding!

Despite John's devotion to work (or because of it?), he died a relatively young man, aged around 40. The images here show John and his wife, Hephzibah. They had six children, but only two survivors into adulthood and she never married. Two children died very young; the other two girls died from TB, aged around 20 from TB – the same disease which took their father.

William Gardus the benefactor

As to William, by 1871 we find that William – aged 71 – had moved but a few yards from Church Lane to Stock Lane where he continued to describe himself as a watchmaker.

However, a certain John Underwood, also aged 71, could be found living in Church Lane; not a joiner but a farmer of five acres living with his wife Mary. Next door to them were William Mackerness, 37, and his wife, Martha, 48, – both born in Whaddon – with their two teenage children.

William Gardus passed away on 28th February 1877. John King, the well-to-do, wealthy, local farmer living at Church Hill Farm, Whaddon acted as Gardus's sole executor.

In his will William Gardus left less than £4,000. That may not sound much today; but in 2022 that is £518,290 today. Didn't William John Gardus do well!



The former Alms Houses at the top of Church Lane with at least one house. Whaddon CofE school shown very top left.

Janet Wyatt kindly shed light on how William Gardus left his money: namely to nephews and nieces Ann Stone, Charlotte Underwood, Thomas Underwood, Martha White, John Underwood and Maria King. They each received £550.

William left his housekeeper, Hannah Maria Carruthers, his freehold cottage and gardens and their contents.

He also gave to Joseph White, the elder, and his nephew Robert Mares, youngest son of his sister, Mary, £200. Finally, he left his executor George King, £100.

As we can see, Gardus was wealthy. His grave is in Mary's churchyard and he played significant part in Edward's son's (John) life. He set him up as a gentleman! And he witnessed Edward's will as his brother-in-law.

Edward with his wife Ann, ran *The Fox and Hounds* as a cooper and publican. The pub was in Principal Street. Edward died on 4th November 1872, aged 82 His wife, Ann then made a will witnessed by William Gardus.

Ann's grave is also in St Mary's churchyard, as is her daughter's, Charlotte. Charlotte never married and died on 21st July 1886. By then the pub had already changed hands but her brother, Thomas, ran several pubs, including *The Kings Head* in Buckingham.

So, didn't William John Gardus do well? A true Whaddon benefactor!

*** MENTION of the family name King reminds me. Tom Short tells of the day in 1970 when he, as landlord of *The Lowndes Arms*, observed George King enter the pub. George lived on High Street, and was born in 1907. George carried a small bag tied with cord. George undid the knot and emptied the bag's contents onto the table. And the contents? Sovereigns and half sovereigns! They were the days!**

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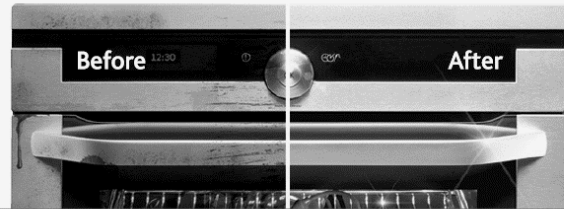
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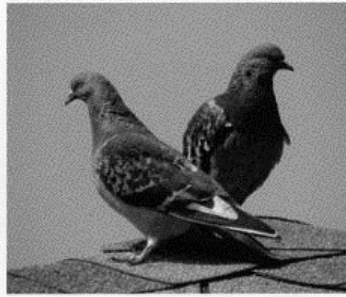
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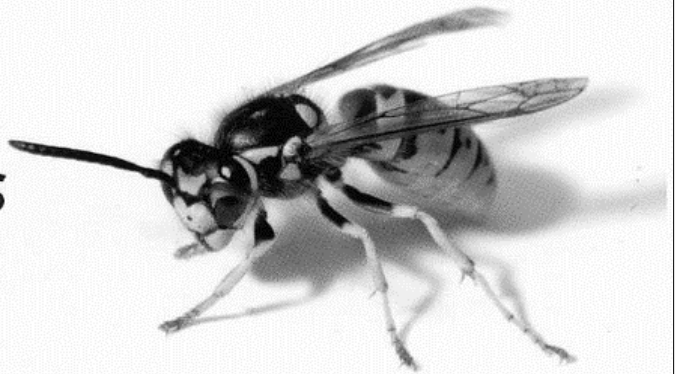
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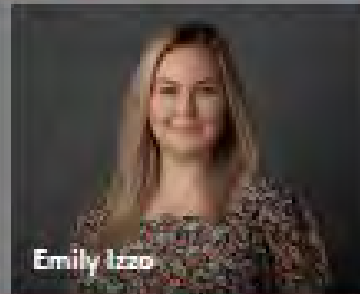
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What's On Whaddon?

2024 Dates for Your Diary

WEDNESDAY 28th AUG: Public meeting with Callum Anderson MP 7.30pm at Whaddon Jubilee Hall.

WEDNESDAY 4th SEP: WI Open Meeting and silent auction 1.45pm at Whaddon Village Hall.

THURSDAY 12th SEP: Whaddon Parish Council meeting 7pm at The Chapel, Stock Lane.

FRIDAY 20th SEP: Beer Pong Challenge at 7pm Whaddon Jubilee Hall.

FRIDAY 27th SEP: MacMillan Coffee Morning 9.30am at The Chapel, Stock Lane.

SATURDAY 12th OCT: Harvest Cream Tea 2pm at St Mary's Church.

SUNDAY 13th OCT: Thanksgiving Service 10.30am at St Mary's Church.

MONDAY 14th OCT: Harvest Supper and Auction 7pm at Whaddon Jubilee Hall.

FRIDAY 18th OCT: Quiz Night , 7pm at Whaddon Jubilee Hall.

FRIDAY 8th NOV: Bollywood Theme Event at Whaddon Jubilee Hall.

THURSDAY 14th NOV: Whaddon Parish Council meeting 7pm at The Chapel, Stock Lane.

WEDNESDAY 27th NOV: Intelligence Zone Presentation at Whaddon Jubilee Hall.

SATURDAY 30th NOV: Christmas Lights Jolly in London.

SUNDAY 1st DEC: Christmas Wreath Making Workshop 10am at Whaddon Jubilee Hall.

SATURDAY 7th DEC: Christmas Tree Lighting & Social Evening at Whaddon Jubilee Hall.

SATURDAY 14th DEC: Christmas Fair at Whaddon Jubilee Hall.

SUNDAY 15th DEC: Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary's Church.

More events coming to Whaddon soon. Watch out for further announcements.

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.

TUESDAY AFTERNOONS: Post Office in the Village Hall

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

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.

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.

