

THANK YOU! NEW VILLAGE HALL DONATION

The Dinton Village Hall Management Committee would like to record their heartfelt appreciation and thanks for the very generous donation of £5,000 arranged by Richard and Caro Wilson via the Mandarin Trust. Richard and Caro (Lord and Lady Wilson of Dinton) were longtime residents of Dinton, living in The Old Bakery and they maintain a soft spot for the Parish.

This super donation has kick-started our funding efforts and together with the proceeds of our 100 Club, the cash from recent Village Hall fundraising event plus the grant of £2,000 pledged by the Parish Council, we now have raised more than £20,000 towards our target of £250,000.

Drawings are in the final stage of preparation and a full planning application will be lodged with Buckinghamshire Council in the near future.

If you would like to donate to our refurbishment fund or become a member of the 100 Club (only £36 per year), which holds two draws per year, distributing prizes of £275 total per draw, please contact Nick Cottman on 01296 748894 or email: nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com

Village Hall 100 Club November 2024

I'm pleased to report that we had an enjoyable Bingo evening (enhanced by Steve Merry's comedic number calling) on 19th October in the Village Hall.

This was preceded by the draw for the Village Hall 100 Club with these 3 lucky winners:

3rd prize of £75 went to Roy Naraine

2nd prize of £100 went to Stephen Gooch who very kindly donated the money back to the Village Hall 100 Club fund

1st prize of £150 went to David Gadsdon

We will probably have another draw in the New Year when we have a Wine & Cheese evening in the Hall. Details to follow in due course.

The 100 Club fund now stands at over £12,000, including some kind donations from villagers. We have 98 members of the 100 Club, so would be delighted to gain two more people to take us to 100. If you are interested in joining (it costs £36 per year with a chance of winning £650 worth of prizes during the year), please contact me for details. Thanks.

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Bigg Issue article September 2024 Village Hall 100 Club update

We're into the 2nd year of the Dinton Village Hall 100 Club and I'm pleased to report that we have 97 people in this year's club. A small number of people did not renew and very sadly a couple of members died and some left the village, but we also had new parishioners joining the club, getting us very close to the 100 number.

If you would like to join there is still time. The cost is £36 for a year's membership and payment details are:

Lloyds Bank
Dinton Village Hall Power Fund Account
Sort code 30 98 56
Account number 30386160

Please let me know if you want to join or if you require any information:

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All the profit will go to the Village Hall refurbishment project. The 100 Club has raised nearly £8,000 so far. Unfortunately, the HMRC have rejected our application to apply for Gift Aid, which makes membership even more important.

We will have two prize draws worth £650 per year ie £325 per draw as follows:

1st prize £150 **2nd prize £100** **3rd prize £75**

Here's a date for your diary for the next draw.

On **Saturday October 19th**, the Community Events Team will be running a **Bingo night** with a licensed bar in the Village Hall and we will be holding the 1st draw before the Bingo starts. Those of you who attended the last Bingo night will agree that it was a fun evening, enhanced by Steve Merry's comedic calling of the numbers. One thing is certain – you don't need to have any previous bingo experience to play! The evening will start at 7.00pm with the licensed bar. We will hold the 100 Club prize draw around 7.30pm followed by the Bingo evening, so please put the evening of October 19th in your diary.

Nick Cottman, Village Hall Treasurer



Dinton Village Hall & 100 Club Update

The **2023 annual expenditure and accounts** for our two accounts are now available to view on the www.dinton.info website within the Village Hall section. They are draft accounts prior to final audit for: the main Village Hall account for day to day expenditure, and the Village Hall 100 Club account.

I am pleased to report that the vast majority of the **100 Club** members have renewed their subscription for the 2nd year which started in April 2024. There are about 10 people who have not yet renewed, but it's not too late to either renew or to join the Club. It costs only £36 per year by paying into:

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There will be two draws with **£325 of prizes to be won in each draw (ie £650 per year)** as follows:

1st prize £150
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The Village Hall is a Charity and we are in the process of registering the Village Hall with **HMRC for Gift Aid purposes**. Assuming that our application is successful, we plan to contact all 100 Club members to ask if you would agree to “gift aid” your membership, assuming that you do qualify for gift aid. This will enable us to add approximately 25% to the 100 Club account which currently stands at over £7,500.

This money will help with the Village Hall refurbishment plans which are currently being discussed by a village project team.

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THANK YOU to all those who support the 100 Club and Village Hall—it is really making a difference



Dinton Village Hall 100 Club Update March 2024

We're coming up to the first year anniversary of the Dinton Village Hall 100 Club and are asking you to continue your membership when the next year starts in April.

The membership costs £36 per year.

Thank you to the many members who have already set up a standing order for this and to those who have already renewed. We would ask those members who may previously have paid by cash, cheque or bank transfer to arrange their renewal (preferably by standing order).

The bank details are:

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There are two main draws per year, with £325 of prizes won in each draw. Congratulations go to the prize winners who were drawn out of the hat at the Village Hall event on 24th February in the Village Hall

1st prize £150 Leif Hytten
2nd prize £100 Barbara Green
3rd prize £75 Chantal Heath

(Chantal very kindly refused to accept the prize and asked for the money to be put back into the Village Hall funds. Thank you Chantal!)

If you want any more information or want to join the 100 Club to help support the running costs of the Village Hall, please contact:

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THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE VILLAGE HALL & THE VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB



Dinton Village Hall Survey Update **Future of the Village Hall**

The Village Hall was full on Saturday 24th February to hear a presentation from the Village Hall and Parish Council Chairman, Dick O'Driscoll.

Dick explained the process that had taken place regarding the Parishioner's survey about the options for the Village Hall and why the decision had been taken to pursue Option 1 in the survey. This was to continue with the current hall and explore options to refurb, renovate and possibly extend the hall.

The next action will be to form a working party group to investigate ways of fundraising in order to improve the hall.

At the meeting several people offered to join this group and we are now asking for other parishioners to help us.

If you have any experience of the following, please contact us:

- Fund raising – this is essential as we are likely to need well over £100,000 to make the changes
- Working in the Charity sector
- Project management
- Surveying
- Architect
- Building works
- Marketing and other business skills

For further information and contact to volunteer to assist us:

Dick O'Driscoll on 07711 731740 or odriscoll110@btinternet.com

Village Hall event 21st October 2023

On 21st October there was a well-attended (approximately 60 people) event in the Village Hall with 3 items on the agenda:

A presentation from Dick O'Driscoll, Parish Council and Village Hall Chairman, which outlined the various options regarding the Village Hall

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Every parishioner will receive a letter from Dick plus a questionnaire asking for their Top 3 preferred options for the Village Hall from the list of 5 options presented.

The presentation has been uploaded on to the Parish Council website www.dinton.org and there is also the opportunity to complete the survey online by following the link provided.

If you have not received the questionnaire or can't access it online please liaise with either:

Dick O'Driscoll (odriscoll110@btinternet.com) or

Nick Cottman, Village Hall Treasurer (nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com)

The answers need to be returned to either Dick or Nick before December 14th 2023 and, once analysed, the Village Hall committee will report back to all the residents.

The Village Hall committee are very grateful to the Community Events Team (CET) who are donating all the proceeds from the evening to Village Hall funds.

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Nick Cottman, Village Hall Treasurer



DINTON VILLAGE HALL

COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

Registered Charity Number 1027449

Dinton, Ford, Upton, Gibraltar and Westlington Village Hall - 100 Club

Following the loss of the regular Village Hall booking by the School nursery, the Dinton Village Hall's expenditure (utility bills etc.) is significantly more than the monthly income that we receive. The Hall is currently losing approximately £350 per month and is in danger of running out of funds.

Consequently we have decided to introduce a **Dinton Village Hall 100 Club** scheme in order to raise money to help fund the Hall's running costs.

The scheme is available to anyone, but we hope that the majority of members joining the Club will be local villagers keen to help fund our valuable Village Hall. There is no limit to the numbers of applications that one person/family/household can make. See details on the Application form.

The cost of joining the Club is £3 per month or the preferred method of £36 per year.

Each applicant must complete the enclosed joining form and will then be allocated a random number (1-100) which will be entered into an annual prize draw with the following prizes which will be paid once we have reached 100 members:

1st prize of £150. 2nd prize of £75. 3rd prize of £50. The winners will be contacted by the Treasurer and their names will also be published in the Bigg Issue. Once the Club reaches 100 members we will continue to add new members and may either increase the annual prize money or the frequency of prize draws accordingly. The Treasurer will keep a list detailing all the Club member details. This will be password encrypted only accessible by the Dinton Village Hall management committee members.

It is anticipated that the draw will be held annually perhaps at a Community Event to be held in the Village Hall. If a winner cannot be contacted after 6 months, the winnings will be donated to the Village Hall funds.

We hope that as many people as possible within our community will join and help our Village Hall.

Please also don't forget that you can hire the Hall for your own personal events by contacting Honor Vane, the Bookings Secretary (01297 748177 or honorvane@hotmail.com).

From the Dinton Hall management committee. Dick O'Driscoll, Chairman; Nick Cottman, Treasurer; Honor Vane, Bookings Secretary.

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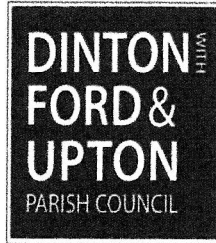
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October 2023

Dear Parishioner

NEW COMMUNITY HALL - DINTON

You are probably aware that Dinton Village Hall is nearing its 100th birthday. The hall has served the community well over this time, but is now showing its age and needs updating or replacing.

In the Parish Survey carried out in 2016, most respondents suggested upgrading or replacing the hall, either on the existing site or by relocating onto the parish field. During the two public meetings held in 2019, when preparing a Community Led Plan for the parish, residents felt a purpose-built community hall on the parish field with adequate parking would provide a focal point for the parish.

Over the last couple of years, the Parish Council and the Dinton Village Hall Committee have been investigating possible options based on resident's comments. Depending on the chosen option there are various obstacles to all the options, including funding, planning and loss of the current hall. Irrespective of these obstacles, we want to first assess what the majority of the parish wants and this is why we need your responses to the attached questionnaire.

The responses we receive will give the Village Hall committee the support to investigate the viability of the Parishioners' preferred option before reporting back to everyone.

Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire and return it to us by 14th December 2023.

Thank you.

Dick O'Driscoll

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Chairman, Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council
Chairman of the Dinton Village Hall Committee

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