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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8th November 2020

Dinton—10.15am
Church Service and
procession to memorial
with wreath laying at 11am

Ford—11.45am
Wreath Laying and
memorial

IMPORTANT NOTICE Covid-19

**PLEASE NOTE THESE ARRANGEMENTS
MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON GOVERNMENT
ADVICE NEARER THE TIME**



Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council continues to carry out its duties and responsibilities during the Covid Pandemic.

We meet monthly and our meetings are virtual meetings as advised by government. The public can sign-in to the meetings and ask questions. Details can be found on the agenda which is posted on the notice boards and also on the parish council website.



NOT A PLEASANT TOPIC!

The Parish Council is saddened to report that we still have a problem with dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. We have sufficient dog and litter bins across the parish so that people can dispose of dog bags properly, but many are not doing this.

**PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND
USE THE BINS**



SEVEN STARS

What the Seven Stars did during the Covid Pandemic Lockdown

Like the famous Windmill Theatre during the Second World War, the Seven Stars pub can say “We never closed” during the nationwide UK lockdown, caused by the Covid 19 pandemic.

When it became clear that the government was going to close all bars and restaurants due to the pandemic, Steph and Dave had to consider what options were open to them as tenants of the community owned Seven Stars pub. The pub already provided a small

amount of takeaway meals and they recognised that building on this could be a benefit to the community during shutdown. In addition their suppliers were happy to provide meat, vegetables, etc if the pub could be set up as a village shop. From late March the new Covid secure village shop opened each day Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 12noon. In addition takeaways were available each day at lunchtime and in the evenings.

This proved a boon for the villagers experiencing lockdown for the first time and a huge number of locals took advantage of this facility which continued until the government relaxed the rules and allowed pubs to re-open in early July. Steph says “My customers really appreciated being able to walk to the shop and get their groceries. I felt the love”. Dave recently recalled fondly how he “really enjoyed the banter with so many people that I have known for a long time”.

After the pubs re-opened on Saturday 4th July, once again it was all change and the pub had to be Covid secure with a one-way system, sanitising stations, a reduced table layout to accommodate social distancing and so on. The patio area was cleared of tables and these were moved to the garden, which became the favoured site for diners, during the good summer weather.

The “Eat Out to Help Out” government initiative during August has proved to be a winner with diners flocking to the pub during the Tuesdays and Wednesdays in August. Dave and Steph have decided to self finance and continue this initiative during September on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The challenges thrown up by the Covid crisis were particularly difficult for all those in the hospitality sector but the Seven Stars certainly rose to meet these and in the process cemented their reputation as a vital and well appreciated business helping the wider community.





DINTON CHURCH SERVICES

- 6th September 10.00am morning worship with Nigel Featherston
- 13th September 6.00pm evening prayer with David Pickup
- 20th September 10.00am morning worship celebrating the Harvest with Nigel Featherston

The monthly pattern for the Church services will remain similar in October and November.

Dinton Church is open every Wednesday from 10.00am until 5.00pm



Lord Lieutenant's call for unsung heroes to step forward

Buckinghamshire's unsung volunteer heroes should not be bashful in coming forward for the chance to receive royal honour. That's the message from Lord Lieutenant Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher, who is encouraging the hundreds of organisations across the county that do voluntary work to enter for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. In the past two years 17 organisations from Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes have won royal accolades, and Sir Henry is keen to maintain - or even improve - this number. "We have a great tradition of voluntary service in Buckinghamshire," said Sir Henry, the Monarch's representative in the county. "I've met a huge number of committed volunteers without whom life in the county would be very much the poorer. "This year, in particular, considering all the fantastic volunteer work that has helped our vulnerable residents through the coronavirus lockdown, it would be a great pity if the sterling efforts of these dedicated volunteers went un-recognised. "Sir Henry said the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service was a good opportunity for Her Majesty to recognise the outstanding work carried out by voluntary groups in their communities. The awards were created in 2002 to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee and winners are announced each year on 2 June, the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation. Nominations for the 2021 awards are currently open. Any group of two or more people who have participated in voluntary work for more than three years can be nominated for the award. For more information on how to nominate visit [The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service](#) website. Nominations close on Friday 25 September 2020.



Dinton Village Hall:

Suitable for parties and all types of get-togethers.

For all enquiries for the Village Hall please contact the Bookings Secretary:
Diana Trigg, Biggs Cave, Biggs Lane, Dinton, HP17 8UH 01296 748361

DINTON PLAYGROUND PLAQUES - Children's Name Plaques

If you would like to mark the birth, or other event, of your children/grandchildren, you can purchase a plaque to be installed in the playground in the Parish Field, Dinton.

The plaques cost £17 each

Please contact Cllr Jon Horn on **01296 748297** or jonhorn@dinton.org





CUDDINGTON & DINTON School News

Since my last article in the Bigg Issue life has continued to be challenging, changeable and extremely rewarding!

In June we started a whole new chapter for the school in lockdown. We embarked on the partial re-opening of the school with all parents of children in Foundation, year 1 and year 6, and year 5 from 15th June, being fully aware of the arrangements. We were anticipating all sorts of scenarios and tried to be ready for anything! All children have behaved superbly sensibly and clearly their parents had done an excellent job of explaining to them what to expect- so a big thank you to them!

The first week was been well managed by everyone, parents, the children and the staff. I am very proud of our approach that enabled one Foundation child to come in, as planned, but in a wheelchair with a newly broken leg! Once we got in the swing of 'social distance teaching' in school we were able to arrange for year 5 to join us for three days a week from the middle of the month.

The Critical Care Club continued to grow on the Junior site, with new children joining almost daily. The COVID 19 virus has taken many things from us including the fact we should have been in France with years 5 & 6, but it has unexpectedly given things to us too. Whilst in the year 5 classroom, I asked the children what had been their lockdown highlight; everyone's answer involved an activity with somebody else - a parent, a sibling or a friend (virtually).

One of my highlights of the second half of term was seeing all the children taking part in the Zoom meetings which we had been trialling to see how viable it might to use this medium to communicate with the children.

If life in school wasn't different enough, we have decided to embark on some building work. We have finally accrued enough funds to enlarge the middle (year 4) classroom on the Junior site. The work has already started and it will create a larger, lighter learning space. It will make such a difference to the children's learning.

This is definitely a school year we won't forget! Despite everything, this term has just whizzed by and I can't believe that we are about to break up for the summer holidays – perhaps I should say “zoomed” by as we have certainly made some very good use of this amazing virtual tool! We have had meetings with new classes, parents logging in to find out about the transition process and a leavers' service with special Zoom guests to mention just a few!

Following the guidance issued by the Government, staff and governors have now finalised the plans for full return to school in September which we really look forward to on both sites.

The final week has been a bit emotional- saying goodbye to our year 6 pupils, having our last days of smaller classes, winding up critical care club: it all feels a little bit surreal. It was strange to be saying 'Good Bye' to just a handful of year 6's, on their last day in school. The teachers made a ceremonial arch and clapped the children as they left the site - it seemed quite appropriate. We were sorry to see them go. Shine brightly and be proud of who you are.

The children have coped amazingly well with being in school and I know the staff have enjoyed having them back too. We can't wait to see everyone back in September.

Kim Price, Headteacher

SIMPLY WALK STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON

Come suited and booted, for whatever the weather, for an hour or so walk in the countryside on Wednesday mornings through out the year from:

Due to the **CORONAVIRUS:**
Simply Walk has been **Suspended!!!**
For how long? Will have to wait and see
But we'll be back – our walks have not ended!
Because they are friendly, fun and **free**

We know not going out is hard
And for these reasons, we all agree
So we're sending a Simply Walk **Postcard**
To you, at home with another cup of coffee or tea!

Walking for Health with Simply Walk

For details/dates visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk
Or call Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367



Simply Walk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SIMPLY WALK—1 Year Old

On a fine autumnal morning, 23 of us set off on a pre-Halloween recce scaring the local neighbourhood. Starting along the path behind Dinton Hall we met the young foal along with his mum and other equine friends, then scooted through the churchyard to get some Halloween inspiration. Chased along the roadside by a cheeky little squirrel, we headed towards Cuddington crossroads. Safely over the main road we walked along the Cuddington Road then back-tracked across field there avoiding the only optional stile, arriving in a group in front of the Bottle & Glass, ready to cross the road. Whereupon, a kind driver in a large lorry, with an equally larger lorry and other vehicles behind him, stopped to allow us all to cross over (probably thought we had just piled out of the pub!

Continuing to Westlington we caught sight of a couple of long-legged residents - the Rheas! ...with us doing a “peep show” along the pathway, peeping through the knot holes in the tall wooden fence, which now obscures them from view. Back to the fields, our Alpaca friends were enjoying the last of the morning sunshine. Willingly they came to greet us and were, as usual, thoroughly spoilt. Seemingly, with the wave of a wand—the walk was finished.

Back at the pub there was a small celebration waiting for us, to go with the coffee and tea—a cake!!

We all sang Happy Birthday to the cake (& Steph) who professionally carved it up and handed round to 20 walkers packed in the tiny Snug Bar. You can't have Birthday without a present! I received news just before the walk that our Donate-a Gate had been installed in Dinton—wicked!! Thank you Anne for back marking on our pre-Halloween outing—keeping us witches and wizards out of trouble along the way.



DINTON with FORD & UPTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679

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Dinton Village Hall Bookings

Diane Trigg - 01296 748361

Haddenham Community Library

0845-2303232

Parish Magazine (Dinton)

Mike Thompson - 01296 748561

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Neighbourhood Team —101

Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall

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Pot Hole Reporting

01296 382416

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Planning Applications:

Buckinghamshire Council 01296 395000

Footpath Problems:

01296 382416

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GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

Transport to doctors, hospital, opticians, collection of prescriptions, help with getting out of the house in bad weather and shopping in the case of illness.



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HADDENHAM COMMUNITY VEHICLE

(HCV) The Community Vehicle (HCV) is for all who are disabled or have walking or mobility problems. The service is FREE although donations are welcome. The vehicle is for anyone in the parish who has a transport need.

To find out more about the HCV, or to make a booking, please contact the coordinator, Sue Brigham, on 07495 366779 or email haddenhamcv@gmail.com. Similarly, contact Sue if you are interested in joining our team of trained volunteer drivers.