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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

All residents are
welcome to attend
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meetings in Dinton
Village Hall at
7.30pm each month



ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Council Report presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

If I thought that 2017/18 would be an easier year then, clearly, I was mistaken. It has been a year marked by change in personnel and by policies affected by monetary restrictions. In chairing the Council, I give every thanks and recognition to the Councillors and Officers. Jon Horn (V-Chairman), Honor Vane, and Mel Kidner have been most diligent and hard working. Our other two councillors joined as a result of the resignations of Lorraine Gooch, Barbara Green and Mike Henderson. Anne Dunne and Dick O'Driscoll have proved to be real assets and have demonstrated their value. I look forward to their further involvement not least in bringing the website up to speed as a useful information base. I must also thank Keith Gray, our Parish Clerk, for his help and advice in keeping us on a straight path and as an important contact to other organisations. Our two District Councillors, Judy Brandis and Brian Foster, and our County Councillor, Paul Irwin, have provided excellent support and liaison. The other person who stood down in November was Mike Thompson; our Responsible Financial Officer. He has held this role for many years and was previously a Parish Councillor. He has done the job efficiently and quietly and we thank him most warmly. In recognition of his years of service we wish to present to him a Certificate of Appreciation.

In remembering the duties of the Council, I must thank Steve Webb and his team at Aylesbury Town Council for the work they do under devolved services agreements, such as putting in the posts to stop irregular parking, clearing away rubbish bags and working in the Spinney. Whilst these types of services are relatively easily accomplished I suspect more demanding tasks will be coming our way as District and County services are devolved down due to reduced grants. Whether there will be two Districts, or one County authority remains to be decided by the Communities Secretary of State after May. There are pros and cons to each and we will keep a close eye on the implications. The prospects are not encouraging when considered against the housing plans of the Aylesbury Vale Local Plan which is due to go before an inspector very soon. It is vital we keep a watch for any implications for housing allocation numbers to the Parish.

In regard to the AVLP we have decided to progress with a Parish plan, rather than a neighbourhood plan to spell out a vision for the future. It is not easy, and Anne Dunne has made an excellent start, but we need you and any others to get involved.

Whilst some important planning applications were withdrawn e.g. the Stone development, others have gone through to appeals. We try to let parishioners know of relevant applications but would ask you to let us know and to write in to AVDC planners about your views. The maintenance of the Parish field and Spinney has been excellently done by Jon Horn and David Hobden as has the playground. We will be doing some repair work to the basketball area.

One concern is that of dogs fouling in the field despite signs and dog bins. Some of this is due to dog walkers coming to the site and not picking up mess. Speeding through Ford is still a problem and surveillance shows too many offenders. The new Sentinel system will hope to identify many of them. Keeping an eye on parking around the church and school has led to a recognition by Bucks CC of the problem and in July work will start on putting in granite blocks down the side of the church wall to try to protect it and to discourage bad parking. There will also be extra white line markings. We presently have deferred any decision on making any permanent parking in front of Dinton Hall or on the Parish field. In this year that sees the centenary of the end of the WW1 we have decided to mark the event by erecting a memorial bench. The exact site is open to discussion but presently Westlington Green has been suggested; we are open to other thoughts.

Finally, in an era of potential big plans, including AVLP and HS2, the biggest could be the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. One of the three suggested routes could be aligned to the A418, which has major implications. As the route is not yet out to consultation it is hard to get information, unlike the HS2 construction process which will be damaging due to extra traffic and its consequent road damage. I hope I have not sounded too gloomy as to the future but would ask you to get involved and let us know your views and hopefully even offer to come on the Council --- there is a vacancy now! My last duty is to thank Sylvia Eaton and Janet Morgan for providing the refreshments.

Cllr Martin Usherwood (CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL)



URGENT - We need YOUR help!

HELP. We are in danger of not being able to run the main stalls at this year's fete.

We may not be able to run the tea tent; the BBQ; the bric-a-brac, as well as some of the other stalls as we cannot get enough volunteers. It would be a pity to have to cancel the fete after so many years of being able to support local organisations.

So please, if you are around on the Sunday 26th August volunteer to run or help run a stall. Give me a ring on 01296 748537.

The Parish fete attracts many people from outside the area and we already have the promise of a Lancaster fly past (weather permitting of course). Plans are in hand for the raffle and we have already been promised a case of Dinton Folly sparkling wine as well as possibly a unique Blaise Brogan wooden carving.

The cricket club has generously offered to run the car parking again and Fun4Kids have promised to turn up this year with the bouncy slide and bouncy castle. A technical hitch was to blame for last year's absence.

The committee are willing to do everything they can to run the fete but we do need your help.
CONTACT: Sylvia Eaton - 01296 748537

Your Parish needs You!



PARISH PLAN

Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council needs your help in developing a Parish Plan, which will encompass Dinton, Ford, Gibraltar, Upton and Westlington.

What is a Parish Plan?

A Parish Plan (aka Community Led Plan) serves as a vision for how residents would like to see their community develop over the next 5 – 10 years. The document should include all aspects of the Parish that are important to the residents, describe how the residents would like to see the Parish evolve and should include a number of actionable recommendations.

Whilst the Parish Plan is not a formal planning document, it can influence Local Area plans (e.g. Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan) and is the first step to developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

Topics covered in the Plan will include: Housing, Amenities, Traffic & Roads, Public Services and Utilities, Broadband & Mobile Networks, Conservation, Environment and Community

How can you help?

To produce the Parish Plan we need a Steering Group to lead the work, which should include a relevant cross-section of residents and some Parish Council members. It normally takes between 12 and 18 months to produce a Plan, including sharing and review with the wider Parish. The Steering Group is normally around 6 - 8 people, with each person responsible for producing a particular section of the Plan. Additional help will be required to gather information and ensure that we have sought input from a broad range of residents.

Being part of the Steering Group will mean you will need to attend regular meetings (e.g. every 6 weeks), gather and write-up information for your particular section of the Plan.

What do I do next?

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact a member of the Parish Council for more information. We hope to hold a kick off meeting towards the end of the summer.

SIXTY PLUS CLUB



There is a Sixty Plus Club in Haddenham open to all Dinton, Ford, Upton and Gibraltar parishioners.

The club meets twice a month in Haddenham Youth Centre at 2pm on the first and third Wednesday of the month. The club has an entertainments programme and a delicious home made tea each meeting.

For more information contact the leader, Mrs Wellby on 01844 290036. If you need transport see Good Neighbour's on the back page of Bigg Issue.

BEER FESTIVAL

DINTON BEER FESTIVAL

Save the date — Saturday 18th August

The next Dinton Beer Festival will be held in the gardens of the Seven Stars on Saturday 18th August from 12 noon until about 6pm. This will be the fourth annual beer festival and there will be about ten different beers to sample and also a Pimm's and Cider tent.

Entertainment will be provided by the Owlswick Morris group and there will be live music. All proceeds from the day will go to a village project.

Over the last three years the Dinton Beer Festival has contributed £1400 to the Village Hall towards a new boiler, £1700 towards refurbishment of the children's playground, £700 towards the village defibrillator and £700 towards refurbishment of the Village Hall kitchen. An excellent example of the Community Pub in action, helping the community.

Dinton's Charity Picnic Ball 2018 Friday 24 August

Hosted by the Marquee Team

7PM - Midnight on the Parish Field.

£35 per head. Black tie.

LIVE Band: Bustin' Loose.

Full Bar. Please bring food only!

Best dressed table competition / raffle.

Proceeds towards Local Projects.

For tickets contact: dintonmarquee@gmail.com

SIMPLY WALK

Stone & Haddenham

Come, don't be shy – by yourself or with a friend
For an hour or so walk in the countryside –
On alternate Wednesdays throughout the year from:

STONE:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road, Stone
Wednesday 6th and 20th June

HADDENHAM:

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road, Haddenham
Wednesday 13th and 27th June

We meet in the morning for 10.30
It's friendly, fun and **free**
And if we get back feeling a bit thirsty
There's a nice cup of coffee or tea!

Walking for Health with Simply Walk

For details/dates visit [www.buckscc.gov.uk/simply walk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/simply-walk)
Or contact Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367.



Simply Walk



BROADBAND IN THE PARISH

The upgrade of broadband connections to an acceptable level continues to be a problem in the Parish. The government target was that 95% of households should be connected to superfast broadband by the end of 2017. The Aylesbury Vale has only 80% of households connected and no additional connections have been made in our Parish for 3 years.

The second Connected Counties rollout of broadband promised 3 years ago never happened as our Local Authorities pulled out of their promised joint funding. Bucks CC pulled out of funding completely, transferring responsibility to AVDC. The AVDC then put in only £250,000 for the whole of the Vale whilst spending £1,250,000 to set up a company to connect a few villages to ultra-fast fibre around Oving. Before it folded this company connected in 234 homes at a cost of around £5,000 per home.

The latest information from Connected Counties is that they will be upgrading cabinets 2,7,8 and 9 on the Stone Exchange by September 2018. This will cover Ford, parts of Upton and areas along the A418 between Dinton and Stone. Cabinet 1 has been deemed impossible to upgrade and is scheduled to be replaced with FTTH (fibre direct to home) in 2019. So, cabinet 1 users, you will wait longer but you may have the fastest broadband in the parish!

The good news for those that are not included the current upgrade plans is that the Government is legislating for a USO (Universal Service Obligation) by 2020. Broadband providers will be obliged, by law, to provide a minimum of 10Mbps download and 1Mbps upload speed.

HADDENHAM SCREEN

Local films showing at
Haddenham Youth & Community Centre
June - July 2018 Season

Tuesday 12 June	Darkest Hour
Tuesday 26 June	Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri
Tuesday 10 July	Phantom Thread
Tuesday 24 July	High Noon (starts 7.15pm with speaker on "The Wonderful world of Westerns")
Thursday 26 July	Paddington 2 (family film starts 3.30pm)

Haddenham Screen shows start at 8.00pm, doors open 7.30pm, unless otherwise shown

Tickets in advance:
£5.00 (£4.00 for members/children) from Haddenham Community Library
or visit www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk

HADDENHAM MEDICAL CENTRE PATIENT GROUP

The Haddenham Medical Centre Patient Group has now raised over £17,000 for its 200Club Lottery. These funds are used to buy equipment for the medical centre for which it gets no NHS funding. This month we have just purchased 2 multi reading Blood Pressure Monitors at a cost of over £1000 each, which are loaned to patients for 24 hours to give a detailed view of their BP.



The results are downloaded and software interprets the results and gives a comprehensive view of BP for the doctors and nurses.

The Medical Centre had a Care Quality Commission Inspection in November 2017 and I am pleased to say they gained a "Good" rating in all categories except 2 where they had "Outstanding"
The Group has 6 open meetings a year at the medical centre at which news, about the surgery and general health issues is given, to the members and there is also a question and answer forum.
The Patient Group is also working to give more support to its members and the Medical Centre. We are working, for example, on a training programme for patients to use the online systems for Appointments, Repeat Prescriptions and access to Patient Records. Any patient registered at the medical centre is welcome to join the group. This can be done in a couple of minutes online.

CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL



It is very heartening to be able to report that our school goes from strength to strength with both full classrooms as well as a very full range of activities to balance the rather more serious work in the classrooms!

Four year 6 children have started a 5 weeks Royal Institute Math Master Class at Wycombe High and have already attempted degree level maths! Mrs Wilde said it was a pleasure to watch their enthusiasm and the children can't wait to teach their class new ideas and concepts.

Parents have been very supportive in attending our Open Sessions when we have had the chance to share the children's learning with them so it was most rewarding to see so many coming to them. Sports continue to be a big success and we have a second gold award from Sainsbury's Active School Sports award! I would like to thank the Junior children, Learn and Master, all the teachers and Mrs Arnott for the continued promotion of Sport within the school. Netball, (the netball team won their first match of the year, 25-3, against Ashmead), swimming and tag Rugby have all featured in the successes and most importantly the children have gained hugely from taking part.

This term we have also had the children taking part for the first time in the annual Grange School dance show. Thanks to Mrs Brogan and Miss Wootton for running an after school dance club in preparation for this performance. 19 boys and girls from the Juniors enjoyed learning a modern dance routine, following the theme of 'The Movies'.

As the finale to our World Wars topic, Cuddington and Dinton School planned an Evacuation Day on Tuesday 20th March in and around Cuddington and Nether Winchendon for years 5 and 6. The children spent the day dressed as evacuees, with suitcases, labels and gas masks, and took part in a wide range of events which helped to bring the whole learning experience alive! We also had a talk from a local historian about his evacuation experience.

The New Mozart Orchestra (18 musicians) recently gave a fantastic concert on the Junior site. Matthias got the opportunity to conduct the orchestra and all the children enjoyed the selection of music they listened to and responded most enthusiastically. A big thank you to the Rothschild Foundation who subsidised the orchestra visit.

Our links with St Peter and St Paul's church continue and parishioners are always most welcome to join us at Family Services and we continue to encourage support for Messy Church which has been recently introduced.

And finally we are delighted with what we have been able to achieve on the Infant site for the Foundation play area. As a result of both a grant from the National Lottery (£10,000) and an amazing £15,000 from F4CADS, we have been able to both enlarge and fully re-equip the area. This was one of the two areas for improvement that Ofsted had identified towards the end of last year, the plans for which were already in hand.



SECURITY MARKING

Following the recent spate of burglaries from garden sheds PCSO Sue Jones has offered to come to Dinton to securely mark any tools and garden equipment.

This is a free service open to all parishioners.

Venue: Dinton Village Hall
Date: Sunday 24th June
Time: 1pm to 3pm

Contact: Martin Usherwood 01296 748129 if you require any further information



Church cleaning – can you help?

We have a rota and work in pairs – it usually takes less than 2 hours.

Could you lend a hand for about 6 times a year?

If you would like to help, please can you contact Valma Thompson on 01296 748561 for further details.

Dinton Churchyard Tidy

Spring will soon be here and once again the Churchyard Working Party will be trying to keep Dinton Churchyard tidy over the Spring, Summer and Autumn. Can you spare a little time to help keep the churchyard tidy? The more helpers we have the easier it becomes. The next working party will be on Saturday 11th August, 10.30am until 12.00 noon, with refreshments provided. Then, normally on the 2nd Saturday of every month through to October. The work consists of light gardening tasks, mowing, weeding, strimming and general tidying up; tools can be provided but it would be useful if you can bring your own. If you would like to help, but Saturday morning is inconvenient, please contact Andrew or Helen and we can let you know what areas need to be worked on. Certain parts of the Churchyard are left as wildlife habitats and need a different work regime. Please could we ask that those tending graves only put compostable plant material in the compost bins and take plastic, cellophane, wire, plant pots etc. home with you. The churchyard is maintained by volunteers and we have no way of getting rid of plastic etc. For further information please contact Andrew or Helen Wild on 01296 748679.

COUNCILLORS:

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Dick O'Driscoll	01296 748283		odriscoll110@btinternet.com
Anne Dunne	07740 486884		adunneupton@gmail.com
Keith Gray	07789 586594	Parish Clerk	keith.gray6@btopenworld.com

Bell Ringing Tower Captain

Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

Church of England Minister

Margot Hodson 01844 291244

Vicar Associate

Dr Phil Groves 01844 291244

Church Wardens

Rosemary Jackson 01296 748655 / Neil Chudley 07788 923493

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Parish Office - 01844 291244

Churchyard Working Party

Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679

Cuddington & Dinton School

01844 291206 cuddingtonoffice@cds.bucks.sch.uk

Dinton Village Hall Bookings

Diane Trigg - 01296 748361

Haddenham Community Library

0845-2303232

Parish Magazine (Dinton)

Mike Thompson - 01296 748561

Police Station (Waddesdon)

PC Dean Kingham / PCSO Sue Jones - 101

Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall

Valerie Partington - 07917 044132

Hotline against Fly Tipping

0845 330 1856

Akido

Anthony Pinchbeck - 01296 747853

Cubs & Beavers

Emily Gray - 07746 973805

Dinton Cricket Club

Peter Ludlow 01296 747254 chairman@dintoncc.co.uk

Pot Hole Reporting

01296 382416 <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

Footpath Problems:

<http://www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-prow.aspx>

Planning Applications:

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/searchplanning-licensing-applications>

GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

Transport to the Doctors, Hospital, Opticians, collection of

Prescriptions, help with getting out of the house in bad weather and shopping in the case of illness.

VOLUNTEERS:

GIBRALTAR	Barbara Green	748529		
FORD:	David Hobden	748476		
UPTON:	Jo & David Troup	747735	Chloe Lambert	748221
DINTON:	Lorraine Gooch	747655	Sylvia Eaton	748537
	Carol Lynch	748392	Keith Mitchell	747018
	Honor Vane	748177	Helen Wild	748679
	Valma Thompson	748561	Stella Young	748771
	Alan Weston	748287	Roland & Margaret Childerhouse	748360