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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Parish Council warmly invites all parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 13th April 2010 in Dinton Village Hall at 7.30 pm

GUEST SPEAKERS: George Lamb speaking on the mediaeval settlements in the Parish
Colin Minton speaking on the plans for mobile VAS (Vehicle activated signs) in FORD
Other community speakers will include the Police, District and County Councillors.
Home made refreshments and tea/coffee will be served.

The meeting will be followed by a meeting of the Parish Council. Parishioners will be welcome to stay for this.

PARISH LITTER BLITZ

HELP KEEP YOUR PARISH TIDY

The Annual Parish Litter Blitz will be held on Saturday 27th March.

If you live in Dinton, Upton, Westlington or Gibraltar and would like to help, please come to Dinton Village Hall on the 27th March at 10.00 am. For further details contact Rebecca Lyall on 01296 747870. Ford's litter blitz will be on the same day, but start at 10.30am and meet in Ford. For further details please contact Jon Horn on 01296 748297

CHESTNUT TIDY

Last year parishioners helped clear a large area of verge along

Chestnut Avenue and the Parish Council had been assured that the County Council would mow the cleared areas, unfortunately this did not happen. The Parish Council are hoping that Bucks County Council will mow the cleared verges this year.

DINTON GARDENS OPEN FOR CHARITY

SUNDAY 20TH JUNE 2 - 6 PM

Eight private gardens in Dinton and Westlington will be open to the public on Sunday 20th June as part of the National Gardens Scheme. Combined admission to all the gardens will be £5 per person, children free. All proceeds go to this national charity which distributes them mainly to MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT and MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE.

Other charities which benefit include Hospices and Caring for the Carers.

Home made teas will be served in the Village Hall with all proceeds going to DINTON CHURCH which will be open throughout the afternoon.

There will be a well stocked plant stall at Hermits Cottage, Westlington.

Free parking in the Parish Field.

All the garden owners look forward to welcoming you on what has become a very relaxed and happy bi annual summer event.

Dinton Cricket Club

Junior members have until early May to send in their forms and payment. Membership secretary is Kelvin Ripley:
members@dintoncc.co.uk
01296 486 090

The 1st XI's debut match in the Home Counties Premier League is away at Finchampstead.

Matches start May 8th. For further information see the Dinton Cricket Club web site.

SALT BINS

During the snowy weather the salt bin at the junction with New Road and the High Street in Dinton proved invaluable. Residents regularly applied the salt provided to the road and allowed traffic to keep moving in and out of the village.

The Parish Council has had requests to place salt bins in other areas so residents can try to keep their roads open during icy conditions. We are purchasing bins to be sited in Westlington, at the top of Boot Lane and in Ford. The bins are black and gold so fairly discreet (not the big yellow bins you see on suburban roads) and will be placed so as to be convenient and useful but as unobtrusive as possible.

The County Council fills the bins regularly with salt or grit, but it is up to residents to apply the salt to the roads. Remember these bins are there for everyone to use - indeed we encourage as many people as possible to get involved - but they are intended for use on public roads and pavements only

PARISH FIELD SPINNEY

David Hobden has been very busy clearing scrub and dead trees from another area of the Spinney, prior to the planning of 120 saplings in March.

Please could parishioners walking in the Spinney avoid the newly planted area, and if you see any vandalism of trees, please report it to the Parish Council.

CAROL SINGING IN DINTON 2009

Trevor Hopwood gives a big thank-you to all those who turned out on a very cold Christmas Eve to sing carols around Dinton. A group of 30 braved the elements and afterwards they much appreciated mince pies and refreshments provided by Carol and Barry Lynch at their home. **£190.00 was raised for the Florence Nightingale Hospice.**

DINTON WANT NEW PLAYERS

Newly-Promoted Dinton Cricket Club are appealing for new players to come forward as they prepare for the new season.

Net sessions are being held every Friday at Waddesdon School for cricketers to stake their claim to a place in the team.

Current and new players have been urged to go along, with places on each of the clubs four teams up for grabs.

There is no need to pre book a place, but players must be 16 or over.

The new Home Counties Premier Cricket League season is set to start in May, and team officials are hopeful of a successful season after achieving promotion last year.

Friday training sessions starts at 7.30pm each week and any new players are welcome.

NEW BENCH IN THE PARISH FIELD

A kind contribution from the Fete Committee has at their request been put towards a new seat in the Parish Field, which will be placed in the older children's play area adjacent to the Spinney. A bin will also be placed in this area and this has been financed by contributions you have made for brass name plaques in the little children's playground. We aim to use the profits from this scheme to benefit other young person related projects, and the smaller children love to "own" their own fence posts. If you would like a plaque for your child or grandchild, please contact Diana Coole.

HIRING THE PARISH FIELD

The Parish Council has currently set up a working group to review the arrangements for hiring the Parish Field. If you have any comments you would like to make concerning these arrangements that you would like the working group to consider, please email those comments to the chairman of the working group - John Owen; email address owendinton@aol.com

The working group will report back at the Parish Council meeting on 8th May, 2010 at 7.30pm in Dinton Village Hall.

We would like to receive any comments you may have on the use and hire of the parish field.

CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL

The first half of this term has been full of exciting visits and opportunities for the children. Our reception class visited Oxford Museum to explore the models and fossils for their Dinosaurs topic, whilst Year 1 visited Banbury Museum to find out all about Toys from the Victorian era. This culture injection will continue when our Year 3 and Year 4 classes venture into London next month to visit either the Natural History or Science Museum.

Wycombe Wanderers Football Club have invaded the school over the past few weeks providing coaching for several of our classes, as well as running an after school club for our older children. Sadly, no signings as yet...

Future events include our World Book Day celebrations and our Arts Week when we look forward to resident artists working creatively with the children.

Our School Travel Plan has now achieved Level 3 Status which we hope will increase awareness of parking and travel arrangements around both school sites. We maintain constant communication between local residents, parents and local authorities in order to make further progress. The close liaison with Dinton Parish Council has been most important and as a result "no parking" white lines have been painted around the triangle at the end of School Lane. It is hoped that this will make access for the school bus a great deal more convenient and also make the whole area safer with passing traffic.

The classrooms facing School Lane have recently had new windows installed and both staff and children are appreciating the benefits! This is just another stage in the process of improving the facilities on the Dinton site.

This Spring Term concludes on Wednesday 31st March, and school reopens for the Summer Term on Monday 19th April.

Haddenham U3A (University of the 3rd Age)

Membership subscription is now due. Several members live in this parish. If you are interested in joining google Haddenham U3A to look at the web site or contact the Secretary, Peter Wenham on:

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HELP! Ford Village History Group have started to produce a document detailing the History of Ford Village and are keen to speak to anyone who lived in Ford or has any memories, anecdotes or photographs that they would like to contribute to this exciting project. Please contact any of the following:

Harry Shearman	01296 748612	harry@shearmanfamily.co.uk
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Highways Winter Maintenance Survey

The Parish Council has been asked to comment on the way Highways department has handled the roads this winter, especially during the recent inclement weather. This includes gritting, potholes, keeping roads open, public transport and many other aspects. If anyone would like to add their comments, please forward them to the Parish Clerk preferably by e-mail.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT THE SCHOOL

White lines and a 'no parking' restriction have been put in place near to the school. This is one of a range of measures being taken to assist the school with its Travel Plan. The Plan attempts to reduce the number of car journeys made to and from the school, making the journey safer, healthier and greener for all. One of the major aims of the Travel Plan is to encourage as many children as possible to use the school bus, both now and in the future. It is hoped that by encouraging school users to respect the parking restrictions the school bus can stop, wait and let children on and off safely without blocking the road and inconveniencing residents. The police will be monitoring the situation regularly.

Useful Numbers

Licensed Minister:

Avril Clarke—01296 47755

Bell Ringing Tower Captain

Andrew Wild—01296 748679

Church Wardens:

Valma Thompson—01296 748561

Jean Moore—01296 748063

Churchyard Working Party

Andrew & Helen Wild—01296 748679

Dinton C of E School—01296 748264

Dinton Cricket Club—01296 748162

Haddenham Health Club—0844 477 8575

Girl Guides (Sue Napier) - 01296 748554

1st Stone Brownies—01296 655692

Marquee Hire (Chris Robinson) - 01296 748113

Parish Magazine (Dinton)

Mike Thompson—01296 748561

Police Station (Waddesdon) PC

Mark Wray—07989498979

Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall

Valerie Partington—01296 747495

Village Hall Bookings (Dinton)

Ruth Chelmick -01296 747381

Grateful thanks go to Debbie Pratt, who is retiring as bookings secretary at the Village Hall. The committee are delighted to welcome Mrs Ruth Chelmick as the new bookings secretary. Tel: 01296 747381