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## Parish Council Website

When we looked at our neighbouring Parish Councils we discovered that most of them had a website. The Parish Council decided to 'launch' into the 21st Century, having a very generous offer from Barry Lynch, ably helped by Carol Lynch, to build the site for us on a voluntary basis.

We must emphasise that the site is in its very early stages so we would welcome any feedback on its contents and any suggestions for developments you would like to see.

The website currently includes:

Parish Notice Board - Events in the Parish are noted here.

Parish Council Information - Dates of meetings, agendas, minutes and annual accounts.

The Bigg Issue - Paper copies will still be distributed.

Parish Record - Archive information.

There are also some links to other Parish sites including Dinton Cricket Club and The Parochial Church Council. More links will be developed.

### HOW TO ACCESS THE SITE:

<http://www.dinton.org> or <http://www.dintonwithfordandupton.org>

### HOW TO GIVE FEEDBACK OR PLACE INFORMATION ON THE SITE:

Please contact Barry Lynch at [barrylynch@dinton.org](mailto:barrylynch@dinton.org) or any parish councillor.

## Help us to Conker Chestnut Avenue

In spring 2009, Parish Councillors and local residents worked hard to clear the verges of Chestnut Avenue. Unfortunately, the mowing programme agreed with Bucks County Council did not take place as planned.

But the good news is that the verges have now been mown by Bucks County Council and the avenue now looks much neater and tidier.

We will be having a final working party on Saturday 30th October to clear some remaining scrub.

The Parish Council was overwhelmed by the support from residents in clearing the avenue in 2009 and if you would like to help this October, please get in touch with any Parish Councillor, or just turn up on the day.

Please join us on the 30th October at 10.30 a.m. in Chestnut Avenue. If you can bring tools such as loppers, secateurs, small saws etc that would be very helpful.

The usual refreshments will be available.

# What a Bright Idea

## BEREAVEMENT

We were all saddened to hear of the recent death of

Ben 'Ten' Pearson on 25th July 2010.

Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.

**Here's a Bright Idea....Leave a Light on!** As the clocks go back and the nights draw in, Aylesbury Vale residents are being asked to use light timer switches.

In a response to the traditional rise in burglaries after the clocks go back, Aylesbury Vale Community Safety Partnership are working on an initiative which targets residents who get home after dark in the winter months, such as commuters and late night shoppers.

Residents are being asked to consider using their timer light switch to leave a light on if they plan to return home after dark. Other advice is to regularly vary the times they set timer switches to turn on and off. Over the last few years the community safety partnership have given out over 5000 light timers and energy efficient light bulbs. AVDC have a limited supply this year but residents can pick one up in local stores and supermarkets for about £2.

From October staff from Thames Valley Police and the District Council Community Safety Team will be at locations across the Vale handing out information about how to secure homes effectively against burglaries.

"A home in darkness between 4pm and 9pm tells potential burglars that nobody's home. By using timer light switches, preferably fitted with a low energy bulb, residents can protect their property by creating the impression that someone's home" said Kama Wager, Crime Reduction Officer. "We want to make residents who return home after dark aware of simple steps they can take to make their home more secure."

More advice can be found at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/crprev) or please contact your local Community Safety Team on 01296 585858.

## CUDDINGTON & DINTON C of E SCHOOL

The new school year began on 2nd September with the first Year 5 class being formed on the Dinton site which now no longer has any Infant children – all infants now being on the Cuddington site.

We bid a very warm welcome to Mrs Kim Price who takes up her post as Acting Headteacher for this year. Mrs Price comes to us from Stoke Mandeville Primary school where she had been acting Deputy Headteacher and the head of the special hearing unit.

Towards the end of last term we said a big thank you and good-bye to Pam Talbot at an informal picnic on the Dinton playing field.

During the summer holidays work has begun on a major project to improve the surface and quality of the playing field. It means that much of the area will be out of action until sometime early next summer when we hope to be able to start benefiting from it again.



Church of England School

*We are holding 2 open mornings on the Cuddington site for prospective parents of children who will be starting school in September 2011.*

Dates: 4th & 7th October

Time: 10.30-11.00am

*We look forward to seeing you.*

Cuddington and Dinton Church of England School  
Tel: 01844 291206

## Dinton Fete

Yet again we had a rain-free day for the Fete on August Bank Holiday Monday! The atmosphere was relaxed and happy and despite the non appearance of the Hurricane and Spitfire due to cross winds on their runway, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The RAF promised that if at all possible they would re-route a Lancaster that was leaving Brighton to return to their base at RAF Conningsby but it wouldn't arrive until approx 17.15. It did arrive, and the crowd that waited were delighted to see the plane flying low and dipping it's wings in salute before it flew off home. The whole day was marred by the theft of 11 boxes of wine and 2 barrels of beer from the marquee over night. The loss of the wine and the profit from selling glasses of wine is keenly felt. Not only that but we had invested in 6 A-boards and A2 laminated signs to advertise the Fete and 2 were stolen during the weekend. It is a very uncomfortable feeling that we can't trust anyone any more! Despite all the downsides we felt that the whole day was a huge success and we hope to be able to tell everyone how much profit we made fairly soon..

In the mean time can I say, on behalf of the Dinton Fete Committee, a huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful people who helped with the Fete. From the men who cut the grass on Saturday to the people who helped set up the stalls on Sunday and all the volunteers on the day itself. It was all greatly appreciated and hopefully when we get the final result it will prove what a worthwhile event it is. Sylvia Eaton - Chairman Dinton Fete Committee.

## Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)

Another milestone was passed on the 30<sup>th</sup> June when a Bucks CC arranged launch event took place in Ford. Val Letheren (Cabinet Member For Transport) and our County Councillor Margaret Aston joined others from Bucks CC, the Parish Council and Ford to formally mark the commencement of the project. The event generated media interest and you may have seen an interview with Ford Village Society Chairman Mary Hobden on BBC Local TV news.

PC Dean Kingham, our Neighbourhood Officer, visited Ford in July for the first of his pre-arranged enforcement 'slots'. These visits are an integral part of the MVAS project and Dean will be returning on a number of pre-arranged days over the next 12 months. His first visit resulted in 37 vehicles being stopped and the drivers of 20 vehicles issued with tickets for driving at speeds ranging from 37 to 48mph.

The training of volunteers has now commenced in earnest with a number of Ford villagers undergoing their training during August. The active participation of this first batch of volunteers started on the 29<sup>th</sup> August with the installation of the VAS in the middle of the village (opposite the Dinton Hermit).

Frustratingly we are still experiencing some technical issues with the VAS device and we are working closely with the manufacturer to iron these out. In the meantime other Parishes and villages continue to show interest in the MVAS project which, notwithstanding the ongoing technical problems, remains on track to reach a successful conclusion.

### WALK TO SCHOOL ROUTE

The Parish Council have installed signs to remind parishioners that the footpath in front of Dinton Hall is a 'walk to school route'. It is particularly important that parishioners using the footpath also use the **New Dog Bin** provided at the top of Boot Lane to keep this route clean. There are also several other dog bins in the Parish and we hope that parishioners use these too.

### FOOTPATH LEADING OFF BOOT LANE

Thank you very much to all those parishioners who helped clear the alleyway off Boot Lane which is part of the 'walk to school route'. In particular we would like to thank Simon Vincent-Cook, Diane Trigg, Harry Bingham, Rebecca, Derek and Alexander Wilson, Diana Coole, Helen Wild, Colin Minton, Jon Horn and Lorraine Gooch.

## DINTON with FORD & UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** will be on the

14th November. **Please join us: Stone** at 10.00am  
**Bishopstone** at 10.20am, **Stone Church** at 10.55am,  
**Dinton** at 12.15pm and **Ford** at 12.35pm

### Useful Numbers

**Bell Ringing Tower Captain**  
Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

**Church of England Minister:**  
Avril Clarke - 01296 747755

**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

**BONFIRE NIGHT** will be celebrated in the Parish Field on Saturday November 6th at 6.30pm with the usual spectacular fireworks display. There is no charge but it is hoped that everyone will buy a drink to help offset the cost of the fireworks kindly provided by the Marquee Fund.

**TARGET HOUSEHOLD BURGLARY** *As of August 31st 2010 there had been 185 burglaries across 178,000 households in Aylesbury Vale. This is 10% fewer than the previous year and the lowest by a considerable margin across Bucks. We want to keep these figures low and you can play a significant role in raising awareness and informing your local residents of a few simple preventative measures.*

#### Don't forget the top 5 tips to target household Burglary

1. Keep windows and doors shut, locked and in good condition
2. Postcode your property with a UV marking kit
3. Use a light timer switch when you're not at home
4. Ensure car keys are safely stored away from the front door
5. Keep tools and ladders locked away and out of sight

To find out more visit [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)  
or call 0845 8 505 505



A Simple Guide To help  
prevent your home becoming  
a target for criminals