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CAROL SINGING IN DINTON



The annual tradition of Carol Singing takes place on Christmas eve. Meet at 6pm outside the Seven Stars, weather permitting. All are welcome, children should be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a torch with you. Collections from the evening will go to the Florence Nightingale Hospice, Stoke Mandeville. Mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.

For further information please contact Sarah and Trevor Hopwood on 01296 748055.

VALE OF AYLESBURY PLAN

HAVE YOUR SAY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Since the coalition government came to power in May 2010 there have been a number of changes to the national planning system. One of them will enable local people to have a greater role in influencing the outcome of the planning process in their area.

Aylesbury Vale District Council will be developing a comprehensive new planning policy document for the district council called **The Vale of Aylesbury Plan** and as a parish we have been invited to influence this policy by providing them with information relevant to us.

Please will you complete a short questionnaire giving your views on HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT and INFRASTRUCTURE within the parish to fulfil the needs of existing and future residents over the next 20 years.

To do this go the parish website - www.dinton.org

Click the **Notice Board** box on the lower left of the screen and then click onto the **AVDC Planning Survey** Link and follow the instructions.

Alternatively go to: www.surveymonkey.com/s/dinton and fill in the questionnaire there.

Please make sure you complete the questionnaire by 6th January 2012.

WE NEED AND WELCOME YOUR VIEWS

PARISH GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

We now have a Parish Good Neighbours Scheme run by volunteers. If you ever need help with one of the following, please phone one of the people on the list which is being sent out with this copy of the Bigg Issue and they will help you. Try your nearest person first, if they are not available, then telephone down the list until you find someone else who is available. Please keep the list in a safe place and use it for:

Transport to and from the Doctors, Dentist, Opticians or to keep hospital appointments.
Collecting Prescriptions.

Shopping in the case of illness, incapacity or where possible, in bad weather.

If in doubt of your nearest helper, please phone one of the following co-ordinators:
Jo Troup 01296 747735 or Valerie Aslett-Clark 01296 747499.



DINTON FETE 2011

There was a very happy, well attended Celebration Evening in the Village Hall on October 18th when we had the opportunity to hand out cheques to those organisations that had requested to be included in the profit payouts. The Committee were very happy to recommend the following:-

Village Hall gas installation	£3,500
Church Flush Fund	£2,000
Flower Arrangers	£250
Beavers/Cubs	£100
Girl Guides	£100
Home Farm Trust	£100
R.A.F Memorial Flight	£250
Aikido (New mats)	£500
Nesting boxes for the Spinney	£150
New changing rooms for Cuddington and Dinton Junior School	£500

We are also reserving £100 in case the Parish Good Neighbours scheme should need some money for expenses. We are retaining £2,000 as the sheds need re-roofing and we need to invest in more gazebos or tents.

The recipients of the cheques were very appreciative and we hope that they will benefit from the hard work that everyone puts into our wonderful fete every year. We look forward to another successful fete next year!

Sylvia Eaton (Chairman)

THE SEVEN STARS



The Seven Stars pub in Dinton had been a successful privately run business for many years until in 2001 it was bought by a national pub company. During the next ten years there were nine different landlords or managers, of all whom failed to make a success of the business. Inevitably there was considerable disruption and uncertainty and several periods when the pub was closed.

On Friday 8th April, a For Sale notice was erected outside the Seven Stars pub in Dinton. This was the starting point for a roller coaster journey taken by a group of locals. Terry Heath, Dick O'Driscoll, Jon Taylor, Chris Robinson and Steve Merry, all regulars in the Stars, came together and decided to try to buy the pub to safeguard this asset for the community.

Initial response from the community was encouraging and through a combination of emails, leaflet distribution, telephone calls and face to face meetings, sufficient funds were available to enable a final bid in competition with others in early July. The bid was successful and during the next three months a bank loan was arranged, a grant was applied for, surveys were carried out, prospective tenants were interviewed to take on the lease and for the last eight weeks the team actually ran the pub.

On Wednesday 16th November the purchase was completed and the Seven Stars pub now belongs to 64 local investors. The communal joy on securing the pub was overshadowed by the tragic and untimely death, three days before the completion, of Chris Robinson.

The Seven Stars is now in the capable hands of Dave Berry and Stephanie Guiraute (ex The Crown in Cuddington) and is open for excellent value food and drink. They are both looking forward to working hard to make the "Stars" the focal point for the community that it once was. Stephanie said; "I am looking forward to the challenge. There will always be a warm and friendly welcome here." Please log onto the website and check out the menus, including the Christmas menu at www.sevenstarsdinton.com or telephone Stephanie on 01296 749000.

NEWS FROM CUDDINGTON & DINTON C OF E SCHOOL

Such a lot has happened since the start of the term.

We are all in residence on the Infant site at Cuddington – 162 pupils on the one site is a fantastic opportunity for staff and children to get to know each other. It will be wonderful to get back to the Junior site, once planning and building works have been completed.

Thank you to all the residents who were able to attend the rebuild consultation meeting. It was a great opportunity to share the proposals with you.

The children participated in a Jeans for Genes day and raised £138 for this charity. They also had a mufti day and cake sale for Great Ormond Street Hospital and raised over £400.

Our Open Sessions for prospective parents have been very successful. Many parents commented on how well behaved the children were and what a lovely village school we had.

13 of our older children have obtained their level 2 and 3 cycling certificates. They had a wonderful session cycling around the village of Cuddington practicing their road safety skills.



Church of England School

The year 4 pupils had a very exciting start to their topic on the Tudors. They spent a night on the Golden Hinde in London. They had an interesting evening living the life as Tudor sailors! A great time was had by all; staff included, and as ever their behaviour was superb.

Our Key Stage 2 pupils have had the opportunity to watch, and take part in, a performance of Macbeth by the Young Shakespeare

company. From the shrieks coming from the hall they were obviously enjoying the experience.

I have a number of staff news items to share with you. After many years of employment with the school Mrs Broadway and Mrs Wood are retiring at the end of the Autumn term. We hope that they make the most of retirement, but know that we will continue to see them popping into the school.

Mr Tomson has been promoted from Assistant Head to Deputy Head.

Our Family Christmas services are on the 5th and 12th December at St Nicholas Church, Cuddington.

We always look forward to seeing people from the village in the congregation.

Mrs Kim Price - Headteacher

VILLAGE HALL

As some of you may have noticed we have installed gas into the Village Hall. The oil tank and boiler have been removed and now a new gas boiler and pipe work has been completed. Hopefully it won't have been tested too much in the coming weeks as we can do without the severe weather of last year!

We are very grateful to the fete committee for their generous donation towards the final cost of about £6,000. We had already put aside a considerable sum and with nearly £400 made at the recent quiz night we have been able to complete the whole thing at once. We thank our regular users for their tolerance while the work was carried out.

It is important to take every care with maintenance and upkeep of this great village asset and hopefully there won't be any major expenses in the coming months.

Sylvia Eaton (Chairman)

SALT

Highways have now delivered the first batch of salt for use during icy weather. This is provided for anyone to use on public roads.





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PC Dean Kingham - 0845 8 505 505

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Valerie Partington - 01296 747495

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0845 330 1856

Parish Good Neighbours Scheme

Jo Troup - 01296 727735

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BEREAVEMENT

Chris Robinson sadly passed away on 13.11.11

Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.

PLAYGROUND PLAQUES

Would you like to have a plaque with your child's or grandchild's name on it in the younger children's playground in Dinton? If yes, please contact Jon Horn (see details on the back of Bigg Issue). They cost £12.00 per plaque and the money goes towards the maintenance of the playground. Its nice to see that we are now having plaques made for the children of the children whose names were originally placed there.



THE QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATION PARTY

4TH JUNE 2012

ON THE PARISH FIELD - details to follow.