

CHURCH YARD

'Can you spare a couple of hours each month to support Dinton Churchyard?'

'Will 9,600 new properties affect Aylesbury and its surroundings?'

'Quiz Night
10th
November
7.30pm!'

Contact Sylvia
Eaton on
01296 748537

DINTON FETE - Another SUCCESS!

WOW!! Another successful Bank Holiday Monday fete.

Dinton Parish excelled itself and was appreciated by the thousands who enjoyed the happy, sunny day, topped by the Hurricane Pilot waving as he circled our field three times.

Obviously at the moment we are not certain that we have made more than last year. We should have more definite figures when we hold our Celebration Evening in Autumn.

We will advertise details later but everyone is invited to share a glass of wine with the committee as we hand out the cheques.

Sylvia and the rest of the committee would like to thank everyone for their generosity, their support and most of all a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who helped us set up; participated on the day and cleared up afterwards.

The Parish of Dinton Ford and Upton, including of course Gibraltar, has a wonderful community spirit as this sort of event shows clearly.

So Thank you again to everyone and see you next August!!

Local Development Framework, Core Strategy and Allocated Sites

These two documents give an outline as to how the development of 9,600 new properties will effect the growth of Aylesbury and the surrounding area.

The Parish Council had several concerns about how these proposals would affect the Parish and the Parishioners.

We have therefore responded to the consultation by raising the following concerns: increased traffic flows on the A418 and C63 leading to increased noise and pollution, a lack of detail concerning educational provision both primary and secondary, flooding, adequate provision of water and electricity, protection of Designated Landscapes and public transport provision.

Our Green Infrastructure

In early August the Parish Council was asked to put in its response to the Green Infrastructure Plan, one of the documents to be used in support of the Local Development Plan for Aylesbury Vale.

On your behalf we asked that the Areas of Attractive Landscape be preserved and extended, particularly in view of the current threat to green open spaces at Aylesbury posed by the Local Development Plan. We also asked that the Vale be provided with more designated bridle ways and safe cycle routes; encouragement for tree planting and where practical the establishment of more community woods; encouragement to preserve and replant hedgerows; the preservation of good agricultural land, floodplains and river areas; and more work on wildlife sites to preserve these against encroachment. And how about all schools appointing a Green Officer to promote the knowledge and protection of the countryside to the younger generation?

It is expected that the grant application for improvements to the Village Hall will receive a decision in October!
Meanwhile, the next fundraising event will be a Quiz Night on 10th November at 7:30pm. Why not make up a table, or join others on the night? Contact Sylvia Eaton for details.

Waste Incineration Site At Haddenham

Bucks County Council have identified a site on the Haddenham Industrial Estate as one of six possible sites for the location of waste management facilities. At the moment, the preferred site in Aylesbury Vale is at Aston Clinton with the Haddenham site being identified as a 'reserve' site.

The Parish Council responded to a consultation document on the proposed Haddenham site by opposing the proposal in view of the impact of increased traffic movement to the site via the A418.

Please send any personal views direct to Bucks County Council either to County Hall or via County Councillor Margaret Aston.

Cllr Margaret Aston
Bucks County
Council
01844 291576

**POTHoles REPAIR
AND ALL ROAD
ISSUES—Contact
Highways Direct on
0845 230 2882
8.30am - 5.00pm
Monday to Friday**

Conservation
Area Review
Contact
AVDC on
01296 585858

POT HOLES

Some parishioners have commented on the number of potholes in the parish roads. Bucks County Council have a priority system for dealing with potholes which basically means that only the worst ones are repaired. The Parish Council have been in contact with officers at County Hall and arranged a site meeting to show them the extent of the damage

on our roads. We have had some potholes repaired and others have been marked to future repair.

The Parish Council will continue to push for repairs and parishioners are asked to contact Highways Direct to report any problems by telephoning 0845 230 2882 between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

SNIPPETS FROM THE PAST

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 17th April, 1934 show that the Council met at Major Watson's house at 6.30pm. The Clerk was asked to interview Major Landsberg about the stiles adjoining Westlington House which were in a state of disrepair—it seems some discussion about who should pay for this took place and the Council informed Major Landsberg that he would have to pay! The Clerk was also asked to contact the District Council about rubbish collection!

Review of Conservation

The Parish Conservation Areas are currently being reviewed by Aylesbury Vale District Council.

Anyone who wishes to receive more information can contact the Conservation Officer at AVDC on :

01296 585858

REPEATER SPEED SIGNS

As you will have seen, a number of repeater speed signs have been removed from Dinton following objections by the Parish Council.

We objected to the number and placing of some of these signs.

The Clerk to the Council arranged a meeting and site visit with officers from Bucks County Council. Parish Councillors, the Clerk and Officers discussed the need for these signs and agreed that some should be removed and some resited.

DOG WALKERS

Much as we all like dogs we do not like the mess they sometimes deposit! Could all dog owners be considerate of others and clear up after them especially on the verges, pavements, Parish Field and Spinney that are used by children. There are two dog waste bins in the parish; if anyone feels the need for more please contact a Parish Councillor or Parish Clerk, Keith Gray.

The Parish Field And Spinney

Thank you to all who helped in the spring with the laying of the hedge bordering the Parish Field and Upton Road. We are holding another working party on October 31st under the direction of AVDC Green Spaces Officer, Paul Holton. The Vale Volunteers, under the direction of AVDC Green Spaces Officer Paul Holton, will be helping us but the more volunteers we have the more hedge we can lay, so if you would like to help please contact Diana Coole, Helen Wild or David Hobden. We will publish the dates for the hedge laying in the next Bigg Issue. David Hobden, the village tree warden, has been very busy cutting and clearing dead wood in the Spinney and replanting with native species to help encourage greater wildlife diversity. David planted 125 saplings two years ago and they have made very good growth. During the winter David will be continuing to replant the newly cleared areas with another 150 saplings. The saplings are provided by AVDC with the Parish Council paying half the cost. We are concerned that there has been some vandalism of the planted saplings and we would ask those who use the spinney to take care and avoid the newly planted areas.

125 SAPLINGS WERE PLANTED 2 YEARS AGO AND ANOTHER 150 ARE GOING TO BE PLANTED !

The Old Playground

We have now had time to get more detailed plans and costs together for the Old Playground Project. The original idea was to provide a play area for the older children and teenagers of the Parish at the site of the Old Playground. The old and disused play equipment has been removed and the remaining space looked promising as a site for a skate ramp, multi use games area (known in the trade as MUGA), cableway and pendulum swing.

We have received quotes from a number of suppliers including specialist ramp designers, play area manufacturers and suppliers of more traditional playground equipment. The cost of these varies, but it has become obvious that we will not be able to install all the elements on the wish list for much less than £55,000.

In addition there are questions around the hedge enclosing the site and whether it needs removing for safety and access, as well as the issues of general access to the site. Some of the money needed can be raised from various grants, but a considerable amount will need to be raised from parishioners. Although the initial response to the idea of a new leisure area from those who attended the Annual Parish Meeting was very positive, no-one knew at the time how much it was likely to cost. In addition, the issues surrounding access, security and environment had not been fully debated.

Before we take the proposals any further, those who live closest to the site also need to be consulted and given a chance to ask questions and air their views.

The Parish council will consider the installation of a skate ramp only, at a much lower cost than for the whole project. The other

elements could be added later. If this was positioned in the main parish field, behind the existing children's playground, then problems with visibility and access will also be removed.

Consultation will take place with those living near the playground before any work is carried out.

Rebecca will have detailed proposal - including costs and specification - for discussion at the parish council meeting on October 9th. The council would hope to reach a decision on whether or not to proceed at this meeting. We will invite all those who have an interest, neighbours, potential users, parishioners and fundraisers to attend the meeting and express an opinion. If you cannot attend please send a letter or email to Keith Gray, Clerk to Parish Council so your opinion can be taken into consideration.

The Parish Council will consider the installation of a skate ramp only, at a much lower cost than for the whole project. Cllr Lyall will have more detailed costs and specifications at the next meeting on October 9th, 2007.

DINTON CHURCHYARD

Can you spare a couple of hours each month to help maintain Dinton Churchyard? We have a superb band of volunteers who are tending the churchyard, but we could always do with more help. The work involves mowing, weeding, strimming and general tidying up; you choose what you want to do.

We meet on the second Saturday of the month, weather permitting.

As an extra incentive, refreshments are provided on the Saturday morning. If you feel you can help please contact Andrew or Helen Wild on 01296 748679.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

If you wish to voice any concerns or support the proposals for the old playground please attend the Parish Council Meeting on October 9th at 7.30 in Dinton Village Hall. This is the last time anyone will be able to speak to the council before they make their decision on skate ramps and other equipment for the park.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED to help in the Spinney on 31st October, 2007. Hedge laying, planting of whips etc.

Please contact Cllr Helen Wild for more information.

**DINTON with FORD &
UPTON Parish Council**

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Footpaths Update

The plaque to the late Fiona Lees has not been put on the footpath gate to date, but I am sure this will happen in the very near future.

I have received BCC rights of way improvement plan 2007 to 2011. It comes from Paul Battye the Strategic Access Team Leader at BCC.

It is forwarded by cabinet member Councillor Margaret Dewar; it sets out the strategy of the rights of way network to 2011 and identifies the priorities, and action and approach the council will take in developing the network for the future.

It needs a lot of reading and understanding. I will go over the plan and feed back observations affecting our community in the next Bigg Issue.

The full document can be accessed on:

www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc

Should any Parishioner wish to contact me regarding any problem of query with our footpaths please call 01296 747285

Dinton School

The statutory period of notice which invites comments on the proposed merger of Cuddington C of E School and Dinton C of E School to create a new single school to be known as Cuddington and Dinton C of E School ended on 29th August, 2007.

The Local Authority have two months in which to examine all the submissions they have received and to make their decision. The Councillor and Cabinet Member responsible for this process at Bucks County Council is Cllr Mrs Marion Clayton.

We hope to provide more information in the next Bigg Issue.

Dinton Cricket Club

Congratulations to Dinton Cricket Club under 13's for winning the John Fulkes Memorial Cup in the under 13 six-a-side tournament played at Thame.

In order to win the cup the team beat a strong Thame Town side and then Horspath in the final.

Useful Numbers

Bell Ringing Tower Captain

Faith Newell— 01296 748508

Church of England

Mrs Avril Clark— 01296 747755

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)

Debbie Pratt—01296 748437