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The Parish Council warmly invites all parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 17th April 2012 in Dinton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

GUEST SPEAKER: Richard Wilson, Lord Wilson of Dinton, will make a very welcome return in this Diamond Jubilee year to share more of his career experiences with us: from Cabinet Secretary to Master of Emmanuel College.

Other community speakers will include the Police, District and County Councillors and other representatives from the Parish.

Refreshments and tea/coffee will be served.

As this is the Diamond Jubilee year please bring any memorabilia with you and we will display it.

Parish Litterblitz:

Ford: 24th March 10.30 Dinton/Upton/Gibraltar: 31st March 10:00

Can you spare an hour to keep your parish litter free?



The annual litter blitz will take place in Ford on Saturday 24th March meet at the telephone box at 10.30am and In Dinton, Upton and Gibraltar on Saturday 31st meet at the village hall at 10:00am.

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN THE PARISH

We will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style in the Parish and hope that as many people as possible will join in the celebrations. More details will be circulated nearer the time, but please put these dates in your diary:

SUNDAY 3rd JUNE: TEA PARTY 3pm – 5pm in Dinton village hall. THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE. This will be for all ages and children and grandchildren are welcome.

MONDAY 4th JUNE: PICNIC IN THE PARK: DINTON PARISH FIELD: Set up from 7pm. Dance till 11.30 pm. Bring your own tables and chairs and picnic: There will be a marquee **and the fantastic group who played at the school ball last year called 'Busting Loose' will play for us. Some tables and chairs will be provided on a 'first come' 'first served' basis if you don't want to bring your own.** A pay bar will be provided by the marquee group. THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE AND NO TICKETS... JUST COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN. Prize for best dressed table.

TUESDAY 5th JUNE: LUNCH FOR FORD VILLAGE in Chris Hargreaves Barn; details will be given through Ford Village Society.



VILLAGE HALL

We continue to maintain the upkeep of the village hall and recently installed a hood over the cooker to prevent steam causing mildew on the kitchen ceiling. The installation of a security light in the porch is of great benefit during dark evenings when unlocking the door. The new gas fired boiler has settled down and running very well. Despite the cost of removing the oil tank and installing the gas to the village hall we consider the large expense worthwhile and definitely more efficient.

We are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 14th April. Doors open 7.30, bring your own refreshments and make up tables of up to 8 people. To book a table please ring Sylvia on 01296 748537.

The Village A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 15th May at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

CUDDINGTON AND DINTON C OF E SCHOOL

Many of you will already have heard that at a meeting of Aylesbury Vale District Council Development Control Committee on 23rd February, Members unanimously resolved that permission could be granted for our planning application to rebuild the damaged Junior site, subject to (and after) the receipt of suitable amendments, and that the agreement of these amendments should be a matter delegated to Planning Officers.



We will continue to consult and inform the community and we now look forward to securing sufficient funding and to implementing our plans. We have every intention having all of the Junior children back on the Dinton site for next September in what should be a greatly improved school building.

Meanwhile we can assure you that their education and wellbeing is being fully catered for in their excellent temporary facilities on the Infant site in Cuddington.

A recent project for the year 5 & 6 children was taking up an invitation by the Waddesdon Estate to help the Woodland Trust plant a new wood as part of the Jubilee celebrations. Having played some games first (an essential part of keeping everyone warm on a very cold day in February and each in a Woodland Trust hat!) the children were shown how to plant a sapling.

CHESTNUT AVENUE

At the end of last year Gino Tartaglia and his team from Bucks County Council cleared all the scrubby undergrowth from below the chestnuts in the avenue. They did an excellent job and we are hugely grateful to them for making our job so much easier when it comes to planting the new, small leaf lime trees – *tilia cordata* – in the autumn.

All over the country, people are being encouraged to plant a tree to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year so in the summer we will be asking you to either buy a tree – perhaps as a family – or contribute towards one.

We will continue to keep you informed of our progress.

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 the Bigg Issue). They cost is £12.00 per plaque and the money goes towards the maintenance of the playground.

It's nice to see that we are now having plaques made for the children of the children whose names were originally placed there.

DINTON FETE

The first meeting of the year has been held at the 7 Stars and one of the main things for discussion was the 3 main raffle prizes. As the main money making project of the fete it is important to get the right balance of prizes. Despite increasing the price of the tickets to £1 we actually sold more tickets last year.

We have invested quite a considerable amount in a new pop-up marquee which we hope will be easy to erect and provide cover for at least one of the main attractions. We have allowed enough money to get the 2 sheds re-roofed as we need to maintain the equipment from year to year.

Despite the very sad loss of Chris (Triffik) Robinson, we are happy to say the beer tent will be in operation again. **With Viv's blessing, Dick O'Driscoll and Dennis Dunne** will be serving the welcome beers etc. (no doubt with the help of Eileen and maybe Viv). We do however, desperately need a team to run the BBQ.

This is a arduous job and maybe we should look for 2 teams to ease the strain. If you think you could be a dab hand with a burger or bacon roll, please let one of the committee members know. If you **don't know all the fete committee** members please call Sylvia on 01296 748537.

We hope to see everyone at the annual community fete on 27th August, so in the mean time start saving bric-a-brac, broken or chipped crockery and get ready to pot up cuttings for the plant stall and make preserves. Obviously nearer the date, cakes will be welcomed for sale in the tea tent and bottles for the tombola stall.

Thank you.

Sylvia Eaton. Chaiman, Dinton Parish Fete Committee.



DOG FOULING

Residents of Westlington Green are complaining about the amount of dog fouling in drives of houses round the Green and on the Green itself.

A lot of children play in this area and one child has to get a small amount of dog mess in their eye to potentially go blind. There are also many other areas of the Parish with the same problem.

Please, all dog owners: pick up your dog's mess: keep your dog on a lead around the Green area.

THANK YOU!

Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)

With around 3 months of the 2 year pilot remaining the project is on course to reach a successful conclusion. Once the pilot has been signed off by Bucks CC the Ford Project Team intend to deploy the MVAS within Ford on an on-going basis.

As a part of the pilot PC Dean Kingham & others from our neighbourhood policing team returned to Ford in January to undertake a period of speed limit enforcement. A total of 17 drivers were given tickets for driving well in excess of the 30 mph speed limit whilst 24 others, who were driving at 35mph, were stopped and advised about their speed.

Power to the People

As you know the state of the roads in our Parish is appalling and getting worse however the solution is in our hands. The more of us who report the potholes the more likely we are to get them fixed. So next time you see a pothole, anywhere in our Parish, pick up the phone and call Bucks CC on 0845-230-2882 or on line at www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/transport/ea_report_problem.page. It only takes a few moments and you will be making a difference. In our experience Bucks CC do react positively to problem reports but the more of us who focus their attention the quicker they will react. So don't assume someone else has reported the problem make your voice heard and together we can make a difference. Just to make it easier, the road which starts at Dinton crossroads and cuts through the centre of our Parish to Waldridge is the C63.

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VALE OF AYLESBURY PLAN

All Parishioners were invited to complete a short questionnaire to give their views on HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT and INFRASTRUCTURE within the parish, in order to fulfil the needs of existing and future residents over the next 20 years.

The answers have now been collated and given to AVDC so they can contribute to the development of the new Vale of Aylesbury Plan.

If you would like to read the answers please go to the Parish website at www.dinton.org and click on 'Notice Board'.

GIBRALTAR GETS THEIR OWN NOTICE BOARD!

The residents of Gibraltar can now keep up to date with parish news with the erection of their own notice board at the rear of the Bottle and Glass pub. It is hoped that this will be used by all residents and if anyone wishes to display any notices then please contact Barbara Green.