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Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 9th April 2013

The Parish Council warmly invites all parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 9th April 2013 in Dinton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

GUEST SPEAKER: GEORGE LAMB, WILL TALK ABOUT WALDRIDGE MANOR, THE HISTORY OF TWO VERY DIFFERENT OWNERS:

The regicide, Colonel Sir Richard Ingoldsby (1617 – 1685) and Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather (1897 – 1959) the WW1 ‘Old Bill’ cartoonist.

Other community speakers will include, the Police, District and County Councillors, the school and other representatives from the Parish. Refreshments and tea/coffee provided.

PARISH LITTERBLITZ SATURDAY 23 MARCH

The Annual Litter Blitz will take place in Dinton and Ford on Saturday 23rd March, meet at Dinton Village Hall at 10:00am or Ford Village Notice Board at 10.30am. Bags provided but bring your own rubber gloves, please.

CHESTNUT AVENUE CEREMONY Saturday 6 April at 10.30am

To commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, several small leaf lime trees have now been planted along ‘Chestnut Avenue’.

On Saturday 6 April at 10.30 am a plaque will be unveiled to mark this occasion. It will also acknowledge those parishioners who have kindly donated a tree.

Everybody is welcome at the ceremony, especially those who have given a tree and those who have helped to plant them.

School News February 2013

Good news regarding the progress of the rebuild on the Junior site in Dinton. The project is getting close to completion and we are planning our move into the rebuilt section.

The builders have been fantastic – and have tried to work in all weather conditions – but unsurprisingly, the below freezing temperatures, delays with the window manufacturers and with the roof fitting have all combined to put us a bit behind our original schedule. In addition we took the decision to upgrade the heating with an under-floor system – this provides a number of benefits including cost-efficiency, better use of space and more even heating, however it also added a little time to the build.

Nonetheless, even taking all these factors into consideration, we do now have a schedule for hand-over. This will happen in two phases:

Phase one includes the entrance hall, the library, the rear lobby area and the playground. From Monday 25th February wellington boots are no longer needed for play times as the playground can be used again. Phil Gollins and his building team worked all over the half term and weekends to make this happen. The Library of Inspiration, front entrance, rear lobby and Mrs Price's office have all been painted. The two corridors have been repainted and the school Caretaker Mr Harper, as well as Mr Gollins's cleaning squad, have cleaned everything to remove all traces of mud!

Phase two includes the hall, office space, the kitchen and the internal PE storage room. This hand-over will take place before Easter. (Mrs Huxley and hot lunches will return after Easter!)

The final choice of floor coverings is yet to be made, but these should be in place during the first week of March. The hall and external finishes still need to be completed, but this will be done as quickly as possible. We are grateful to all our neighbours for their patience and understanding during this time. At the end of the day the children come out of school via the school playground.

As we have no office staff on the Junior site yet, we would ask that all phone messages continue to go to the Infant site. The new front door will be usable but at times may be obstructed due to ongoing works such as rendering, cladding and installation of a hand rail.

Thank you once again to all parents and neighbours for your continued patience. The end result definitely is worth the wait!



Bus Shelters

The Bus Shelters have now been painted with anti-graffiti paint. If you see anyone vandalising the shelters please telephone the police on 101 or any parish councillor or the clerk. The police are currently investigating the current vandalism and have relevant photographs, if you know anything telephone them on 101. You do not have to give your name.

Road Repairs in Chapel Road Ford

Ford residents will probably be aware that the multiple repairs, to the road surface that BCC carried out in Chapel Road last year, have already failed to the extent that they are almost back to their "pre-repaired" condition. In talking to our Local Area Technician during his recent Parish visit we understand that BCC have already earmarked the repairs to be re-done. On a different, but related tack, we have also asked that BCC reinstate the badly damaged road verge outside of Ford Farm on Chapel Road.

Bereavement

17th December 2012, Elizabeth Mary Goddard

Our thoughts are with her family

HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Your local Library is now named Haddenham Community Library and is run by two members of staff and over thirty wonderful volunteers. Our Library has a warm and welcoming atmosphere and a friendly face to lend a hand if you need it.

We still offer the same service with thousands of books, spoken word, magazines and DVDs to borrow and are constantly trying to develop the Library to widen the access to the Community. We have computers for public use and are running internet taster sessions for anyone that may like a little extra help in this area. We buy a daily newspaper and the local newspaper for you to come in and read at your leisure.

Thanks to our excellent volunteers, who kindly give up their time to come and help us at the Library with everything from serving customers, running book stalls for us, reading at Storytime, and even supplying vehicles such as tractors for us to run our "Living Books" sessions for the school, we are able to offer a hugely extended service.

We'd like to widen the representation of the Library users and supporters and intend to establish an organisation of "friends." Initially, we would welcome expressions of interest in joining the leadership of such an organisation including chairing meetings, managing finances and acting as a secretary. This organisation would also play a role in seeking wider funding to support the Library.

We are always open to new ideas and suggestions, and welcome any assistance you might like to offer us. Just pop in to see us and have a chat. You are always welcome.

Haddenham community library is open:

Tuesday 10:00-17.00, Thursday 10:00-17.00, Friday 10:00-19.00 & Saturday 10:00-13:00

Thames Valley
ALERT



Are you clued up about fraud? Read the Little Book of Big Scams

This is a message from Thames Valley Alert Information sent on behalf of Thames Valley Police



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Message sent by

Una McBreen (Police, Corporate Comms, TVP)

Fraud costs the British economy £73 billion a year and criminals use a number of sophisticated scams to try and snare victims.

To ensure the public are informed about these scams to allow them to spot them, Thames Valley Police has produced a booklet which aims to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of fraud.

The Little Book of Big Scams, which includes a foreword from Esther Rantzen, includes sections on identity fraud, scam mail, door to door scams and internet scams.

As well as details on different types of frauds, there are a number of helpful hints, 10 golden rules to avoid becoming a victim, and case studies.

The booklet also gives details on where to go to get help and how to report fraud if you do become a victim. The booklet is attached, but is also available to [download](#) from our [website](#), where you can find more crime reduction advice.

WIND TURBINE APPLICATION

On 17/1/13 the Development Control Committee of AVDC rejected the application for a single turbine at Ford. The committee voted by an overwhelming majority against the application on visual and planning grounds. The Parish Council, with FAGAT and Ford Village Society, wish to thank all those who supported us on the day and beforehand by writing in with their objections. We wait to see if there will be an appeal against the decision.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council has taken the initial step towards developing a Neighbourhood Plan by getting AVDC to agree the parish boundary as the area to be the subject to a plan. The first intention was that this would be based on a policy regarding placement of potential Wind Turbines at minimum distance from residential accommodation. Before any further development of such a policy, we are awaiting the judgement in the High Court of a challenge to a similar policy as developed by Milton Keynes Council. The ruling is imminent.

FETE - 26th August 2013

Meetings are about to start to plan this year's fete. Some regular bookings have already been made but the main thing to concentrate on is the 3 main raffle prizes. Do you have any suggestions or offers of a prize?

Please start saving bric-a-brac, jars with lids and any unwanted gifts (particularly small ones for the hoop-la stall). If you manned a stall last year and are prepared to do so again please let me know. Some people like to do the same stall and others prefer something new. We are prepared to take any volunteers with open arms!

We are still waiting to hear from the R.A.F. if we will be lucky enough to have a Memorial Flight fly over this year. Since the sad death of Terry Wiggins this is uncertain. Let's hope the weather is kind to us this year and we are able to help as many organisations in the parish as possible.

Sylvia Eaton (Chairman) Tel: 01296 748537

DINTON VILLAGE HALL

The hall is looking much more modern since the replacement doors have been fitted. The push-bar door at the rear works very easily but a little too easily for young children! Pre-school have had to install an alarm button to warn if any child opens the door. The piercing alarm can be deactivated when school is not operating.

We are planning a Quiz Night on Saturday 13th April. Doors open at 7.30 for an 8 pm start. £5 a head - bring your own drinks and nibbles. Ring me to book a table - up to 8 people. The Village Hall A.G.M. will be held on 7th May at 8 pm

PARISH GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

Help we can give: Transport to the Doctors, Hospital, Dentists, opticians, Collection of prescriptions.Help with getting out of the house in bad weather and Shopping in the case of illness

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Chloe Lambert 748 221

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Lorraine Gooch 747 655

Carol Lynch 748 392

Valma Thompson 748 561

Stella Young 748 771

Helen Wild 748 679

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Haddenham Health Club

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Girl Guides (Sue Napier)

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1st Stone Brownies

01296 655692

Marquee Hire (Alan Weston)

01296 748287

Parish Magazine (Dinton)

Mike Thompson - 01296 748561

Police Station (Waddesdon)

PC Dean Kingham - 101

Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall

Valerie Partington - 01296 747495

Village Hall Bookings (Dinton)

Ruth Chelmick - 01296 747381

Hotline against Fly Tipping

0845 330 1856

Parish Good Neighbours Scheme

Jo Troup - 01296 727735

Helen Wild - 01296 748629

Dinton Cricket Club are looking forward to starting the new season with the 1st team playing one day cricket in the Home Counties Premier League. There is also cricket for all ages, abilities, boy and girls, with many other senior and junior sides playing on Saturdays and Sundays. Junior cricket and club training is on Thursdays evenings. So if you are thinking of playing it is time to dust of the cricket pads, or perhaps just come along and watch on the boundary and enjoy a drink from the clubhouse bar.

As well as the playing side we are fund raising for new cricket equipment, to train coaching staff, complete our pavilion re-furbishment and install new cricket nets. So please look out for fund raising events that we will be running throughout the year.

We are also in need of volunteers to help run our club. If you feel you would like to help in anyway please contact us.

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Do you have a transport need but don't know who to ask for help?

Do you know someone who is socially isolated due to a lack of transport?

Funded jointly by Buckinghamshire County Council and the Buckinghamshire NHS Trust, the Community Transport Hub is a one stop shop for information, advice and guidance on community transport providers in Buckinghamshire. From Dial A Ride to community car schemes, minibuses for hire to transport schemes for young people, call the hub to find out who can help. If there are no suitable services in your immediate area at the moment we can work with the local community towards setting one up.

**For further information,
call: 0800 085 8480**

Telephone Enquiry Opening Times: 10am-2pm Monday to Friday
or email: transport@communityimpactbucks.org.uk
www.communityimpactbucks.org.uk

A PLEA TO DOG WALKERS IN FORD

The growing number of dog faeces on road verges, particularly in Chapel Road, is becoming a concern. Please take the trouble to clean-up after your dog and help us to maintain a clean and pleasant environment for everyone to enjoy.

HADDENHAM MEDICAL CENTRE

As you probably know the surgery closes occasionally for protecting time for learning. We are keen that patients know when these are in good time.

Unfortunately, with the shutting down of the PCT and with the start of 111 call-handling locally, there has not been agreement on the dates for this year. The PCT and Clinical Commissioning Group have so far only confirmed the following dates: Wednesday 17th April and Wednesday 15th May 2013. The surgery will be closed from 12:30 on these days. We would be grateful if you could help us inform people through your own channels

Dr. Mark Howcutt