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THE PARISH FETE

We made a very damp start to the fete preparations on Sunday but the weather on Monday didn't let us down.

The crowds started to arrive early, for what turned out to be a record day. Tony Hadley welcomed everyone and then signed many autographs and had photos taken with such good humour.

The field looked particularly good this year as all the new pop-up gazebos seemed to link the whole thing together with the marquees and bouncy slide. The Hurricane Fly Past was a wonderful sight and I'm sure the pilot saw the waving hands.

The record crowds ate the barbeque out and drank the beer tent dry. The same result in the wonderful tea tent and the ice creams.

The final figures won't be known until our meeting on 9th September, but the treasurers banked more than last year - which is very promising. Don't forget the Fete Celebration Evening on 1st October at 8 pm in the Dinton Village Hall when we give out the cheques to organisations that have requested some of the profits. Everyone is welcome to join us whether they were at the fete or not!

There just remains for me to sincerely THANK everyone who helped in any way - from moving equipment, setting up, manning stalls; making cakes etc. Also 'thank you' to the wonderful men who used their vehicles and the helpers who cleared the field so efficiently and returned the equipment to the various locations. The Parish has the most helpful and willing people. Finally, may I thank the fete committee members for their dedication and unflinching good humour at our meetings.

Sylvia Eaton, Chairman, Fete Committee

Dinton Village Hall

There will be a Quiz night on 5th October at Dinton Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30 for a 8 pm. start. Come and make up a table of up to 8 people. Bring your own drinks and snacks. To book a table please call Sylvia Eaton on 01296 748537. All proceeds to the maintenance of the hall.

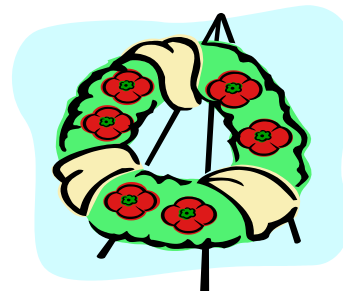
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICES

10th November, 2013

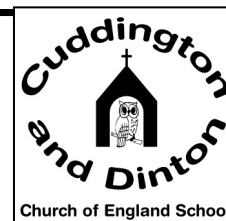
The Remembrance Day ceremonies will take place as follows:

Stone war memorial:	10am-
Bishopstone war memorial:	10:20am
Ford war memorial:	10:40am
Dinton war memorial:	10:55am

Followed by a service at Dinton church.



School News September 2013



We look forward to another successful year for our school with the new term starting on 5th September. We are thrilled to begin the year with the building work on the junior site complete and the school hall fully operational. The new building has been shortlisted for the AVDC Design Award scheme and judges will visit in September.

This year sees the highest ever pupil numbers on the junior site with 171 pupils across both sites and applications to join the school oversubscribed.

Plans for the coming year include development of the pond into a wildlife resource for the pupils to explore. The work will be done by a group of local volunteers.

At the end of last term the school held a celebration day which was an amazing occasion for the whole school community to formally recognise the rebuilding and improvement to the junior site after the fire.

The day started with a visit from Rt Hon John Bercow MP, followed by a celebration service and blessing led by Rev Canon Andrew Blyth, Area Dean. In the afternoon pupils, parents, staff and friends of the school had a picnic and games on the school field.

In July, Year 5 and 6 pupils staged a wonderful performance of 'Dream On' by Malcolm Sircom. This is a musical play based on Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. It was an amazing experience for the pupils as well as the audience and it was inspirational to see the hall, stage and lighting being used to their full potential by the children.

Our 18 oldest pupils left in July to go to pastures new; Princes Risborough School, Waddesdon Church of England School, Lord Williams's School, Sir Henry Floyd Grammar School, Aylesbury High School, Aylesbury Grammar School, The Grange School and Headington School. We wish them well as they embark on the next stage in their life.

HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Haddenham Community Library has lots of opportunities for volunteers.

Can you help by giving us a few hours a week?

Come in and see us and talk about opportunities.
You will be helping us to keep the library open for the benefit of the community.

The library is open Tues: 9-5; Thurs: 9-5; Friday 9-5; Sat: 9:30-1:00pm



WIND TURBINE APPEAL

The decision by the Planning Inspectorate to conduct the appeal by written submission was challenged by many people, including the Parish Council. As a result it has been decided that the appeal will be heard in an open forum. The date and format, at time of going to press, are not yet known and will be made known to everyone in due course.



Installation of a Dog Bin In Chapel Road

In response to a request from Ford Village Society, the Parish Council have commissioned AVDC to install a Dog Bin in Chapel Road, Ford. We envisage that the bin will be sited opposite the entrance to Ford Farm. As with the other dog bins in the Parish, it will be regularly emptied by AVDC.

Potholes and other road issues

Councillors met with our new County Councillor (Paul Irwin) and our new Local Area Technician (Matt Whincup) to walk around the Parish and to discuss a number of issues of concern that have been brought to the Parish Council's attention.



Those discussions included:

Ford:

- the poor condition of road surface in Chapel Road
- damaged verges in Chapel Road
- re-occurrence of subsidence on the C70 between Ford and Owlswick

Dinton:

- Flooding and pot holes in School Lane
- The need to re-refresh the white lines in the vicinity of the School

Upton:

- Pot holes on the Upton road
- Flooding at the junction of the Upton road and the A418
- Subsidence on the Aylesbury-bound carriageway of the A418



Westlington:

- Various pot holes and the general condition of the road surface in the vicinity of the green
- The condition of gullies and verges around the green

Gibraltar:

- Various small potholes are beginning to appear and they will need attention.

Both Paul and Matt took on board of all our concerns and added the issues to AVDC's ever-increasing list of works. However, no dates could be offered for the likely resolution of the issues and so the Parish Council will continue to lobby Bucks County Council in this respect. As ever, if Parishioners also report such issues it adds to the pressure on Bucks County Council to carry out remedial works.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The original idea of producing a plan based on a policy to delineate the siting of any future potential wind turbine has been dropped in the light of expert advice. This reflects the guidance from the Minister of Communities & Local Government (Eric Pickles MP) which gave little hope that any such policy would be supported at external examination.

If there should be a change in central policy the plan might be revisited.



BONFIRE NIGHT

The bonfire night celebrations will be held on
9th November in the parish field in Dinton from 6pm to
8pm. Fireworks will begin at 6.30pm.

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Ruth Chelmick - 01296 747381

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Parish Good Neighbours Scheme

Jo Troup - 01296 727735

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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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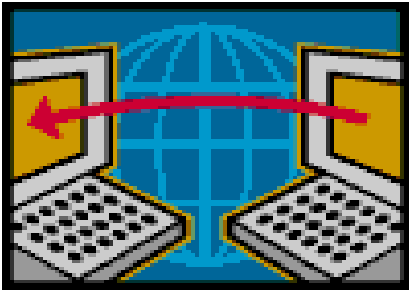
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Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild



BROADBAND IN THE PARISH

Buckinghamshire County Council & BT have announced their first rollout plan for rural broadband and the good news is that the Stone exchange area is in the first rollout plan for superfast broadband and is scheduled for 2014.

We are advised that this should be the first half of 2014. See the published map showing our area as "blue" for 2014. There is some caution with their qualifications of this announcement and say that it is not a guarantee that everybody in the area will get superfast (meaning 24Mbps) but we believe that most of Stone exchange subscribers will get it unless they are in a particularly remote spot or a location that would involve unusually high connection cost.

The size of the speed improvement will also depend on individual distances between your property and the nearest cabinet. We are sure that even if you are not too close to a cabinet you should still see a massive improvement over the current snail paced connections we suffer!

If after this you are still hungry for more speed you will need to wire fibre optic from the street/ cabinet into the home, probably via an ISP such as BT.

You can see the full announcement at <http://www.connectedcounties.org/stateaidconsult/>
A postcode checker is promised after they have done the detailed survey work to check your individual property information on the upgrade. We will continue to give you any additional information as it becomes available.

We would like to thank Barry Lynch who has been keeping us informed of these developments and we look forward to the next news on this exciting project.

Bucks-Herts Broadband Project (BDUK)

The Bucks-Herts Broadband Project involves the local management of the Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) procurement initiative, supported by central government, Buckinghamshire County Council, Buckinghamshire Thames valley Local Enterprise Partnership and the private sector. We're working with our partners in Hertfordshire County Council / Hertfordshire LEP to ensure the delivery of superfast broadband in locations where the market is unlikely to deliver. Utilising BDUK and local match funding, the intention is to provide next generation access (24 Mbps or more) to at least 90% of premises, with the remainder achieving the best possible speeds (greater than 2Mbps).

The project encompasses a wide variety of activity including demand stimulation, engagement with broadband suppliers to increase their service reach, digital inclusion, data analysis and marketing, building towards procurement and ultimate delivery. This project is now well under way with completion in 2015. More information on the project, progress, useful links and an opportunity to register demand for superfast broadband can be found on the connected counties website. The county will have 18 superfast enabled exchanges by 2014 (approximately 72% of premises covered across both Bucks and Herts) with many locations already benefitting from a superfast service.

For more information, please contact Chris Rawson, our Broadband Manager, at chris@bbf.uk.com