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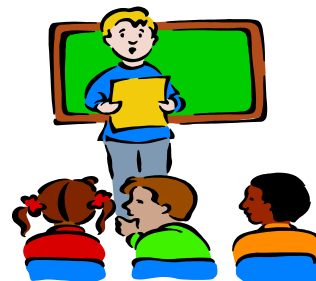
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Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 8th April 2014

The Parish Council warmly invites all parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 8th April 2014 in Dinton Village Hall at 7.30pm.



GUEST SPEAKER: Edward Parson, Estate Manager for the Waddesdon Estate. Mr Parson will be speaking about the Waddesdon Estate and will provide a fascinating insight into this beautiful estate and its management. Other community speakers will include, the Police, District and County Councillors and other representatives from organisations and groups in the parish. Refreshments and tea/coffee will be provided.



PARISH LITTERBLITZ 22nd & 29th MARCH

The Annual Litter Blitz in the parish will take place on 22nd March in Ford (meeting at Ford Village notice board at 10.30am) and on 29th March in Dinton (meeting at 10am at Village Hall, Dinton). Equipment provided but bring your own rubber gloves, please.



ROAD SAFETY Parish Salt-Grit Bins

The parish council have installed a number of salt/grit bin in the parish (with two new ones in Upton) to help deal with any ice on the road. The salt/grit is for the use of local residents to spread on the roads when the weather is bad. If the bins need filling please send an email to Keith Gray, Clerk to the Parish Council.

School News



The year started well with 6 new pupils joining the school after the Christmas holidays, 4 of them on the Junior Site. The School's values are Respect, Trust, Belief, Love, Integrity and Resilience. Resilience was the focus for the first half of the term and Respect will be the value for the second half. Collective worship, class time and all aspects of the pupils' daily lives in school refer to and reflect the value under consideration. The school has achieved a Bronze Kite Mark for sporting achievement. We are proud of our sporting activities which include competitive

netball, football and cross country as well as a host of other sports. The Junior Site playing field and playground as well as the school hall are all used regularly for different types of sports.

The Library of Inspiration is now complete and the pupils make use of the iMacs on a daily basis as well as having access to a wide variety of stimulating books. On Valentine's Day the whole school took part in a sponsored skip in aid of the British Heart Foundation. At the time of writing the total amount raised is not known but we are, as ever, thankful to our pupils, their families, friends and neighbours for their generous contribution to our fundraising activities. Both Junior and Infant children will be taking part in a dance Festival at Haddenham St Marys Infant School in March. Year 3 and 4 pupils have been to London to see a performance of The Lion King and Year 5&6 children visited the RAF Museum at Hendon. They are currently studying World War I and II and this visit really helped bring the topic to life. They especially enjoyed seeing the Lancaster bomber and participating in a Blitz style workshop and learnt how to survive an air raid thanks to Mr Keen, the air raid warden.

Finally, a note on attainment. Latest school data for Key stage 2 (Junior pupils), shows that:

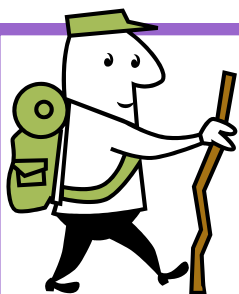
- 93% of our pupils make 2 or more levels progress in reading (national average 88%.)
- 100% of our pupils make 2 or more levels progress in writing (national average 91%.)
- 98% of our pupils make 2 or more levels progress in maths (national average 88%.)

We are proud that this data underlines the good progress and attainment demonstrated by our pupils and for which OFSTED credited the school.

HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

have been running for over a year now, with two members of staff, Emma and Mel, and over 55 wonderful volunteers. The Library has increased membership. They have a very active Knit and Natter group, a spinning group, storytime, crafts for children, a writers group, games club, author events, talks from various organisations and individuals, extremely busy computer and tablet taster sessions, an ancestry course and many more. The library is also able to offer services such as additional book stock, daily and weekly newspapers, magazines and wifi. There is currently building work to provide new counters, and storage. This will house an additional computer enabling us to be more efficient and offer a better service to all our Library users. Please do pop in to see us, you will be made welcome with a friendly face and a smile."

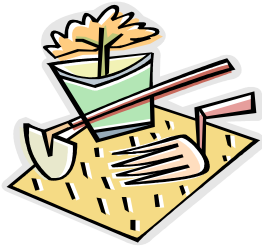
Emma Barrett (Library Manager) Haddenham Community Library - 08452303232



AYLESBURY RAMBLERS

Hello from Aylesbury Ramblers. Our aim is to encourage enjoyable walking throughout Aylesbury Vale and beyond and are seeking your assistance and support in this effort. The Groups aim is not only to seek new members and remain active, but to support local Pubs and shops with walkers, which can exceed 30 in number on a good day. Our website is full of information and walk guides, which is worth a look, and provides details of our activities. www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk

Peter Spinks - Publicity Officer (Aylesbury Ramblers)



BUCKS BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Dinton village is being entered into the Bucks Best Kept Village Competition which will be judged in June.

The object of the competition is to encourage residents to improve their local environment by keeping their villages clean and well cared for and involving the whole community in taking a pride in the villages' upkeep.

The judges' checklist includes: absence of litter, condition of village greens, playing fields, village halls and public buildings, condition of churchyards, cemeteries, war memorials, hedges and verges, bush shelters, notice boards, telephone kiosks as well as areas surrounding pubs. Evidence is also required to show community effort.

The competition awards are for BEST KEPT villages NOT beautiful villages, cleanliness, maintenance and community effort are what the judges are looking for.

It is planned to hold a working party on 17 and 18th May meeting at 10am at the Village Hall prior to judging, and we would like as many people as possible to help the Parish Council on those days.

A flier will be sent as a reminder nearer the date. Meanwhile, if you have suggestions about what needs to be done, please contact Giles Kidner on 01296 747880 or gileskidner@dinton.org

National Trust Volunteer Open Day - 15th March, 2014

Hughendon Manor - 10am to 1pm The National Trust is a charity dedicated to the conservation of this country's heritage. Volunteers are essential the Trust needs volunteers urgently. If you would be interested in being a National Trust volunteer please contact: **Moira Smith** on **01494 755573**.



HADDENHAM HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

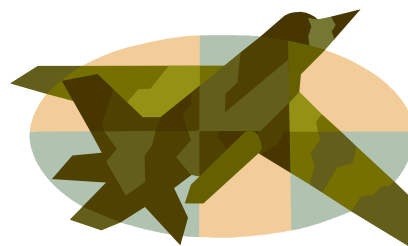
A new appointment system has now been introduced. Patients can continue to pre-book appointments but 'same day only' appointments will be booked for a GP telephone consultation. Reception will take requests and pass it to a GP who will call the patient and discuss the type of appointment they need with them. The expectation is that the patient will be called in the hour after their call. General queries by telephone will be called back at the end of the morning and afternoon surgeries. Haddenham Surgery is 01844 293300.



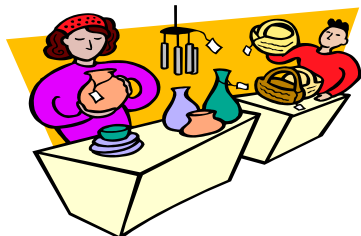
HS2 Petitioning The County Council has voted to petition Government on the Hybrid Bill for HS2. The process will begin no earlier than the 28 April. Buckinghamshire Councils have been using this extra time to start preparing for this process and consider ways in which they can support local communities with petitioning. Parish Councils are being urged to petition on behalf of residents. Bucks County Council are supporting communities with petitioning workshops and these will take place in early March. Contact Claire Ash on cdash@buckscc.gov.uk or call 01296 383618. In the meantime, an updated version of the Buckinghamshire County Council petitioning guide can be found here: <http://www.51m.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/BCC-Petitioning-Guide-FAQ-jan-14.pdf>

DINTON VILLAGE FETE

25th August, 2014



Meetings have now started to plan this year's fete. John King has kindly offered to manage the Bar-B-Q and crockery smashing stalls as well as being responsible for a team of volunteers to put up all the gazebos on the Monday morning. We are very grateful to John for volunteering to do this.



If anyone would be prepared to join the team of volunteers to help make the fete a successful community event then please get in touch as soon as possible. We need as many people as possible, especially to help run the stalls and be responsible for obtaining helpers and setting up their stalls. We urgently need people to help manage the car parking (You get to wear a Hi-viz Jacket!) I have yet to hear from the RAF people about a fly-past but I am ever hopeful it will take place again this year.

Raffle prizes need to be decided and if you have any suggestions then please contact Geoff Smith or telephone me with your ideas or suggestions. Looking forward to hearing from you all to help make the fete the wonderful event it is, and has been for so many years.

Pick up the phone - YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

Sylvia Eaton (Chairman) Tel: 01296 748537



DINTON VILLAGE HALL

The new curtains, tracks and stage carpeting was fitted during half-term and we hope you like the finished look. The Village Hall Committee chose the colour and material. The hall continues to be used on a regular basis and that is an asset to the village and local community. We are very lucky to have this facility now that so many villages have lost shops and pubs.

Please help to spread the news that the hall can be booked for events.

Village Hall Bookings: Ruth Chelmick - 01296 747381



DINTON CRICKET CLUB

Work on the refurbishment of the changing rooms, double glazing and central heating is now nearing completion. This will be a very welcome improvement for the start of our new season. We are also well on the way to raising the funds for the new cricket nets and have £20,000 of our £25,000 target and so further donations would be very welcome.

This year our 1st XI will be competing in the Home Counties Premier League and our 2nd and 3rd XI's in the Cherwell leagues. As semi-finalists of last season's National Village Cup competition, we are hoping to go one better this year and reach the final. There are usually matches on the cricket field every Saturday and

Sunday, so please visit us to watch some cricket this season or come along and play.

On 6th April it is National Cricket Force Day when volunteers come and help tidy up the club ready for the new season, so please come and help if you can and on Sunday May 18th Buckinghamshire are playing Berkshire at Dinton in the Minor Counties championship. For details of everything that is going on at the cricket club, please visit our website: www.pitchero.com/clubs/dinton/

If you want to play or help the cricket club in anyway please contact Giles Kidner at secretary@dintoncc.co.uk or 01296747880

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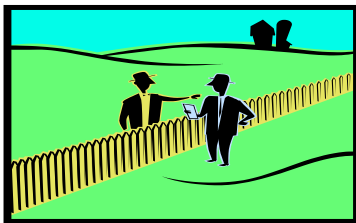
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PARISH GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

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

VOLUNTEERS

GIBRALTAR

Barbara Green 748529
Chris Hargraves 748205

UPTON:

Jo & David Troup 747735
Mary Hobden 748476
Chloe Lambert 748221

DINTON:

Lorraine Gooch 747655
Carol Lynch 748392
Honor Vane 748177
Valma Thompson 748 561

FORD:

Marilyn Pipe 747336

Phil Nuckley 747117

Sylvia Eaton 748 537
Keith Mitchell 747018
Helen Wild 748679
Stella Young 748771

Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild

Useful Numbers

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Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

Church of England Minister

Rev'd Peter Rich: 01296 748068

Church Wardens

Raymond Medhurst - 07793 541456

Jean Moore - 01296 748063

Churchyard Working Party

Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679

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Dinton Cricket Club

Jonathan Morgan—07843 265962

Haddenham Health Club

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Girl Guides (Sue Napier)

01296 748554

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 OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 22nd June 2pm – 6pm

Nine varied gardens in Dinton and Westlington will be open to the public on the afternoon of Sunday, 22nd June, combined admission £6, children free.

All receipts go to the National Gardens Scheme, a charity which is the largest single donor to Macmillan Cancer Support. Other beneficiaries include the Marie Curie Cancer Care, Help the Hospices, The Carers Trust and Parkinsons UK.

All these organisations depend on charitable support and so the garden owners would very much appreciate as much support as possible. Home made teas in the village hall, proceeds to the Flush Fund (Dinton Church). The church will be open all afternoon. The Parish Council have once again kindly agreed that we may use the Parish Field for a free car park; all gardens are within walking distance.

BROADBAND

The "Connected Counties" initiative have at last published some hard information that confirms that some parts of the parish will be included in the Phase 1 fibre broadband upgrade. On their web site they are listing the cabinets that are now being upgraded and a number of Stone Exchange cabinets are listed. Please look on the cabinets near you to find your number.

You can spot your nearest green cabinet (the one the BT vans are always parked beside!) and check the white painted number against the list on the link below.



They state that the service will start March - September 2014.

This is the link. <http://www.connectedcounties.org/news/2014/february/first-fibre-broadband-cabinet-upgrades> Before they install the fibre connection it is likely that a new bright green box will appear alongside the old one. There is also a "Dummies Guide to fibre installation" on the web site. The one very useful piece of information in this video is that they say once the fibre cabinet is in operation we can expect download speeds of up to 18Mbps - Equivalent of "broadband heaven" for most of us!

Here is the link to the video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSEuOB-gfDA>

It is a little disappointing that they have extended the operational window until September but hopefully this is a worst case scenario. We have waited so long for this it seems as if even 7 months is acceptable!

WIND TURBINE

There is no further news on the date for the hearing by the Planning Inspector. The Parish Council continues to monitor the situation and when information is received we will notify the parish.



Bereavement

Josephine Selwyn-Williams: Our thoughts are with her family at this time