

CHURCH YARD

Volunteers are still needed to help keep the churchyard tidy. Contact Cllr Helen Wild for further information

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED TO
KEEP PARISH
CLEAN**

**PARISH FETE
COMMITTEE-
Contact Sylvia
Eaton on
01296 748537**

PARISH FETE COMMITTEE GRANTS

During a very pleasant celebration evening to thank everyone connected with the Parish Fete the committee handed out the following cheques:

Village Hall	£2000
Parish Council (teens)	£1500
Church Fabric Fund	£1000
Ford Village Society	£150
Flower Arrangers	£100
RAF Memorial Flight	£150
Home Farm Trust	£50
FOD'S Library Fund	£500

The committee has decided to invest in future fetes by purchasing 10 more light weight tables and a large gazebo to cover the band, instead of hiring it. In order to store these items we need another shed and in conjunction with the village hall committee we hope to get planning permission to site another shed near the existing shed and to store as many of the chairs from village hall stage as possible.

Plans for next year's fete are

well ahead and an application for the Memorial Flight fly past has been made. Lorraine Gooch has unfortunately decided that work loads do not permit her to carry on as a committee member. We will miss her valuable input but we are glad to report that Geoff Smith has kindly agreed to take over the responsibility of the raffle.

If you would like to join the committee—please contact Sylvia Eaton.

Dinton War Memorial

David Mortimer, of New Rd, Dinton, who served with HM Forces for fifteen years, kindly offered to repaint the faded lettering on the war memorial in Dinton Churchyard. David has done a wonderful job in generally cramped and chilly conditions, and the names of the fallen in the two World Wars are now clear and legible; we are Very grateful to David for making this possible and it was all done in time for Remembrance Sunday. Thank you David!

Remembrance Sunday

Services took place at both Dinton and Ford village war memorials. It was good to see people attending this event and wreaths were laid by Cllr Diana Coole, Chairman of the Parish Council as well as County Councillor Margaret Aston and Mrs J Mackey for the Royal British Legion.

Old Playground in Dinton

At the October meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed to proceed with the purchase and installation of a Skate Ramp and a Sports Wall to be sited in the old playground.

Final quotes have now been requested and we expect the total cost, including installation and all ground work, to be in the region of £26,000 to £30,000.

At the recent celebratory evening held at Dinton Village Hall, Cllr John Owen was presented with a cheque for £1,500 from Sylvia Eaton, Chairman of the Parish Fete Committee. This is a very generous donation and gives the fund a tremendous boost. The fund now stands at £2,100.

As soon as all the details for this project have been agreed, we will be in a position to complete the application forms to various Grant Organisations for further funding.



**The Councillors & Clerk
Wish you all a Very
Merry Christmas & a
Happy New Year**

CAROL SINGING IN DINTON

As usual we shall be carol singing around Dinton Village on Christmas Eve. We meet outside the Seven Stars Pub at 6 O'clock, weather permitting. All are welcome singers—non singers, old and young (all under 12's must be accompanied by an adult). Please bring torches. Afterwards, mulled wine and mince pies. This year we shall be collecting for The Florence Nightingale Hospice at Stoke Mandeville. For further details please contact Helen or Andrew Wild on 01296 748679.

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

Have your
say on the
conservation
review of
your parish.
Contact
Emilia Hinds
at AVDC
01296 585858

VILLAGE HALL GRANT

The good news this Autumn is that Autumn Dinton Village Hall Management Committee secured the promise of a £15,000 grant to refurbish Dinton Village Hall. The initial work will be carried out over the Christmas period and hopefully redecoration carried out at half term in February. The committee are very excited about the prospect of a smart new

kitchen, toilet areas and freshly painted hall. We regret any inconvenience that may be caused while the work is done but feel sure you will support us in the 'transformation'!

If you have any comments on the village hall please telephone Sylvia Eaton on 01296 748537.

BONFIRE NIGHT

A really splendid display was attended by record numbers of people this year! The parish council are very grateful to Mr Chris Robinson and his team for all the organisation and hard work that goes into putting on such a popular event—obviously, from the number of attendees who came by car, the Dinton Bonfire is the event of choice for Firework Night. We look forward to next year's bonfire night and are so glad that we are able to have community events like this in the parish.

Review of Conservation

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

Please see parish notice boards for information.

Conservation Officer:
AVDC on 01296 585858

Vehicle Activated Speed Signs

The parish council, at their meeting on 13th November, discussed the possibility of purchasing a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign for the village of Ford. It was decided to seek further information on this piece of equipment from other communities who already have them. General discussion centred around the real need for the sign and what impact it had on drivers. There was also discussion about the Speed Indicator Device (SID) and using this again to highlight the problem of speeding vehicles through the village. The parish councillors decided to consult further with Ford Village Society before deciding on a way forward.

RED CHESTNUT TREES BY DINTON CHURCH

There were three red chestnut trees growing on the verge to the west of Dinton Church. One tree was damaged by high winds, became unsafe and had to be cut down. The other trees were infected by a fungal disease affecting Chestnut trees called *Phytophthora cactorum*. The Parish Council was advised that the trees needed to be cut down to ... (con't page 4)

REVIEW OF CONSERVATION AREA

All residents in the Conservation Area will have received a letter notifying them of the consultation on proposals to change the conservation areas in the parish, and it is hoped that you will all have been able to visit the exhibition in the Village Hall on 6th December, 2007. Further copies of the letter are available from Emilia Hands at Aylesbury Vale District Council on 01296 585858.

A new area of land at Upton, which is thought to contain the remains of a mediaeval settlement, has been added to the Conservation Area, and some minor changes have been made to the boundaries.

Where planning permission is sought for developments which would affect views into the Conservation Areas, due consideration under conservation rules will be given.

DINTON SCHOOL MERGER with CUDDINGTON

Chris Blumer, Chairman of the Governing Body of Cuddington and Dinton School, attended the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 13th November to inform the Council about the arrangements for the new school from September 2008 and to answer parishioners' questions.

The following information was provided by Mr Blumer.

School Roll:

Expected numbers for the Dinton site in September 2008 would be approximately 65, 10 more than now but still less than the capacity of the school.

Traffic:

It was planned to have the bus which currently served Chearsley to Cuddington to go via Nether Winchendon and on to Dinton. Traffic around the school should not be any worse than it is now. Parents were continuously being urged to park at

the church and walk down to the school with their children.

After School Activities:

These have yet to be established and would depend on demand and parental wishes; they would not be every day.

School Improvements:

Dinton school needed refurbishment, particularly of basic services such as heating, electrics and cloakrooms. While this essential work is being carried out, it will provide the opportunities to improve office and staff facilities. There was no plans to build on the school field.

Parishioners are asked to support the school by:

Promoting the school
Supporting essential developments
Attending events at the school



Representation of the Parish Council on the Governing Body of the New School:

The Parish Council asked Chris Blumer to give consideration to a member of the Parish Council becoming a School Governor if the opportunity should arise. It was believed this would help to strengthen community involvement in the new school.

CAROL SINGING IN DINTON — The current organisers have decided after 24 yrs that it is time to step down.

We would love the tradition to continue and hope that someone would be interested in running this very enjoyable event next year! Please contact Helen or Andrew Wild on 01296 748679

ANNUAL LITTER PICK

The annual litter pick in Dinton, Ford & Upton usually takes place in mid March and people are being asked if they can make a commitment to help this year. We really need everyone's help! Ford residents do a splendid job on their patch, but Dinton and Upton could do with some extra help.

We have run a litter pick annually now for some time and it really isn't too arduous a task if done each year. Much though we love to see the usual faces who turn up to do the job, we'd also like to see yours! Contact a parish councillor in 2008 for the date.

We look forward to seeing you!

Playground Name Plaques

One or two residents have requested name plaques for their new children or grandchildren, and if you would like to have your little one included please contact Cllr Diana Coole on 01296 748763. The plaques cost £12.00 each and all profits go towards funding or maintaining the play equipment for children of the parish.

**DINTON with FORD & UPTON
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PLAQUE to PARISH COUNCILLOR FIONA LEES

On November 24th, one year after her death while serving as a parish councillor, a plaque was unveiled by parish councillors in memory of Fiona Lees of Chestnut Farm. Fiona was footpaths officer for the Parish Council and the plaque has been placed, very appropriately, on the kissing gate leading to the footpath in front of Dinton Hall. Fiona's husband, Bob and other relatives and friends were also present at the ceremony. In the evening a memorial concert was held in Dinton Church.

Winter Salting Schedule

Once again, in icy weather please take extreme care on the section of the C63, which passes the Church and the School and links with the A418 and Portway. Bucks County Council has assessed the level of risk on this stretch of the road as not sufficient to merit salting; this view is not shared by your parish councillors! Please make us aware of any incidents so that we may continue to lobby for inclusion in the winter salting schedule.

HELP SAVE LIVES

South Central Ambulance Trust are calling for volunteers to be trained to provide emergency life saving skills until an ambulance arrives—could you be a Community Responder?

There is good evidence to suggest that if people are trained to help someone while the ambulance is on the way, then more lives can be saved.

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Alan Parry, mobile 07967 991901, email aparry@eximpex.net, or ring South Central Ambulance NHS Trust's 24hr hotline on 0800 587 0207

VALE COUNTRYSIDE VOLUNTEERS, PARISH FIELD & SPINNEY

As some of you may have noticed a further section of the Parish Field hedge has been laid. On October 31st Paul Holton, Green Spaces Officer at AVDC together with the Vale Volunteers, Parish Councillors and parishioners managed to nearly complete the laying of the hedge. In addition a number of dead trees by the new playground were felled to enable better views into the playground. We have arranged another working party for **Saturday 5th January, 2008 at 10.00am** weather permitting.

RED CHESTNUT TREES prevent the fungal infection spreading. This has now been done and we will be replacing the three trees with native Hornbeams which we hope to have planted by March 2008.

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