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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR
To everyone in the Parish of Dinton, Ford & Upton

CAROL SINGING Christmas Eve

Join us for Christmas Eve Carol Singing in Dinton
Mince Pies and Mulled Wine afterwards

Meet outside the Seven Stars at 6pm and please bring a torch
Children must be accompanied

Lasts an hour and all proceeds will go to the
Florence Nightingale Hospice



PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE The Future of Dinton, Ford & Upton

A questionnaire has hopefully been delivered to every household and school/business in the parish, in order to enable the Parish Council to get a view of everyone's ideas and thoughts for the future development of our community. The questionnaire should be returned to Councillor Martin Usherwood (Chairman of the Council) by 12th December, 2016. An envelope is provided for this. Please do help us by completing the questionnaire as it may form the basis of a more formal Neighbourhood Plan. If you have not received a copy of the questionnaire please contact either Martin Usherwood (Chairman) or Keith Gray (Clerk to the Council). Contact details on back page.



GRANTS FROM THE PARISH FETE

The following is a list of grants, generously awarded from the Parish Fete Committee. The fete takings were a fantastic £10,436.32 along with a donation of £150. Marquee Fund: £1,000, Village Hall £1,000, Friends of Dinton School £250, Dinton Church Organ Restoration Fund £500, Dinton Cricket Club £500, Dinton Church Flowers £250, Community Christmas Tree (New Road) £100, New Swings in Playground £250

OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION for 175 HOMES - LAND IN DINTON & STONE PARISHES Ref: 16/03926/AOP



This important application could have major social and financial consequences for our parish as well as for Stone parish. The details are available via the Aylesbury Vale District Council planning website: comments are able to be made up to 15th December, 2016 and Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council will debate this application at its meeting on 13th December, 2016. The Parish Council Meeting starts at 7.30pm in Dinton Village Hall on Tuesday 13th December.

STILES & FOOTPATHS



A new stile has been installed by Bucks County Council opposite Dinton School. The Parish Council is aware that a number of stiles and footpaths in the Parish are in need of maintenance and repair and information is currently being collected on the state of the stiles and footpaths in the Parish. We have informed the County Council department responsible for footpaths and stiles about the need to repair some stiles. If you have any comments on stiles and footpaths which need particular attention please inform the Clerk to the Parish Council, with details and he will contact either the County Council or the relevant land owner to see if anything can be done.

CHRISTMAS BIN COLLECTION CHANGES

Usual Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Tuesday 27th Dec	Wednesday 28th Dec
Wednesday 28th Dec	Thursday 29th Dec
Thursday 29th Dec	Friday 30th Dec
Friday 30th Dec	Saturday 31st Dec

GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Collection Week	Last Garden Collection	Next Garden Collection
Rubbish	Monday 21st November, 2016	Monday 30th January, 2017
Recycling	Monday 28th November, 2016	Monday 6th February, 2017



VILLAGE HALL - Dropped Curb



Work to install the dropped curb and green parking to the front of Dinton Village Hall is now in progress. This should allow parking for some cars off the road.

BEREAVEMENTS 2016

- August:** John Witney
- October:** Cynthia Cooke, Lynn Webster, Eileen Gommersall
- November:** Julie Edwards



OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES AT THIS DIFFICULT TIME

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

New toddler and junior swings have now been installed in the Children's Playground thanks to generous sponsorship from Dinton Beer Festival, Haddenham Beer Festival, The Berquist Family Trust, AVDC Community Chest, Dinton Parish Fete and a donation from a parishioner. Further plans are in place to refurbish/replace the surfacing from 10 years of wear and tear and to jet wash the benches and picnic table.



Any donations towards these worthwhile activities would be gratefully received. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are able to help us with a donation to the refurbishment works on the playground.

PLAYGROUND PLAQUES: Contact Jon Horn for information.

01296 748297

jonhorn@dinton.org



SCHOOL NEWS

Both the Infant and Junior children had services of Remembrance at the war memorials in Cuddington and Dinton. On the Infant site they were joined by Squadron Leader Place and Rev. Phil Groves.

Sophia Grey, Daisy Potts and Jack and Joseph Davage were involved in Remembrance service on behalf of the school at the weekend – a big thank-you to the children.

We are very pleased to welcome Rev. Phil Groves as Ex Officio Governor on the school's Governing Body. Since joining the Benefice as Associate Rector earlier this year Phil has taken on responsibility for working with the school across both sites. This has already given us many benefits and his impact and presence has been very positive and welcome – thank you Phil!

The highlight of our school year so far has been that we have been awarded a Gold school games Mark for PE and after school clubs. We are very proud of all hard work over the last five years as the school has matured into the full Primary school we are today and we are also very proud that we were runners up in Milton Keynes and Bucks Primary Sports school of the year – it is a great achievement!

Finally, we have now finished our open sessions and lots of parents have been to look round the school; they were very impressed by the children's work and behaviour and we look forward to the school continuing to develop and to be successful as a combined Primary School.

PARISH INTERESTS

What's Happening Outside the Parish?

HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Haddenham
Community
Library

The library will be celebrating 5 years as a Community Library next year.

Libraries in Buckinghamshire are all facing severe cuts and Haddenham Community Library is a wonderful community asset, well worth supporting.

The community covered by the library is: Haddenham, Aston Sandford, Kingsey, Cuddington, **Gibraltar, Dinton Upton, Ford** and Stone.

JOIN US at the library on December 16th at 4.00pm for Christmas treats and to see the adults and children's Christmas Hamper Lottery drawn; Steve Coles the children's author will be there to draw the raffle and perhaps a local famous artist will also be there. More details on the website.

Visit the library online on www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk or telephone 0845 2303232 or email: haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk.

OPEN: Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am to 5pm and Saturdays from 9.30am to 1.00pm



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GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

Transport to the Doctors, Hospital, 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

FORD:

Marilyn Pipe 747336
Mary & David Hobden 748476

UPTON:

Jo & David Troup 747735
Chloe Lambert 748221

DINTON:

Lorraine Gooch 747655	Sylvia Eaton 748537
Carol Lynch 748392	Keith Mitchell 747018
Honor Vane 748177	Helen Wild 748679
Valma Thompson 748561	Stella Young 748771
Alan Weston 748287	Roland & Margaret 748360
	Childerhouse

Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild

Bell Ringing Tower Captain

Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

Church of England Minister

Margot Hodson 01844 291244

Vicar Associate

Dr Phil Groves 01844 291244

Church Wardens

Valma Thompson 01296 748561
Jean Moore - 01296 748063

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Parish Office - 01844 291244

Churchyard Working Party

Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679

Cuddington & Dinton School

01844 291206
cuddingtonoffice@cds.bucks.sch.uk

Haddenham Community Library

0845-2303232

Parish Magazine (Dinton)

Mike Thompson - 01296 748561

Police Station (Waddesdon)

PC Dean Kingham - 101

Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall

Valerie Partington - 01296 747495

Hotline against Fly Tipping

0845 330 1856

Akido

Anthony Pinchbeck - 01296 747853

Cubs & Beavers

Emily Gray - 07746 973805

Dinton Cricket Club

Peter Ludlow 01296 747254
chairman@dintoncc.co.uk

HADDENHAM COMMUNITY VEHICLE (HCV)

The Community Vehicle (HCV) is for all who are disabled or have walking or mobility problems. The service is FREE although donations are welcome. The vehicle is for anyone in the parish who has a transport need.

To find out more about the HCV, or to make a booking, please contact the coordinator, Sue Brigham, on 07495 366779 or email haddenhamcv@gmail.com. Similarly, contact Sue if you are interested