



**A VERY
MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL IN
DINTON,
FORD &
UPTON
PARISH**

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Cuddington and Dinton C of E School

We again supported Jeans for Genes with everyone wearing denim for the day and paying for the privilege. Over £100 was raised from our two sites.

New fixed apparatus has been installed in the hall at Dinton thanks to the fundraising from the parents association. A joint meeting of FODS and Cuddington School Association took place recently and has resulted in the formation of a newly named association to carry forward the good work that both previous groups had undertaken; the new association would be called Friends4CADS (Friends for Cuddington and Dinton School). The meeting was very much in order to constitute itself and form a new committee. A fundraising meeting would be held early in November to discuss ideas and receive suggestions. Good progress is being made with the cloakroom and office extension at Dinton and the site now has a completely new heating system. Planning approval has been given for a grass protection parking surface on the edge of the playing field. This is to ensure that all staff can park safely off the road and that there is also space for visiting staff (e.g. music teachers) to park without disturbing neighbours. The whole school visited the cinema in Aylesbury for a special screening of the film Ratatouille on the last day of half term. We have already had many parents visiting the school with a view to applying for a place. If your child was born between 1st September 2004 and 31st August 2005 you need to apply by 14th November. Forms are available at school or you can apply online at www.buckscc.gov.uk/schools/parents/admissions. Your application must be completed and returned to Buckinghamshire County Council Admissions Team.

FORD TRAFFIC CALMING

As you know, the Parish Council recently asked for speed tubes to be installed in Ford Village, and we remain concerned that despite the clear 30 mph limit signs, some drivers continue to pass through the village at unacceptably high speeds. From previous speed tube data we also know that traffic through the village continues to increase in volume year on year. Currently some 1700 vehicles pass through daily.

Ford Village Society, in a presentation to councillors, have requested the installation of moveable

vehicle activated signs, which they themselves would operate, and other speed indicator devices, supported by more frequent police activity.

Councillors felt that a more cost effective permanent long term solution should be found, and we have therefore asked Ford Village Society to make further proposals to us, which may well involve road engineering issues. These will, of course, be costly.

Whatever option is ultimately chosen, we have great faith in the skills of this parish in raising funds to

support improvements in the lives of others – and we hope also to be able to secure some funding from local grants.

The Parish Council gratefully acknowledges the sum of £2350 from Cllr Margaret Aston's Community Leaders-Fund to start us off in our quest to provide a better quality of life for those who live along the main Ford road.

If you have any comments to make about these proposals please send them to Mr Keith Gray, Clerk to the Council.

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Chestnut Avenue Tidy Up

Chestnut Avenue is a striking entrance to the village, but the Parish Council is conscious that parts of the Avenue could do with a tidy up in order to get rid of scrub and litter and restore it to its former glory.

We realise that there is a large area to be cleared and this will be an ongoing project over some years. However, we hope to start work in January clearing scrub and litter in a small area.

Once an area is cleared, the grass can be included in the monthly mowing by the local authority. If you would like to help with the clearance, please contact Helen Wild, Diana Coole or any Parish councillor.

The Spinney

David Hobden, the parish tree warden, has marked with red paint several trees in the Spinney that will be retained when the latest round of scrub clearance and planting in the Spinney takes place. The Parish Council has purchased a mix of 150 small saplings which will be planted to replace some of the previous plantings that have been vandalised and to replace the scrub that will be removed.

Local Area Development Plan

The Parish council would be interested in receiving comments from those parishioners who have attended AVDC's consultation exhibitions in October and November 2008 or who have responded to their latest consultation document.

Your comments will help the Parish Council to formulate their response to the consultation document.

Dinton & Cuddington School – Traffic Concerns

The Parish Council has sent a letter to the police to ask them to look into the excess speed by vehicles passing the school on the C63 and to advise what measures can be taken to ensure speed is restricted and to ensure people park correctly and safely.

Despite repeated pleas by the Parish Council and the School, parents continue to park on the blind bend just past the school instead of parking at the church, as requested. By doing this they are endangering not only their own lives, their children's lives and those of other motorists.

FIRE ENGINE SHED

The Parish Council is currently discussing the repair of the door and door frame of the fire engine shed and we have had a generous donation of £800 from the Marquee Committee, who use the shed for storage, towards the repairs. As you may know, the fire engine is on loan to Milton Keynes Museum in Wolverton.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

The Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, Lorraine Gooch, represented the Parish in laying a wreath at Dinton and Ford War Memorials. The Parish Council considers this a very important civic duty and we encourage as many parishioners as possible to attend these events.



DINTON PARISH FETE

There was an open meeting in the Village Hall on 21.10.08 attended by the 8 members of the committee and about 25 fete supporters in order to hear the summary of the accounts, donate the money raised at the fete, and to get feedback and ideas for next year's fete as well as emptying a few bottles of wine!

The biggest fundraisers in 2008 were the raffle £1300; the gate £1241; and the teas £1150. Also the bottle tombola raised £666, the silent auction £420, BBQ £125 and the beer tent £432. The stalls did very well with the plants getting £300, bric a brac £461, books £221 and preserves

£239. The children's attractions were a big draw with face painting raising £132, sweet jars £116, splat the rat £41 and soft toy tombola £74.

The throwing games as usual were very popular with hoopla raising £293, coconut shy £204, welly wanging £120, skittles £118 and balls in a bucket £79.

In addition the fun items raised a lot with bucket lottery £74, fruit machine £58, treasure hunt £87 and photo quiz £19.

Grateful thanks to all who generously donate and also give freely of their time.

Having taken out funds for certain

fete expenses the following donations were made:- to the Village Hall and Dinton Church Fabric Fund of £2,500 each. For repairs to the fire engine shed £500; and the Queen's picture frame £160. A cheque for £400 was presented to the Ford Village Society; £200 to the Church flower fund and £125 for the RAF fly past.

Four societies were given £50 each, Beavers, Girl Guides, Home Farm Trust and Friends of Dinton School.

Well done to everyone involved on what was a huge success and a great day out.

Sylvia Eaton Fete

Committee Chairman

COUNCILLORS - What are they doing?

DFU Councillors not only attend the monthly parish council meetings but are actively involved in ensuring that DFU is protected now and for the future. They attend other meetings such as The Local Area Forum, The Neighbourhood Action Group and are also keeping a close eye on the Direction of Housing Growth (Southern Arc Proposals) which will have an impact on rural communities. They also comment on issues such as the recent decision to establish more sites for gypsies, travellers and show people. The Clerk is also involved in wider issues affecting the county which could have an impact on DFU parish. Together we strive to ensure that the parish remains how we want it to be and not what central government or the principal authorities think it should be.

We urge you to look at the new developments being proposed for Aylesbury and comment accordingly - it might be closer to you than you realise!

THE HEDGE

Part of the hedge has now been removed between the parish field and the old playground. The preparatory work was completed in time to add to the already substantial bonfire on 1st November in the Parish Field. The goal end and basketball hoop are being manufactured at the time of writing, with installation due to take place mid November. By the time you read this, the equipment should be available for use.

FORD WAR MEMORIAL

A donation has been received from a parishioner to refurbish the War Memorial in Ford. The enclosing railings and gate need attention, and if anyone can recommend a restorer, or would like to undertake this work themselves, please contact the Clerk.

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We have seven Cubs already and we would like to have some of you come to join them - the more the merrier.

IN DINTON

Hello all you young people between 8 years and 10 years – come and join Cubs Scouts and have some fun!

We have a Beaver Colony

(6 to 8 year olds) meeting at the Dinton Village Hall on a Wednesday evening and we would like to start a Cub Pack for those of you who are a bit older to run along side it for while – soon we will have our own meeting night all to ourselves.

Why not come and find out what we do – I am sure we can interest you and have some fun as well.

The sort of thing we will be doing are playing games, finding out about new things, earning badges, camping, swimming, cooking, handcrafts and many other activities.

**COME AND SEE US
AT THE DINTON
VILLAGE HALL ON**

**WEDNESDAY
EVENINGS
5.30PM TO 6.30PM**

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