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FORD & UPTON
PARISH COUNCIL

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**DON'T
FORGET
THE
PARISH
FETE ON
BANK
HOLIDAY
MONDAY!**

OPENING OF NEW SPORTS PLAY AREA

The new play area will be officially opened on **14 JULY 2009**
at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us!

The new sports facility and play area in the Parish field is now complete and we are extremely grateful to Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) who, through the Landfill Communities Fund of Waste Recycling Group (WRG), provided the majority of the funds to build the new facility. In particular, our thanks go to Cllr Rebecca Lyall for project management and to all those who donated funds including WREN. The balance of the necessary funds has been raised from the Parish reserves.

We very much hope you and your families will be able to join members of the Parish Council at 5.30pm on Tuesday 14 July to celebrate the opening of this new facility.

PARISH FETE - MONDAY 31st AUGUST, 2009

This year's Dinton Parish Fete will be in the Parish Field on Monday 31st August 2009.

All the usual attractions are included plus a new crockery smashing stall; Colonel Custard; the Bletchington Silver Band; an Aylesbury Dance Troupe demonstration and of course don't forget the inter-village wheelbarrow races. (Start practising now!)

We'd be delighted to hear from you! If you think you could help in any way to :-

- Run or help on a stall phone Sylvia Eaton on 748537
- Donate a raffle prize, a bottle, plants or books, bric-a-brac, cakes, old crockery for smashing or any other stall items phone Rosemary or David Jackson on 748655
- Bake cakes or scones or help in tea tent phone Chantelle Heath on 747026
- Return raffle tickets and money phone Geoff Smith on 747041

We hope you will support us by selling raffle tickets and returning the stubs and cheques, made out to Dinton Fete, to Geoff Smith as soon as possible. The raffle profit is essential to cover the cost of putting on the annual Fete

This year's main raffle prizes are :- **A driving experience at Silverstone; a Car Sat Nav machine and John Lewis' vouchers as well as many other wonderful prizes.**

We look forward to seeing you all at the Fete.

Sylvia Eaton (Fete Chairman)

DINTON VILLAGE HALL

The hall continues to be well supported and bookings are good. Our next project is to get the outside of the hall painted and inside paintwork freshened up. The next meeting is on Tuesday 7th July at 8 pm.

We are holding another Quiz Night on Saturday 19th September from 7.30 pm. Entry is £5 per head – bring your own drinks and nibbles! There will be a raffle and bottles of wine or chocolates for the winning team (even the losing team is rewarded!) All profits will go to the upkeep of the hall. To book a table please ring Sylvia Eaton on 01296 748537.

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Useful Numbers

CUDDINGTON & DINTON CofE SCHOOL

The school participated in Christian Aid Week with a series of assemblies throughout the week on the theme of helping others. During the week children brought money to throw into the "wishing wells" that had been made on each of the school's sites.

All of our pupils across the school spent time working with an artist making wooden owls. The children learnt new skills and are thrilled with the finished products that stand proudly on both sites.

Year 2 pupils took part in a tag rugby festival where they had coaching in the morning and a mini-tournament in the afternoon at Aylesbury Rugby Club. The team came second in their group.

Having invested a great deal on the inside of the buildings, the playground has now had a complete make over. Re-organisation of the sheds and some tidying up followed by re-surfacing and painting of the play area has improved the area no end. We now have a wonderful space marked out for netball, short tennis and six a side football.

As part of our plans for the future of the whole school we have recently appointed a new Assistant Headteacher. He is Mr Matt Tomson and, as he will have special responsibility for developing the curriculum for Key Stage 2 (years 3-6), he will be based at the Dinton site. We look forward to welcoming him in September.

The end of term service for the Dinton site will be taking place in church at 2.00pm on Thursday 16th July and we would be delighted to welcome any parishioners at that service.

Bell Ringing Tower Captain
Faith Newell— 01296 748508

Church of England
Avril Clarke — 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
Dean Kingham—07989498979

Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall
Valerie Partington—01296 747495

Village Hall Bookings (Dinton)
Debbie Pratt—01296 748437

HIRING THE PARISH FIELD

This is to remind parishioners that if you wish to hire the Parish Field you must contact the Parish Clerk well ahead of your proposed date, who will provide you with a booking form which must be completed and approved before your booking can be confirmed.

Please observe the speed restrictions in the parish as the police have been encouraged to issue fixed penalty fines to those speeding!

PARISH RECORD

The Parish Record was first started in 1987 and Carol Lynch took over in 2000. Every week she adds items of news, sport or photographs of events etc. In addition she has started an archive of material supplied by residents who grew up in the village (one now in the USA) in the early 1930's. Old photographs, memorabilia and articles describing village life are included. Recently she had visitors from Australia who used to live in Dinton and they gave her copies of their family history for the archive. If anyone has any items they would like to be included or look at the record please contact Carol Lynch.

Carol Lynch on 01296 748392

PARKING AT DINTON SCHOOL

The police have issued fixed penalty fines to parents who persistently park on the blind bend just past the school on the C64. This has resulted in an improvement in parents parking away from the blind bend. We would still like to encourage as many parents as possible to park at the church to help with traffic and safety issues.

COMMEMORATIVE TREES

We would like to plant some trees in the area of the old children's playground on the parish field and wondered if any parishioner would be willing to donate a tree or would like a commemorative tree planting. If you are interested please contact any Parish Council member or the Parish Clerk.

RUBBISH TANKER

Aylesbury Vale District Council's refuse freighter will visit the gateway into field between two posts, Dinton, on the following dates:

Wednesday 22nd April 2009 12noon—3.30pm

Wednesday 9th September 2009 7.30am—11am

Wednesday 11th November 2009 12noon—3.30pm

This service is for household waste only. If you have bulky items that you cannot transport to our collection site, we can collect from your home for free. See our website or call the number below for details.

We are sorry but the village refuse freighter cannot accept:

- Any electrical items
- Clinical waste e.g. Syringes', used dressings
- Car parts including tyres, exhausts, batteries, oil
- Hazardous waste e.g. Asbestos
- Commercial or business waste
- Building rubble
- Paints, liquids or garden chemicals

For advice about disposing of these materials, details of refuse and recycling collections or the home bulky items collection service, call **01296 585510** or see the Councils website:

www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/refuse

Rubbish left on the site before the freighter visits will be regarded as fly tipping and offenders may be prosecuted. If the freighter is unable to visit on any of the above dates, we will notify the Clerk to the Parish Council.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman of the Parish Council gave her report at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Residents of the parish and visitors attended the meeting including District Councillors, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Coldharbour Parish Council, and guest speakers Sarah Allwood (Community Projects Officer for Buckinghamshire Community Action) and Beverley Trevitt (Outreach Officer for Buckinghamshire Community Foundation). She stated that these are strange and unsettling times nationally, and that she was very happy to recommend a Parish Council which focuses on serving its community well and ensuring value for money. Cllr Coole stated that the council continued to voice its strong opposition to development in the southern arc around Aylesbury since the council believes a major housing project in this sector will impact seriously upon our quality of life. A project this year which has at last been brought to completion is the new sports wall in the old children's playground, and thanks for all their hard work are due to Cllrs Lyall and Owen, and of course to WREN who provided funding for the equipment. She stated that traffic issues continued to concern the parish councillors and that the council highlighted dangers we believed were posed by the Cuddington crossing on the A418. This resulted in better signage and long distance visibility of the central refuge. Further representations to the

County Council concerning the safety of the C63 past the school in icy weather at last resulted in a reassessment of the terrain, and the road was duly added to the gritting schedule. We've been trying for this for many years! We remain concerned for the safety of residents, particularly children, crossing the A418 at the top of New Road. A great deal of work has been done both by the Parish Council and by the Ford Village Society to promote driving within the speed limit in Ford village, and the police have been active both in that location and outside the School, where parking by parents is a perennial problem. She commended all the police help received in this connection. The Council was grateful to receive a BCC Community Leaders' Fund grant of £2350 towards any agreed proposal for traffic calming in Ford. These proposals are currently being investigated.

Cllr Lyall has now been appointed to the Cuddington & Dinton School governing body. It was reported that concerns raised from residents living in Westlington regarding the noise from the bird scarers in the fields to the west of the village had been taken up with AVDC's Environmental Health department and with our District Councillor.

Residents should continue to ring Highways on Call to report pothole issues on the roads. A new eight year contract has now been awarded by Buckinghamshire

County Council; the successful appointee is Ringway Jacobs.

The antique fire engine remains in the care of Milton Keynes Museum. The door to the Fire engine shed has been renewed, and the council was grateful to the Fete Committee and to the Marquee Group for a donation of funds towards the cost of this. The War Memorial in Ford has also been renovated, and again thanks are due to a generous parishioner. A kind gift from Mr and Mrs Trotman is a quantity of antique maps which show field plans and settlements around the area. These are now in the possession of the Clerk for safekeeping. Special thanks are also due to parishioners for the splendid turnout for this year's Litter Pick. Parish Councillors continued to undergo training, dealt with 35 planning applications, attended meetings on resident's behalf such as the Had-denham and Long Crendon Local Area Forum, Neighbourhood Action Group, and special interest focus groups. And in addition they and a number of residents undertook further work on hedge laying, tree planting and clearing a section of the Chestnut Avenue so that a safe path could be maintained for walkers and children using this route after school. She wished a speedy recovery to our tree warden, David Hobden who was unable to be at the meeting. She thanked the Councillors and Clerk, for their very hard and conscientious work over the last year.

FORD VILLAGE SOCIETY—ROAD MANAGEMENT

The Parish Council are continuing to work with Ford Village Society to reduce speeding through Ford Village. Options are currently being examined and further costing details sought from Bucks County Council. The Police have issued speeding fines in Ford and will continue to work with parishioners on speed reduction strategies.

LITTER PICK

The Parish Council would like to thank all those parishioners who so kindly turned out to take part in the annual litter picks held in Dinton and in Ford in March. This year we had a mystery helper, who early in the morning, before anyone else arrived, managed to collect no less than five sacks of litter between Dinton Church and Four Winds Cross Roads. Our grateful appreciation to all of you!

VANDALISM

Sadly, some minor incidents of vandalism have taken place in the parish. The Parish Council is committed to ensuring that this type of nuisance is not allowed to proliferate. If you have any concerns in this connection please report them to the police on 0845 8 505 505, or to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.