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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The annual parish meeting will be held on:

10th April 2018 at 7pm

Dinton Village Hall

There will be no Guest Speaker this year but we will hear from the Chairman of the Parish Council as well as representatives from community groups in the parish

Broadband in the Parish - The upgrade of broadband connections to a reasonably acceptable level continues to be a problem in parts of the Parish. Since responsibility for funding the subsidised Connected Counties superfast rural broadband rollout programme was passed to Aylesbury Vale District Council in 2016, AVDC has contributed a miserly £250,000 to upgrading broadband. By comparison AVDC allocated up to £1,536,000 to form a company to supply fibre broadband direct to homes in a small number of villagers around Oving. This company is thought to have connected only 234 homes, before collapsing, at a staggering cost to council tax payers of £5,000 per home.

The latest information from BT is that they will be upgrading cabinets 2,7,8 and 9 on the Stone Exchange by September 2018. This will cover Ford, parts of Upton and areas along the A418 between Dinton and Stone. Cabinet 1 has been deemed impossible to upgrade and is scheduled to be replaced with FTTH (fibre direct to home) in 2019. For the latest specific details, you can check your address at <http://www.connectedcounties.org/>.

The good news for those that are not included the current upgrade plans is that the Government is legislating for a USO (Universal Service Obligation) by 2020. Broadband providers will be obliged by law to provide a minimum of 10Mbps download and 1Mbps upload speed on application. You will be required at some point in time to register your requirement, it will not be supplied automatically. If you need any more information, please contact: barrylynch@dinton.info.



ANNUAL PARISH LITTER LICKS

The litter picks will take place on the following dates and we would like as many volunteers as possible to help us on the day. Please assemble at the meeting point shown and we will provide you with litter pickers and bags. It's a fun few hours for everyone. Bring the children, and help us clean our neighborhood.

DINTON - 17th March - Dinton Village Hall

FORD - 24th March - Cross Roads, Ford Village.

Simply Walk in Stone & Haddenham

Come suited & booted for whatever the weather for a 90 minute walk in the countryside

On alternate Wednesdays – throughout the year from:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road - **STONE** - Wednesday 14th - 28th March

Village Hall car park, Churchway – **HADDENHAM** - Wednesday 7th - 21st March

We meet in the morning for 10.30. It's friendly, fun and **free** and if we get back feeling a bit thirsty there's a nice cup of coffee or tea.

Walking for Health with Simply Walk Contact Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367

or visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk



Simply Walk



Church cleaning – can you help?

We have a rota and work in pairs – it usually takes less than 2 hours.

Could you lend a hand for about 6 times a year?

If you would like to help, please can you contact Valma Thompson on 01296 748561 for further details.

Dinton Churchyard Tidy

Spring will soon be here and once again the Churchyard Working Party will be trying to keep Dinton Churchyard tidy over the Spring, Summer and Autumn. Can you spare a little time to help keep the churchyard tidy? The more helpers we have the easier it becomes. The next working party will be on Saturday 14th April, 10.30am until 12.00 noon, with refreshments provided. Then, normally on the 2nd Saturday of every month through to October. The work consists of light gardening tasks, mowing, weeding, strimming and general tidying up; tools can be provided but it would be useful if you can bring your own. If you would like to help, but Saturday morning is inconvenient, please contact Andrew or Helen and we can let you know what areas need to be worked on. Certain parts of the Churchyard are left as wildlife habitats and need a different work regime. Please could we ask that those tending graves only to put compostable plant material in the compost bins and take plastic, cellophane, wire, plant pots etc. home with you. The churchyard is maintained by volunteers and we have no way of getting rid of plastic etc. For further information please contact Andrew or Helen Wild on 01296 748679.

COUNCILLORS:

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Vicar Associate	Dr Phil Groves 01844 291244
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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
Dinton Village Hall Bookings	Diane Trigg - 01296 748361
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 - 07917 044132
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
Pot Hole Reporting	01296 382416 transportforbucks.net/report-it-pothole.aspx
Footpath Problems:	http://www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-prow.aspx
Planning Applications:	https://www.aylesburyvaldedc.gov.uk/searchplanning-licensing-applications

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:	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 Childerhouse	748360