

Charity Begins at Home Dinton Village Hall, Celebrating 100 Years of Community

Dinton Village Hall will reach its 100th anniversary in 2027. For a century, it has been at the heart of our community, hosting celebrations, clubs, events, and gatherings of every kind. We now want to ensure it continues to serve future generations just as well by refurbishing and extending the hall.

We've made a great start, raising just over £45,000 in our first year, about one tenth of the total needed. To keep up the momentum we are continuing to organise community events and apply for grants, but we also warmly welcome donations from those who would like to support this local cause. If you are considering donating or including a local charity in your will, please think of Dinton Village Hall Charity. Every contribution large or small helps secure its future for the next 100 years.

All donations and legacies are gratefully received and can be acknowledged publicly or kept anonymous if you prefer.

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Dinton Village Hall 100 Club Bigg Issue update

The Village Hall current account has a balance of £18,000 and the 100 Club fundraising account totals £43,000 which comprises money from the 100 Club, profits from fundraising events, donations and over £25,000 transferred into a savings account. So, the Village Hall total finances are now over £60,000. The fundraising team led by Chantal Heath are exploring all options to obtain funds/grants etc. Chantal has recently obtained a £100 donation from the Dinton Hermit pub and they have agreed to donate £0.10p for every pint of Fudgels bitter that they sell (apparently it's their most popular beer, so well worth a go!). Also, the 7 Stars will donate £1 for every bill taken in the pub and restaurant if you agree to this. So far Steph and her team have donated nearly £2,000 to the fundraising account. Many thanks Steph. Provided that you are happy to do so, please make sure that you ask for the £1 to be donated. The number of people in the 100 Club has now risen to exactly 100, but we could always do with more. Please contact me if you or friends would like to join (nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com) We have applied to the HMRC to claim Gift Aid from all our donations. It's a long-winded process and we are waiting to hear from HMRC.

Many thanks are due to the Community Events Team who organised a very enjoyable and well attended Race Night event in the village hall on Saturday 15th November. Some of the profits from the evening have been donated to the Village Hall fundraising account.

The evening included the first draw of this financial year for the 100 Club. I am pleased to say that Ben Dodd won the 1st prize of £150, even though he and Jo are now in Australia! Angie Smith won the 2nd prize of £100. Paul Aston won the 3rd prize of £75 and he very kindly gave the donation back to the fundraising account. Thanks Paul. Congratulations to all the winners.

The 2nd 100 Club draw will take place at a Community Event in the new year before the new financial year and membership renewals start again in April 2026.

Dinton Village Hall Power Fund Lloyds Bank a/c no. 30386160 Sort code 30 98 56

We have two prize draws each financial year with a total of £650 cash prizes at each draw: 1st prize £150; 2nd prize £100; 3rd prize £75

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OCTOBER 2025 UPDATE

Due to the recent successful social evenings - many thanks to Richard & Karen Crow who organised the Village Hall Quiz and raised £1,500 for the Hall fundraising and also to Chantal Heath and Dave Berry and their families whose enjoyable Pie & Pudding evening in the 7 Stars also raised over £1,500 - we now have approximately £60,000 in the various Village Hall bank accounts. Good progress

We have approved plans to extend and renovate the hall and are now waiting for quotes from various building companies before we decide next steps.

We are now trying to register the Hall for Gift Aid, so that we can receive an additional 25% from donations made to the Hall fund

We now have 100 people in the 100 Club thanks to some new members joining and a couple of people taking out another membership - thank you. We can always do with more members as the money raised goes to the Village Hall fund. Please contact me if you or anyone you know would like to join. It costs £36 per year

There are 2 prize draws in our financial year (April - March). Each draw has a 1st prize of £150; 2nd prize of £100 and 3rd prize of £75

The next draw will be held at the Race Night social evening to be held from 6.30pm on Saturday 15th November in the Village Hall, so any new members who join before then will be entered into this draw along with all you existing members

Tickets for the Race Night cost £5 per person and can be obtained from Steve Merry and other members of the Community Events Team including Julie Foulkes, Fiona Gammon, Mel Kidner and Debbie Hawes who are copied on this email. Please contact them if you would like tickets. Race nights are always good fun, so please join us!

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Dinton Village Hall Charity is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online.

Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dintonvillage-hall-charity/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Thank you so much!

AUGUST 2025 - planned future events

- 24th Aug Tea on the Green at Westlington organised by Marie Helene Usherwood
- 14th Sept - outdoor Movie night at the 7 Stars
- 27th Sept - Quiz in Village Hall organised by Richard Crow.
- 11th Oct - Conkers at the cricket club
- 19th Oct - Pie & Pudding evening at the 7 Stars - organised by Chantal
- 1st Nov - Fireworks on the parish Field and cricket ground
- 15th Nov - Race night in the village hall
- 30th Nov - Xmas lights and Xmas quiz at the 7 Stars
- 24th Dec - Carol singing in the village
- 27th June 2026 - Summer Ball at the cricket ground

Village Hall

The current account for the day to day running of the hall now has a balance of just over £20,000

- The 100 Club fundraising account stands at over £32,000 which predominantly comprises money from the 100 Club plus profits from other fundraising events and donations raised by our fundraising team led by Chantal Heath

Due to the success of the fundraising, we have now transferred £20,000 from the 100 Club account into an interest only account which should raise approximately £400 per year "Every little helps"!

So, the Village Hall finances are currently over £50,000. Still a long way to go towards a target of up to £350,000 for the Village Hall rebuild project, but good progress.

100 Club accounts

The 100 Club currently has 93 members. We have lost a few people this year who did not renew mainly because they moved out of the village, so we could do with some more members. If you know anyone who would like to join membership costs £36 per year payable as follows:

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We have two prize draws each financial year with a total of £650 cash prizes :

- 1st prize £150; 2nd prize £100; 3rd prize £75

The next draw is planned to take place during one of our social events which will be a Race Night in the Village Hall on 15th November later this year. This should be a great fun evening and you could walk away with substantial winnings either on the horses or from the 100 Club draw!

APRIL 2025

We had another enjoyable Wine & Cheese social evening on 22nd March when approximately 60 people enjoyed some excellent wine, a great array of cheeses and conversation.

During the evening we drew the final 100 Club draw of this financial year and I'm pleased to announce the 3 winners:

- 1st prize of £150 was won by Debbie Hawes. A very deserved winner as she had made a substantial contribution to the evening by selling tickets, preparing the hall and purchasing the cheese. Well done Debbie!
- 2nd prize of £100 was won by Michael Cowen who had previously won a 3rd prize of £75 in last year's draw!
- 3rd prize of £75 was won by Paul Bispham who many of you will know as the founder of the Dinton International Wine Club!

Many thanks go to the Community Events Team under Steve Merry's leadership for organising the evening. They very kindly made a donation of £300 to the Village Hall fundraising account.

Thanks are also due to Dennis Dunne and Dick O'Driscoll who organise the Dinton Beer Festival. They have made a donation of £4,000 to the fund raising account. A fantastic gesture - thank you!

As mentioned April sees the start of the next financial year for the 100 Club, so I'm asking you to renew your membership (£36 per year). All money raised goes to the Village hall fundraising account.

The bank details are **Dinton Village Hall Power Fund account. Sort code 30 98 56. Account number 30386160**

Thank you to the many people who have already renewed either by a bank transfer or a standing order that they have set up.

The fundraising account now stands at over £25,000 and the fundraising team, under Chantal Heath's stewardship are pursuing many options for obtaining donations etc

One of the many plans to obtain money is to register with the easyfundraising website

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when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! Brands include Trainline, Tesco, Waitrose, M&S, John Lewis, Booking.com, The AA and many more.

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

Please register using this link – just click sign up - https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=378860&invite=r4guh8&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it! There's no catch or hidden charges and Dinton Village Hall Charity will be really grateful for your donations.

Many thanks for all the support that you are giving to the Village Hall fundraising account.

Nick Cottman

Village Hall Treasurer

MARCH 2025

- **Wine & Cheese evening on 22nd March in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm**
 - the attached poster shows the details. Tickets are £15 per head which includes 3 glasses of wine (or beer from the Marlow Brewery) plus all the cheeses
 - tickets can be purchased from Debbie Hawes, Viv Robinson, Julie Foulkes and Steve Merry. Their phone numbers are shown on the poster
 - although you can get tickets on the evening we would appreciate people buying tickets in advance as it will help planning the amount of cheese (and drink) we need to order
 - it's always a good occasion with a chance to catch up with other friends in the villages and all the profits from the evening go to the Village Hall renovation fund

- **100 Club**
 - we will hold the final draw of this year's 100 Club at the Wine & Cheese evening which means that 3 lucky people will win either £150 or £100 or £75
 - the new financial year for the 100 Club starts again in April so I would appreciate you renewing your membership which costs £36 per year. Thank you to several people who have already renewed.
 - Our Lloyds bank account details are
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 - if using a cheque, please pay to the Dinton Village Hall Power Fund account
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- **The Village Hall Planning application** has now been approved which means that we can now start getting quotes for the proposed work required. The Fund raising committee lead by Chantal Heath have been busy investigating all the various methods of obtaining money to help the project - grants, donations etc plus the other initiatives she has started eg adding £1 to bills in the 7 Stars; 5% commission from the Fish & Chip van; signing up to the Easyfundraising website

The profit from all these projects and events go to the Village Hall fundraising account, so thank you for all your support.

Nick Cottman Village Hall Treasurer

FEBRUARY 2025

Lots of you (around 100 people) were at the very enjoyable Quiz night on Saturday in the Village Hall.

Many thanks are due to Richard & Karen Crow who organised the event and weren't put off by a 45 minute power cut in the village at the start of the evening!

After all expenses (printing tickets, drinks etc), I'm delighted to say that we made a £2,000 profit which will go into our 100 Club fundraising account, taking it to over £20,000.

You'll be pleased to hear that we have another enjoyable evening planned for **22nd March in the Village Hall.**

- **a Wine & Cheese social event** with a variety of wines and an eclectic mix of cheeses!
- there will also be some beer available, from the Marlow Brewery

The cost will probably be £15 per head which will entitle each person to 3 glasses of wine of your choice plus cheeses.

We also plan to hold the draw for the Village Hall 100 Club which offers 3 prizes of £150, £100 and £75.

Our financial year starts in April, so this will be the last draw of this year and I will be kindly asking you to renew your membership in April unless you have already arranged a standing order. The annual membership is £36. Thanks for doing this. Our Lloyds Bank details are :

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More details of the Wine & Cheese evening will follow in due course including how to get tickets, but please put 22nd March in your busy social diaries.

Thank you for your continued support of the 100 Club - all profits go to our fund for renovating the Village Hall.

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FEBRUARY 2025

One of the best attended village social events was held on Saturday 1st February when approximately 100 people enjoyed a Quiz in the Village Hall. Many thanks are due to Richard & Karen Crow who organised the event and weren't put off by a 45 minute power cut in the village at the start of the evening. Good job we all had our mobile phone torches!



After all expenses (printing tickets, drinks etc), I'm delighted to say that we made a £2,000 profit which will go into our 100 Club fundraising account, taking it to well over £20,000. Included in this is over £3,000 raised by Richard in donations from people who use his financial advice blog!

We have submitted our planning application to Bucks CC planning department for the renovation of the Village Hall. Once approved, we can then start getting quotations for the work required. This will then allow our fundraising team, led by Chantal Heath, to approach organisations in order to obtain funding, grants and donations.

You'll be pleased to hear that the Community Events Team (CET) is arranging another enjoyable social evening on **22nd March in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.**

- **a Wine & Cheese social event** with a variety of wines and an eclectic mix of cheeses! there will also be some beer available, from the Marlow Brewery

The cost will be £15 per head which will entitle each person to 3 glasses of wine of your choice plus generous amounts of cheeses. The CET has agreed that profits from this event will be donated to the Village Hall fundraising fund. Thank you!

At the Wine & Cheese evening we will also hold the draw for the **Village Hall 100 Club which offers 3 prizes of £150, £100 and £75.**

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PS – if you are eating in the Seven Stars, please don't forget to ask them to add the £1 Village Hall Fund donation to your bill. So far, this has raised nearly £1,000 which has been added to the fundraising account.

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