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DINTON BEER FESTIVAL



Reverend Nigel asked his congregation on Saturday to pray that the weather would be kind for Amelia's christening and for the Dinton Beer Festival.

The good congregation's prayers were answered, setting up the day for a record attendance at the eighth Annual Beer Festival, once again

held in the lovely gardens of the Seven Stars pub in Dinton on Saturday 19th August and visited by a host of walkers from Haddenham, all corners of our Parish and others from further away. Throughout the afternoon, the cheerful family-based crowd enjoyed the fine weather and the live music by two acts, while enjoying the selection of real ales, ciders and the Pimm's tent, which was run as usual by the Dinton Book Club ladies. Steph laid on a barbecue selling her delicious premium hamburgers and sausages and the Seven Stars kitchen provided a special Beer Festival menu for the day. Dinton Wines had their usual stall selling award winning locally produced Dinton Folly English quality sparkling wine.

The event provided great fun and enjoyment for all who attended. On the day the beer and Pimm's tent took in just over £5000, a healthy increase on last year. Whilst we haven't got the final figures yet, we know that we will have in the region of £5000 to distribute to local projects. When added to the donations already made by the Dinton Beer Festival, this means we will have given out nearly £18,000 since we started the Festival in 2015.

A huge and heartfelt thank you goes to all the volunteers from the villages in the Parish and those from farther away, who helped with setting up the event, manning the bars on the day and dismantling everything and clearing away afterwards. As usual, Steph and her staff were on hand to help and again put in every effort to make the day a success.

The generosity of the sponsors who sponsored the real ales, the Pimm's and ciders, the music and the Festival glasses, enable this event to take place. So, a sincere thank you to all the sponsors who make the event possible. As we have said before it is this generosity of spirit, as evidenced by the sponsors and volunteers working together, which makes the Dinton Beer Festival such a successful and enjoyable community and family occasion.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS GREAT EVENT

Village Hall Update

In the evening of **Saturday October 21st**, we're planning an event in the village hall for all the parishioners. The event will be designed to raise funds for the hall and update everyone on the potential options for the village hall.

There will be 3 aspects to the evening:

- (1) A progress report on the options that we have to renovate/ extend/replace the village hall with the opportunity to ask questions
- (2) The first prize draw of the Village Hall 100 Club we now have over 100 members
- (3) Bingo night!

Steve Merry, as an ex Bingo caller, has very kindly agreed that the Community Events team will run a Bingo evening with prizes and the profits going to the village hall funds. The entry fee for this will probably be £10 per person and there will be a licensed bar.

There will be more details to follow, but please put this date in your diary so we can update you on the potential options for the Village Hall as well as having a fun evening!

More details from:

Dick O'Driscoll, Chairman of the Village Hall odriscoll110@btinternet.com Tel 07711 731740

Nick Cottman, Village Hall Treasurer nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com Tel 07762 159530

> OUR VILLAGE HALL IS VITAL FOR COMMUNITY LIFE AND WE VALUE YOUR SUPPORT



Dinton Village Hall:
Suitable for parties and all types of get-togethers.
For all enquiries for the Village Hall please contact the Bookings Secretary:

Honor Vane, Summers Cottage, Dinton, HP17 8UG - 01296 748177

DINTON PLAYGROUND PLAQUES - Children's Name Plaques

If you would like to mark the birth, or other event, of your children/grandchildren, you can purchase a plaque to be installed in the playground in the Parish Field, Dinton.

Please contact Nick Cottman for the price of the plaques

Cllr Nick Cottman 07762 159530 - nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com





WHICH PAVEMENT & WHO FIXES IT?

If you have a problem with a footpath/pavement, you need to register the problem with Buckinghamshire Council Fix-my-Street reporting system — 01296 382416 or www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk If your problem is with a Public Footpath crossing a farmers or other landowner land or a Bridleway then please contact Buckinghamshire Council Rights of Way Team.



They prefer you to use their website for reporting problems.

This includes: broken stiles, overgrown vegetation or fallen trees, damaged or dangerous path surfaces, damaged or dangerous bridges, damaged or missing signposts and waymarks. Landowners are required to keep rights of way open and useable; this includes providing and maintaining stiles

SIMPLY WALK STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON

Simply Walk in Stone, Haddenham & Dinton

Come suited & booted for whatever the weather To **Simply Walk** for an hour or so in the countryside. Just come to our walks throughout the year from:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road – **STONE** Wednesday: $6^{th} - 20^{th}$ September

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM** Wednesday: 13th September

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON** Wednesday: 27th September

We meet in the morning for 10.30 It's friendly, fun and **free** Autumn's coming, but still time a-plenty For summery walks and a coffee or tea!

Simply Walk Diary Dates

MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
Oct	4th-18th	11th	25th
Nov	1st-15th-29th	8th	22nd
Dec	13th-27th	6th	20th

Walking for Health with Simply Walk

Visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk Telephone 01494 475367 Mobile 07802 260812

ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD NEAR LIFESTOCK

Your dog can harm or kill sheep and cattle.

Please remember, when enjoying the countryside with your pet, use a lead to keep them and farming livestock safe. If you are a dog owner, please check your

property is dog proof. A loose dog from a nearby house could cause havoc to livestock. Our countryside is also someone's working environment.. Dog attacks cost! It could be you and your pet who pays. Allowing your dog to chase and attack livestock is a serious animal welfare offence and can lead to significant fines as well as your dog being shot by a landowner if your dog is bothering livestock.

PLEASE put your dog on a lead anywhere near sheep and other livestock

St Peter and St Paul Church, Dinton DINTON CHURCH NEWS

This year Harvest Festival will be celebrated on 8th October at 6pm.

We plan to have Prosecco and Anzac biscuits after the service. All donations of produce and food will be given to the Aylesbury Food Bank.

Remembrance Sunday Services will be on 12th November and follow last years' pattern.



All the gardening in the churchyard is undertaken by volunteers. We meet on the second Saturday of every month stopping over the winter.

We are very short of people willing to bring their strimmers and mowers and volunteers are very welcome. We are also in need of a new wheelbarrow! We have two very old ones which are rusting off their wheels and have holes in. If anyone has a spare wheelbarrow the donation will be very much appreciated.

Church Warden - Rosemary Jackson 01296 748655

PARKING



Please help us to look after our grass verges by not parking on them. Please park sensibly and in a way that does not cause other people problems—THANK YOU

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE PARISH



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Midsummer Ball Held in the Marquee at Dinton Cricket Club 24th June 2023

The Solstice worshippers of the Parish came out in force on the sun kissed, sweltering evening of Saturday 24th June, gathering in their hordes and attired in ritual clothing, to worship at the feet of their God SLEDGEHAMMER.

Oh, what a night! A mixed assembly of 120 (sell out) pagans, made up of village ancients, aspiring youth and those shaking off their mid-life crisis, trekked to the shrine erected at Dinton Cricket Club ready to shake of the shackles of inhibition and writhe in rhythmic wailing.

While Dinton 1st XI succumbed to the might of Didcot, perhaps unnerved by SLEDGEHAMMER warming up in the background, the baying worshippers drank the ritual nectars and feasted on the finest fayre the planet can offer, mainly supplied by Raj Bhuj, the recently renovated Indian Restaurant in Stone, open 7 days a week and 10% discount on orders over £20!! With the sun lowering in the sky, the sated mob started twitching as the Gods of SLEDGEHAMMER mounted the altar, psychedelic guitars, boots, and hair, casting a mesmerising spell over proceedings.

As they roared out, "SLEDGEHAMMER, SLEDGEHAMMER, SLEDGEHAMMER", the strobe lighting flashed across the worshippers through the open marquee and out across the cricket field, whipping the mob up into a frenzy of anticipation. The ghosts of past mystics rose over the stage as SLEDGEHAMMER summoned up Freddy Mercury, Tina Turner, and David Bowie together with other living legends including our own Tony Hadley.

As the BOUVET Crémant de Loire Brut (included in ticket price and on offer at Majestic Wines at a very reasonable £9.99 minimum order 6), had its inevitable effect on the crowd, attention focussed on the 'Wheelbarrow of Booze' a magnificent shimmering IDOL constructed of excellent wines, spirits and beers being raffled at 'a tenner' a strip. The winning number, **242**, drawn by High Priestess Shirley, was claimed by Fraser Stewart of Moat Cottage Dinton, where the legendary Dinton Hermit had become a recluse after lopping off Charles I head in 1649. Word quickly spread of a late night's drink party at Fraser's later!

As the night slipped away and the full moon clashed with the new dawn, so proceedings came to an end with SLEDGEHAMMER proclaiming the worshippers as 'SIMPLY THE BEST' and thanking us all for being such excellent hosts. The wailing ceased, the worshippers lay slumped around the altar and a lone voice could be heard gasping 'where is my 'Alka Seltzer'! Many thanks to all those who attended and as always to the organisers who strive to bring fun and entertainment to you all.

Stop Press News: SLEDGEHAMMER is returning to complete the Hat Trick on 29th June 2024 – BOOK EARLY to avoid disappointment!

Further Events planned for later this year

September, October, November – Quiz Seven Stars

October – Conkers Championship – Marquee Dinton Cricket Club

October – BINGO – Dinton Village Hall in aid of hall support costs

November 4th – Spectacular Fireworks Display – Dinton Parish Field (Ticketed event)

December – 'LIGHTS ON' Christmas Tree Celebration with Carols and Merriment around the tree.

December—Bumper Quiz Seven Stars in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice.

Steve Merry Community Events Chairperson



FOOD BANK COLLECTION

The Seven Stars in Dinton has a foodbank collection box.



The box is situated under the tall table on the patio adjacent to the entrance to the pub.

All foodstuff will be collected by the Bernwode bus on the first Saturday of each month and delivered to the Aylesbury Vineyard Church foodbank.

Please donate any kind of tinned food or food in jars. You could also give toiletries or household goods.





Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hand team is available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis.

Let us know if: you are struggling to afford food, you cannot keep on top of your bills, you are in debt or you are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home.

Request support from the Helping Hand team using the online form or contact us by phone on 01296 531 151.

Our phone lines are open:

Monday to Thursday (9am to 5:30pm) Friday (9am to 5pm)If you're in immediate need and your request cannot wait until the next working day call 0800 999 77677.

Parish Council: We meet every month on the 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm. Parish Councillors are elected to make decisions for the parish and to raise a parish precept (tax) to pay for various responsibilities they have and choose to take on such as the playground, parish field, land and open spaces, the spinney, tree works and grass cutting. We are consulted on planning applications and matters affecting the parish. Residents are welcome to attend the parish council meetings and raise any matters they wish that affect the parish. We often have to engage with other stakeholders such as Buckinghamshire Council if the issue, or concerns raised, is not something we have responsibility for.



PARISH COUNCIL



INFORMATION & TELEPHONE NUMBERS



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GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

Transport to doctors, hospital, opticians, collection of prescriptions, help with getting out of the house in bad weather and shopping in the case of illness.



GIBRALTAR FORD:

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DINTON:

Carol Lynch 748392 Honor Vane 748177 Helen Wild 748679 Stella Young 748771

Alan Weston 748287

Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild

HADDENHAM COMMUNITY VEHICLE (HCV)

The HCV is for all who are disabled or have walking or mobility problems. The door to door service is free although donations are welcome. To find out more, become a volunteer or to make a booking, contact the coordinator David Hammond: 07483 806171 or email haddenhamcv@gmail.com. The service is for all those having difficulty accessing public transport or private cars. Our vehicle is adapted for wheelchair users. **Trained volunteers ensure covid-safe arrangements in line with guidance and the service, including journeys to vaccination centres, operates up to 20 miles from Haddenham.**

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Headteacher: - head@cds.school Office - office@cds.school **Dinton Village Hall Bookings** Honor Vane - 01296 748177

Haddenham Community Library

0845-2303232

Police Station (Waddesdon) Neighbourhood Team —101

Fly Tipping:

01296 382416 https://

www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/

Akido - Antony Pinchbeck - 07966 151462

Cubs & Beavers

Emily Gray - 07746 973805 **Dinton Cricket Club**

chairman@dintoncc.co.uk

Pot Hole Reporting 01296 382416 https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/

Planning Applications:

Buckinghamshire Council 01296 395000

Pavement Problems: 01296 382416

www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

Public Footpaths & Bridleways - contact Buckinghamshire Council Rights of Way Team

Community Events Team - contact Chairman Steve Merry 07850 049587

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OPENING TIMES

Tuesday 10am—5pm Thursday 10am—5pm Friday 10am—5pm Saturday 10am—1pm

When the library is closed, books can be returned to any library in Buckinghamshire



Drop In Coffee Mornings

Every Thursday morning we are hosting drop in coffee mornings from 10.30am. Come along, have a drink, have a biscuit, meet new friends or join old ones! All in our lovely library environment. You can borrow a book to read while you're here or take it home afterwards.

Thursdays at 10.30am
Every week
See you there!



Regular gatherings

Many of the regular meetings and activities which usually take place in Haddenham Community Library have begun again!

We are pleased to now be able to host the following:

Tuesdays 10am -12pm Knit & Natter Tuesdays 10.30am and 2.30pm Storytime Thursdays 10.30am Drop in Coffee Morning

Fridays 10.30am -11am Bounce & Rhyme (fortnightly term time)

Saturdays 10.30am Lego Club

Book the library as a venue

Haddenham Community Library is popular with social groups as a meeting venue. There is plenty of space; there are chairs and tables; there is a screen for audio visual presentations; free wifi; central location in Haddenham with car parking.

If you would like to explore further the potential for us to host your meetings, please contact us: info@haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk or on telephone 01296 387865