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## THE COMMUNITY EVENTS TEAM PRESENTS



### **ANNUAL PARISH FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

**SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2025, 5.30pm**

**BBQ and BAR at Dinton Cricket Club from 5.30pm and  
Fireworks on the Parish Field from 7.00pm**

**Featuring once again the 'HELIOS GOD OF FIRE' and his  
amazing, blazing stilt walking act!**

**Ticket pricing and further details in due course**

**Once again, we anticipate a sell-out for this popular event**



## COMMUNITY EVENTS TEAM

Just as Summer lazes its way into the Autumn season of mists and mellow fruitfulness so the Parish CET, aging like a good vintage wine, is marking the changing seasons with an autumn fiesta of fun to appeal to the finer palates of the parish.

The hedonistic, frenzied gyrations of the Baby Boomers at the Midsummer Ball now seem just a distant memory, with only the faint whiff of the Dung Beatles catching the nostrils during a late summer evening stroll.

The Ball was once again a great success with capacity attendance and many enjoying a glass of bubbly as they witnessed a most thrilling end to the cricket match v Aston Rowant with Dinton losing out in the final over with the visitors 9 down. There were many fantastic, themed table displays ranging from Casino Royale to Hawaiian Sunsets and Classic 60's Memorabilia with the £100 Seven Stars Gift Voucher going to Val Scott and her team of femme fatales. Much fun was had during the Heads and Tails game, and speculation was intense for the 'Wheelbarrow of Booze'. However, the night belonged to the music as we were transformed back to the 'swinging sixties' and the Dung Beatles proving once again that old rockers never die they simply start to smell a bit.

Thanks to Dinton Cricket Club for providing the venue and bar facilities and in particular to Hannah and Eliot for bravely managing the bars.

Next year the event will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at the cricket club for which the band 'Lost in Music', a 7-piece colossus, have been engaged. Book early to avoid disappointment.

And so, into Autumn with events kicking off on **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> when HOLLYWOOD COMES TO DINTON as THE CET PRESENTS "MOVIE NIGHT"**

**THE CET PRESENTS THE PARISH HORSE RACING FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 6PM – 10.30 PM DINTON VILLAGE HALL**



**YOUR CHANCE TO OWN OR RIDE A HORSE IN ONE OF THE RACES.  
10 RACES THROUGHOUT THE EVENING INCLUDING:**

**THE WESTLINGTON SELLING STAKES**  
**THE UPTON OPEN RACE FOR GELDINGS**  
**THE FORD LADIES' DERBY**  
**THE GIBRALTAR A418 HANDICAP**

**THE DINTON POWER CUT HANDICAP (Sponsored by Thames Water)**

**PUNTERS CAN BID TO OWN OR RIDE A HORSE IN EACH RACE  
BETTING ON THE NIGHT AND PRIZES FOR OWNERS AND RIDERS  
PROCEEDS FOR STAGING FUTURE CET EVENTS AND THE VILLAGE HALL  
PROJECT  
BAR AND NIBBLES AVAILABLE**



Looking ahead to 2025 here is our Calendar of both **CONFIRMED** and **TO BE CONFIRMED** events.

We do hope to see many of you enjoying these events and there will be more information in due course.

## **CALENDAR 2025**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Movie Night**

**October 11<sup>th</sup> – Annual Conker Championship – Dinton Cricket Club from 5pm**

**November 15<sup>th</sup> — Parish Horse Racing Festival — Dinton Village Hall from 6pm**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> – Firework Display – Dinton Cricket Club/Parish Field from 5pm**

**November TBC – Wine and Cheese Evening Dinton Village Hall**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Tree LIGHTS ON – Seven Stars Garden from 4pm**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Quiz in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice from 7pm**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> Parish Carol Singing from 6pm departure outside Seven Stars**



### **DINTON VILLAGE HALL**

**Charity number**

**1027449**

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!

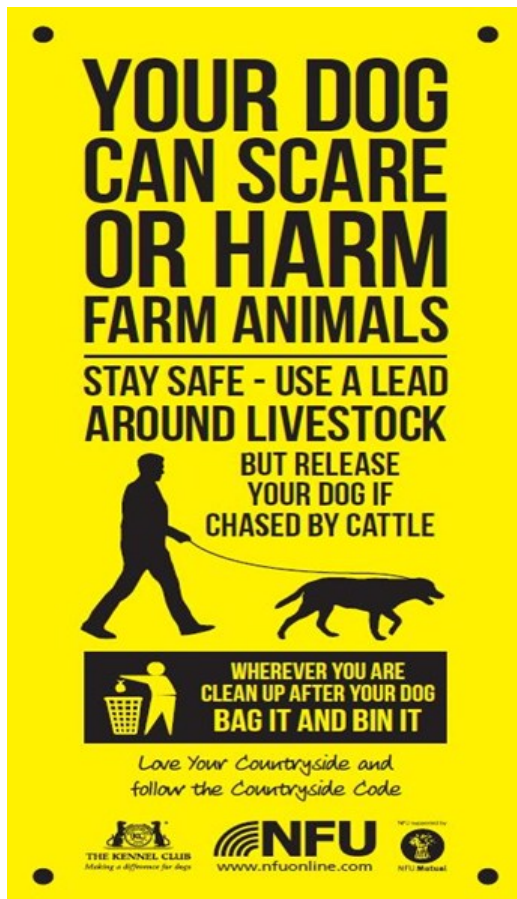
These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

**It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.**

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dinton-village-hall-charity/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dinton-village-hall-charity/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email)

**Thank you so much!**



**PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF LIVESTOCK**

Your dog might be extremely docile and friendly, but we have to remember that farm animals won't know that.

**It's best to keep your dog on a lead and under close control around livestock.**

Farm animals can be very protective, especially at certain times of the year such as tugging and bulling time when male and female animals are mixing, once animals have become pregnant, or after calves or lambs have been born.

NFU Mutual reports that a significant proportion of attacks are caused by owners who let their dogs roam from homes adjoining the countryside and aren't aware that they are attacking farm animals.

**Enjoy walking your dog in the countryside but please, always be mindful of livestock and respect the countryside**

**THANK YOU**

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL - Haddenham & Stone Ward Councillors**



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**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 Village Hall 100 Club Big Issue update August 2025

The current account of the hall now has a balance of just over £20,000. The 100 Club fund raising 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. 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. As you will read elsewhere in the Big Issue, we are planning plenty of social events and the profits from some of these will go towards the fundraising.

The 100 Club currently has 93 members. We have lost a few people who did not renew mainly because they moved out of the village, so we could do with some more members.

If you would like to join membership costs £36 per year payable as follows:

**Dinton Village Hall Power Fund Lloyds Bank account Number 30386160 Sort code 30 98 56**

We have two prize draws each financial year with a total of £650 cash prizes at each draw:  
1<sup>st</sup> prize £150; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £100; 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> November later this year. This should be a great fun evening and you could walk away with substantial winnings!

**Information: Nick Cottman, the Village Hall Treasurer**  
**Homelea, High Street, Dinton HP17 8UN - [Nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com](mailto:Nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com)**  
**01296 748894 or 07762 159530**

## 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road  
**HADDENHAM**—Wednesday: 10<sup>th</sup> September

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: 24<sup>th</sup> September

..... Simply Walk Diary Dates .....

MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
Oct	1st-15th-29th	8th	22nd
Nov	12th - 26th	5th	19th
Dec	10th - 24th	3rd - 31st	17th



**Walking for Health  
with Simply Walk**

[www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk)

Telephone 01494 475367  
Mobile 07802 260812

## 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](mailto:nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com)



## **DINTON BEER FESTIVAL**

The Dinton Beer Festival, always on the third Saturday in August, was held in the gardens of the Seven Stars pub on Saturday 16th August. We were lucky once again with the weather, warm, overcast and dry. A crowd, similar to last year, enjoyed the vibrant family atmosphere, sampling the beers, Pimm's and ciders on offer, together with Steph's tasty barbecue, while listening to the live music, followed by some excellent DJ sounds towards the end of the afternoon, which encouraged some lively boogieing.

Dinton Wines had their usual outlet and record numbers enjoyed their glasses of Dinton Folly. Takings at the gate were £5400, just £300 under our record takings of last year. When the final figures are available, we anticipate we will have over £5000 to distribute to local causes and projects.

As this was our tenth festival, since our first in 2015 and missing 2021 due to the pandemic, it seems a good point to reflect on what the festival has achieved. Last year we donated nearly £6000 to local causes, taking our total donations to nearly £21,000 to date and this should increase to over £25,000 during the next year. The village hall, the church, local footpath improvement, children's playground and parish field are examples of where our donations go.

The beer festival relies on volunteers to set up the event, run the day and clear up afterwards. These helpers are unstinting in their efforts and our thanks go out to them and to Steph and her staff who put in such hard work to help make the day successful.

It is most important to acknowledge that none of the above would be possible without the generosity of the sponsors who, year after year, sponsor the real ales, ciders, Pimm's, glasses and music.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all our sponsors for their support over the years. We say it every year, but the generosity of spirit, as evidenced by the sponsors and volunteers working with the Beer Festival, has ensured that this event is now the successful annual family and community event which we all look forward to attending and enjoying.

## **REMINDER**

### **DINTON VILLAGE HALL**

### **Hoppers of Dinton Pre-School**

Open hours – including holidays – are:-

Monday to Thursday - 7.30am to 6.00pm  
Friday - 7.30am to 5.30pm

**Please do not enter the Hall or  
grounds during these times.**

**If access is required, please call on:  
07497 728 023**

## **CHANGES TO PLANNING PROCESS**

**Buckinghamshire Council has changed its planning procedures which means that no individuals comment's (including supporting and objecting to a planning application) will show on their planning website against the specific application.**

**This now means that the Parish Council will not be able to see your comments to a particular planning application.**

**The Parish Council now requests that you send us a copy of your comments, by email to the Parish Clerk, on any planning application you send to Buckinghamshire Council.**

**THIS WILL THEN ALERT US TO HOW  
YOU FEEL ABOUT A PLANNING  
APPLICATION AFFECTING YOU**



## CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL NEWS

As we step into the final half of the summer term, the children have been as busy as ever—learning, exploring, and making a difference in their community.

### Creativity and Literacy

This term, children have been diving into poetry, rhymes, and word games. A group of talented pupils proudly represented our school at the Thames Partnership Poetry Slam grand final, earning high praise for their polished performances. Meanwhile, preparations for World Book Day and Red Nose Day sparked creativity, with imaginative costumes and a special Comic Relief fundraiser where children dressed as their future

dream jobs—ranging from archaeologists to athletes!

### Outdoor Adventures

The Infant Site has seen exciting developments with the installation of a brand-new Forest School area, generously funded by a school family. Children are already enjoying this space, learning about pollinators, worms, and beetles, and sowing seeds in the sunshine. Little Owls have also received new play equipment and furniture, thanks to Bucks Early Years funding, supporting both mental and physical wellbeing.

### Sports and Clubs

The first half of the term was packed with sporting fun—gymnastics, girls' football, swimming, netball, dance, and cricket. After-school clubs have been a hit too, with tennis, art, musical theatre, and chess all proving popular. Year 1 pupils are enjoying their swimming lessons, and Reception children have been learning about life in the “olden days” with visits from grandparents.

### Community and Celebration

The term ended on a high with a non-uniform day raising funds for Buckinghamshire Mind. As the weather turned tropical, children switched to summer uniforms and embraced more outdoor learning. In true village tradition, the Infant Site celebrated May with a joyful May dance and gave out fresh posies of flowers to the local villagers.

### Spirited Arts Day

For our *Spirited Arts Day* the Children explored the RE theme of ‘**Sacred Spaces**’ and created a piece of art inspired by this topic using materials for collages and other creative work. All art-work will be proudly exhibited in school this half term.

### Looking Ahead:

Year Six worked so hard to prepare for and complete their SATS, they now have a very busy last half term with the school. This includes Bikeability, a Bushcrafting residential, a trip to the Theatre to see *Wicked* and putting on their own production of *The Wizard of Oz* together with Year 5. We can't wait to see it!



**‘Let your light shine’ Matthew 5:16 is central to all that we do as a Christian school community.**

**We work together to nurture the well-being, learning and development of everyone, empowering all to shine as individuals through clearly understood values and behaviour, founded in the Christian faith.**

## St Peter and St Paul Church, Dinton

### DINTON CHURCH NEWS



Greetings from the Church of St Peter and St Paul, *your* parish church. Early summer has been a busy and successful time; the EOS concert raised nearly £1200 for the ASC foundation and the church fabric fund. The Patronal service was well attended and the congregation enjoyed refreshments afterwards and the opportunity to thank Rosemary Jackson for her work as Church Warden over the years. We presented Rosemary with a watercolour painting of the Church of St Peter and St Paul by the late E Mobbs, a local artist.

Your church is here for you - in times of sorrow and joy, both personally and as part of the village community. We have had a wedding and two baptisms so far this summer, with two more weddings to come in September. We also had a Confirmation service on 6th July when the Bishop of Buckingham, Bishop Dave, confirmed 13 candidates from local churches across the Diocese. We love it when the church is kept so busy with joyous events, long may it continue.

Of course to make our church so inviting takes time and money. We try to maintain the church building and churchyard to a high standard and always appreciate help. We have vacancies for volunteers to join our teams of gardeners, cleaners, flower arrangers and general maintenance. If you would like to assist on one of our working days please contact me; the next cleaning day is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September and gardening day will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

Financial considerations are never far from our thoughts and prayers. As well as our regular outgoings as mentioned in the last Bigg Issue, we have just carried out repairs to the church lightning conductor at a cost of over £1000. Details of how you can assist us financially are shown below.

Upcoming events:

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 6.00pm** – our special annual outdoor evensong taking place in the grounds of Hartwell church, presided over by Bishop Dave.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm** – Harvest Festival evensong

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November 10.15am** – Remembrance service

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm** – Carol service, followed by the Christmas Raffle draw.

(Diane Smith is already well ahead with preparations, watch this space).

You can now see the times of our regular Sunday services on the notice board outside the village hall.

**IAN CAIRNS, CHURCH WARDEN 07816 315361**

**Please can you help?**

Please use the QR code to donate.

To learn more, please contact:

Roger Withers – 07802 155255

Rosemary Jackson – 07872 316553

Ian Cairns – 07816 315361



If you can help your Village Hall Committee by carrying out any maintenance jobs such as painting, gardening, tidying up etc.

Please contact:

**Dick O'Driscoll (Chairman) 01296 748283**  
**odriscoll110@btinternet.com**



## FOOD BANK COLLECTION

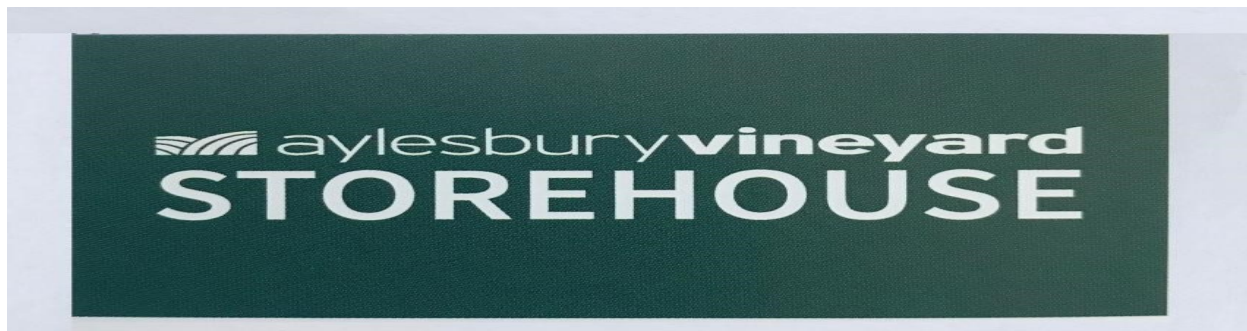
The Seven Stars in Dinton has a foodbank collection box.

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 531151.**

**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.



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**Dinton Village Hall Bookings**

Honor Vane - 01296 748177

**Haddenham Community Library**

0845-2303232

**Parish Magazine (Dinton)**

David Pickup — 01296 748170

**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

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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**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.



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Chloe Lambert 748221

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Lorraine Gooch 747655 Carol Lynch 748392

Honor Vane 748177 Helen Wild 748679

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**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](mailto: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.**