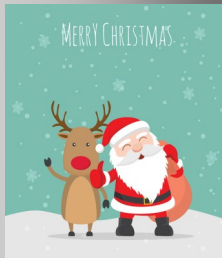




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**Wishing you a Merry Christmas & All the Very Best  
for 2019 from Dinton with Ford & Upton  
Parish Councillors & Staff**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL  
SERVICE**

**Dinton Church  
Sunday 16th December  
4pm**

We will have a choir and the  
Organ will be singing out with us.

Further details: Phil Groves  
Associate Rector  
Wychert Vale Benefice  
Phone 01296 748390



**YOUR VILLAGE**



**NEEDS YOU!**

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO ENSURE OUR COMMUNITY EVENTS CONTINUE**



## **SIMPLY WALK**

### **Stone, Haddenham & DINTON**

**Come**, suited & booted for whatever the weather  
For an hour or so walk in the countryside  
On Wednesday mornings – throughout the year from:  
Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road – **STONE**  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December and 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and 23<sup>rd</sup> January

**We meet in the morning for 10.30** — It's friendly, fun and **free**

We welcome **Dinton** to our walking fraternity

Along with that nice cup of coffee or tea!

**Walking for Health with Simply Walk**

Further dates/details visit [www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk)

Or contact Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367.



### **NEED TO FIND YOUR BIN COLLECTION DAY?**

Enter a valid postcode and then click on your  
address to find your bin collection information.

**CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION  
DATES: Aylesbury Vale District Council  
01296 - 585858**

## **HELP US HELP YOU**

**STAY WELL THIS WINTER**

Call 111 and get advice on what  
to do – save yourself a trip to  
A&E.

Find out which GPs open longer near you - 111  
can help you book.

And don't forget to ask your local Pharmacist! –  
your first port of call at the first sign of illness.

If you're concerned or need advice, call **NHS 111**

### **THE DINTON BEER FESTIVAL**

The Dinton Beer Festival Committee has confirmed that following the Fourth Annual Dinton Beer Festival held in August in the gardens of the Seven Stars pub, a total of £1700 has been raised to help towards funding local village projects. To date £150 has been donated to the Florence Nightingale Hospice and about £600 towards the new gate to the Parish Field. The Dinton Beer Festival Committee would like to thank all those who supported them on the day by attending and sampling the ten different beers provided, the many village volunteers who helped set up and run the event, the Morris Dancers, the American old time musicians and for the first time this year Les Clochards with their French chanson rock folk offering, not forgetting the generous sponsors without whom the day, now an established family event in Dinton, just wouldn't happen.



## DINTON CHURCH NEWS



### Church Wardens:

Rosemary Jackson 01296 748655

Neil Chudley - 01296 748277

The year has been very eventful. There have been three weddings, five baptisms and six funerals/memorial services. Nigel Featherston of New Road, Dinton was ordained as a priest in June this year and has since taken many services. He took a most memorable service on 11<sup>th</sup> November to mark the hundred year anniversary of the signing of the armistice in the Great War. Wreaths were laid at the War Memorials at Dinton and at Ford and a quarter peal of bells was rung.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> October the churchyard was blessed by a visit from 9 woolly lambs. They had been found wandering around Chestnut Avenue and School Lane by villagers walking their dogs. They were shooed off the road and ended up spending the night in the churchyard for safekeeping. They were very happy huddled in the church porch and by the time the police attended they were settled down in the churchyard nibbling the long grass. Unfortunately, no one thought to take photos, but there were lots of suggestions as to why they were there such as they had escaped from the farmer taking them to market and had taken refuge in the church! The police eventually found that they had come from Cuddington Lane farm and had wandered across the A418. There was to be a wedding the next day so the bridegroom got busy with the broom to sweep evidence of the sheep off the path leading into the church so the bride did not get her dress dirty. There have been three very successful concerts one with the Chiltern Concert Band and two Mike Trotman gigs.

Social events have been great fun, including, the Wine Tasting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Dinton Hall. Villagers from Ford, Dinton, Upton and Gibraltar were present and the wines flowed freely.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December there will be the Bazaar and Turkey Hamper Draw at Dinton Village Hall.

There will be soup and sausage lunches, mulled wine, a bottle tombola, cake sales and a game for the children. Everyone very welcome to come and meet friends and neighbours.

In the new year there will be a new management structure for Dinton and Stone Churches.

There will still be the overarching Parochial Church Council but Dinton Church will have its own Committee to organise services, events, action and targets. Dinton will also have a Fabric Committee and the Organ Restoration Committee. If you are interested to find out how these work please contact us.

Dinton Church is so fortunate to have bands of hard-working volunteers doing the cleaning, arranging flowers, churchyard gardening, bellringing and many other tasks. Grateful thanks to all of you.

We want to use the church as a community asset in 2019. If you would like coffee mornings or tea parties, evening groups or any activities in the church please just contact us.

Rosemary Jackson at [jacksonrj@btinternet.com](mailto:jacksonrj@btinternet.com) or telephone 01296 748655

Neil Chudley at [neilchudley138@btinternet.com](mailto:neilchudley138@btinternet.com) or telephone 01296 748277

### Christmas Services:

16<sup>th</sup> December Carol Service at 4pm;

17<sup>th</sup> December Ford Barn Service at 7pm;

23<sup>rd</sup> December Messy Christmas and Crib Service at 4pm;

24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve at St John Baptist Stone at 11.30pm;

25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day at Dinton 10am Holy Communion;

30<sup>th</sup> December Benefice Service at St Mary Haddenham at 10.30am.

*Merry  
Christmas*



## DINTON MARQUEE TEAM

The Dinton Marquee Team was set up in 1997 by Chris Robinson of Dinton. With the help of some villagers it was his intention to provide a village asset that everyone had access to and also as a way of putting on village events. It has always played an important role in the village and would not have happened without many villagers support by helping to build and take down the marquee and arranging and attending different events over the years.

After a loan some years ago a new marquee was purchased, this loan has now been repaid through fundraising and as a result the community now own the marquee! (ex Great British Bake Off Marquee). We continue today as a non profit organisation with the same aim to continue to provide a way of bringing the village together through hosting different events. The income from the events go towards putting the events themselves on as well as the upkeep of the marquee and saving up to buy a new replacement marquee in the future. An annual fundraising Ball is held to raise money for local projects/charities. At the most recent Picnic Ball we raised £1300 which has been divided as follows:

£50 Oak Tree      £50 Gate Parish Field      £75 Pre-School      £100 Electrics/Water Parish Field  
£175 Cricket Club Youth Kit      £200 Xmas lights &      £650 Cancer Research

Since 2016 we have raised £4,861 with donations going to Florence Nightingale, Parkinson's UK, the village defibrillator and village Christmas trees. Without your continued support at these events these activities and charity donations would not happen.

**So we would like to say a big Thank You.** Many thanks for your continued support, The Dinton Marquee Team: Andy McCrea, Kemal Ghouse, Diana Merry (Secretary), Sally Carr (Treasurer), Chris Hunt, Fraser Stewart and John King.

NB: If you are ever at a loose end on a Wednesday evening in the summer months please feel free to help build or take down the marquee which is followed by a drink afterwards!

### DATES FOR DINTON DIARY:

Sunday 9 Dec - Christmas Lights Switch On at The Seven Stars @ 4.30pm

Sunday 9 Dec - The Big Xmas Quiz at The Seven Stars @ 7pm



## School Governors

Cuddington and Dinton C of E School, is a huge credit and asset to the catchment area that it serves – which includes the villages of Chearsley, Nether Winchedon, Upton and Ford as well as Cuddington and Dinton. In addition to the clear role that staff and parents play, much of the success of the school is down to the part that the Board of Governors also plays. In the case of our school the governors have played a pivotal role, along with staff and parents, in bringing about the successful changes that have taken place over the last 10-15 years and before that as well. Today we are very fortunate to have a highly dedicated, qualified and focused group of people who make up our Governing Body. We are an unusually large one (mainly as a result of the merger) and we benefit from the fact our full complement is 16 members; many schools of our size only have 12. There is, rightly, a steady turnover of governors as a result of terms of office finishing, parents moving on and staff leaving. This is very healthy and quite normal, but it does mean that we are frequently seeking appropriate nominations for new governors. And we are especially keen to have parishioners who do not necessarily already have a direct link with the school e.g. are not current parents or members of staff. This is a hugely important and very rewarding role so please give serious thought about considering it. If you are interested in finding out more about the role of a governor please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Kim Price, on 01844 291206 or via email – [head@cds.school](mailto:head@cds.school) or the Chair of Governors, Mr Giles Ecott [viagecott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:viagecott@yahoo.co.uk)



**YOUR  
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**Dinton Parish Fete Committee**  
**ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS STANDING DOWN**

A public meeting was held on 16<sup>th</sup> October by the Dinton Parish Fete Committee in Dinton Village Hall. Following the presentation of the annual accounts and the award of this year's grants, the Chairman Sylvia Eaton announced that she and the whole committee are standing down and do not intend to organise another Fete for 2019. The Treasurer of the Fete Committee, David Jackson will carry on in the role of Treasurer. In addition to maintaining the bank account David will also look after the storage of the fete's other assets, e.g. the marquees and games. These will then be available for the Dinton Fete when it is next being organised.

Anyone interested in starting up a new Fete committee should contact Sylvia on 01296 748537 or David on 748655 or email [d.jackson883@btinternet.com](mailto:d.jackson883@btinternet.com)



**MARQUEE TEAM CONKER SMASHING CHAMPIONSHIP 2018**

The Marquee Team's fifth annual 'Conker Smashing' championships were held last Saturday, 13th October, hosted at the Dinton Cricket Club and attended by 65 contestants intent on hoisting the coveted 'Conqueror's Trophy'.

Operating under the strict World Conker Championship rules, established in Ashton, Northamptonshire in 1965, combatants engaged in a hostile assault on opponents conkers. As contestant's fell one by one it was the Gibson Brothers who emerged as unstoppable and entered into final arena like gladiator's ready for the kill. It was cut and thrust until an ox felling blow from Billy split brother Sam's wrecking ball into a thousand tiny atoms as the crowd roared in appreciation. And so the Gibson family retained the 'Conqueror's Trophy for a second year bearing testament to the 'Old Chestnut' that blood is thicker than water and thicker than a conker's shell!! (Sophie Gibson won the trophy in 2016).

Much fun was had by all and the sumptuous Pulled Pork and Burger Buns were sold out and much beer and wine consumed by the (over 18) attendees.

Thanks to Bucks Press for photo shooting the event and thanks to both The Dinton Marquee Team and Dinton Cricket Club for making the evening so successful.

See you all at next year's event (Saturday 12th of October 2019) where the question will be can the Gibson's achieve an unbelievable hat-trick of wins.



**Hall of Fame**

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2018 Billy Gibson  | 2017 Luca Horgan  |
| 2016 Sophie Gibson | 2015 Martin Hawes |
|                    | 2014 Olly Foxell  |



## **CUDDINGTON & DINTON - School News**

Following the summer holidays many children completed the maths challenge so can now wear the 'Maths Star' badge with pride – a big well done to them all! We have again achieved Gold Sports mark for the third year running! A big thank you to the Junior children, Mrs Pearce and Mrs Arnott for all their hard work.

This year in order to help boost either a child's academic knowledge or confidence in certain areas we are proud to offer a range of interventions each week.

Children are timetabled for a half term to work once a week for a 20 minute intervention. Currently the Junior site have a range of interventions to help pupils needs. These include: Sentence building - pictures are used to inspire ideas to encourage a variety of vocabulary and exciting sentence openers. Spellings - spelling games prove an excellent way to help identify rules and patterns; children are helped to identify spelling mistakes in their own work. Lego Therapy - focuses on turn taking, following instructions, reading aloud to others with the added fun of building Lego! Maths- focused group support for any area of maths identified by the class teacher.

We held our whole school Harvest Festival service in St Nicholas' church on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October. All non-perishable produce was donated to the Vineyard in Aylesbury and all remaining perishable produce was offered for sale in church the following day.

We have been encouraging all parents to attend an E-safety information evening on the Junior site. The potential risks to children of all ages when using the internet were explored by a representative from Barnardo's, and this was followed by practical solutions from iNet Guardians. The school takes this whole area most seriously and wants to work with parents to help protect our children. Remembrance Family services for parents to attend were held on both Infant and Junior sites in their respective churches. On this special commemorative 100-year anniversary we wanted parents to be involved with the annual laying of wreaths. The school always lays a wreath at Cuddington, Chearsley, Nether Winchendon and Dinton war memorials, this being a very important part of our links with the communities.



**Join us for**

**CHRISTMAS EVE  
CAROL SINGING**



Mince Pies and Mulled Wine afterwards  
Meet outside the Seven Stars at 6pm

Please bring a torch

Children must be accompanied  
Lasts about an hour  
Proceeds to the Florence Nightingale Hospice

Contact Debbie or Martin 748437



## PARISH INTERESTS

### What's happening outside the Parish?



#### Local films showing at Haddenham Youth & Community Centre September - December 2018 Season

Haddenham Screen shows start at 8.00pm, doors open 7.30pm, unless otherwise shown. Tickets in advance: £5.00 (£4.00 for members/children) from Haddenham Community Library or visit [www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk](http://www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk)



**MAMMA MIA! HERE WE GO AGAIN (PG)**  
**Tuesday 11 December - doors 7.30, film 8.00pm**  
with Lily James, Amanda Seyfried, Meryl Streep, and Cher. Packed with ABBA songs.

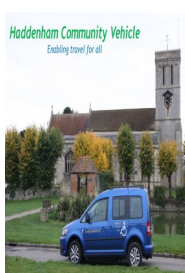
**THE GREATEST SHOWMAN (PG)**  
**Wednesday 19 December - doors 5.30, film 6.00pm**  
with Hugh Jackman, Michelle Williams and Zac Efron



#### OPENING HOURS:

Tuesday 9.00am- 5.00pm, Thursday 9.00am- 5.00pm  
Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm, Saturday 9.30am - 1.00pm

#### HADDENHAM COMMUNITY VEHICLE



The vehicle provides transport for the surrounding villages of Stone, Hartwell, Bishopstone, Ford, Dinton, Aston Sandford, Cuddington, Chearsley and Long Crendon. The transport is FREE and is booked by contacting SUE BRIGHAM on 07495 366779 or [haddenham@gmail.com](mailto:haddenham@gmail.com)

The service is for those wheelchair bound or who have difficulty walking. Transport is by wheelchair but if you have difficulty walking and are not wheelchair bound, the volunteer will bring a wheelchair to your house for your use.

If the vehicle is booked and you live in the parish, then telephone the co-ordinators of the Parish Good Neighbours Scheme for help. See back page for contact details.



**We need your views on our future plans:** The county council is currently considering changes to some of the important services we provide. We're now asking for people to give us their thoughts and ideas on some of these issues:

**Home to school transport** : We currently take 10,000 children every year to school and other educational settings. This covers a range of different types of transport - it could be a school bus that parents pay towards or a taxi that is currently entirely subsidised by the council. We are reviewing the whole service as there are some things we do that no longer make sense - for example providing buses along routes that are served by public transport, which actually limits children to what time they can travel home. So we are looking at a number of changes and want your views - have your say at: [www.buckscc.gov.uk/schooltransportsurvey](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/schooltransportsurvey)  
It's important to note that the 5,000 children eligible for free home to school transport will not be impacted by any changes and will still be able to access free school transport.

**The consultation closes on Friday 4 January 2019.**



### **Dinton Village Hall:**

**Suitable for parties and all types of get-togethers.**

For all enquiries for the Village Hall please contact the Bookings Secretary: **Diana Trigg, Biggs Cave, Biggs Lane, Dinton, HP17 8UH**  
**Telephone: 01296 748361**



On Sunday 11th November, as part of the remembrance service, the parish council installed a plaque to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1.

We also planted an Oak tree by the entrance to St Peter and St Paul church, Dinton.



### **PARISH PLAN: The Future of our Villages - Dinton, Ford, Upton, Westlington and Gibraltar Community Led Plan**

A small group has started working on developing a Community Led Plan for our Parish (aka Parish Plan). The group is being supported by Community Impact Bucks, who have experience in helping parishes develop and implement community plans. It is important that everyone in our community has the opportunity to contribute their ideas and help shape the plan. To start the process, two open events will be held in Dinton Village Hall in February 2019, to launch the plan and enable everyone to have their say and get involved.

The Launch Events are informal and the whole family is welcome – refreshments will be provided!

Dates for the Launch Events in **Dinton Village Hall** are: **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 1pm until 4pm and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 6.30pm until 9.30pm**

The working group members are Amanda Basset, Nick Cottman, Anne Dunne, Mel Kidner, Dick O'Driscoll and John Owen.

With support from Helen Archer from Community Impact Bucks.

Please look out for more information on NextDoor, <http://www.dinton.info> and the notice boards.





### **NEW GATE FOR THE PARISH FIELD**

We are pleased to announce that a new gate, with pedestrian access, has been installed. Now everyone can easily access the playgrounds and parish field.



### **THANK YOU**

To the Marquee Group and Beer Festival who made a donation towards the cost of the gate.

### **Oxford to Cambridge Expressway**

The Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge region is one of the most significant growth corridors in the country. The local authorities within the study area are planning for substantial job and housing growth to support the continued economic development of the region.

An Expressway could help unlock strategic growth sites including along the Knowledge Spine (Science Vale to Bicester), within Aylesbury Vale, Milton Keynes, Bedford and St Neots, Cambourne and Bourne Airfield along the A428 corridor.

**PLEASE CHECK THE GOVERNMENT WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION— GOV.UK**

**This will affect both local and wider communities across Aylesbury Vale.**



**YOU MUST USE THIS SERVICE TO  
REPORT ALL FAULTS TO  
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY  
COUNCIL**

Tel: 01296 382416

Email: <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

**FixMyStreet Bucks** is a site to allow people to make reports to Buckinghamshire County Council. FixMyStreet Bucks is primarily for reporting things which are **broken or damaged or dumped, and need fixing, or clearing**, such as: Flooding, Grit bins, Rubbish or flytipping, Potholes, Street signs and traffic lights and Unlit lampposts.

**PLEASE REPORT ALL HIGHWAY & OTHER ISSUES BY USING THIS SITE**

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Dr Phil Groves 01844 291244

**Church Wardens**

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Neil Chudley - 07788 923493

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Parish Office - 01844 291244

**Churchyard Working Party**

Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679

**Cuddington & Dinton School**

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[cuddingtonoffice@cds.bucks.sch.uk](mailto: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/PCSO Sue Jones—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](mailto:chairman@dintoncc.co.uk)

**Pot Hole Reporting** 01296 382416

<https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

**Planning Applications:** [https://](https://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/searchplanning-licensing-applications)

[www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/searchplanning-licensing-applications](https://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/searchplanning-licensing-applications)

**Footpath Problems** [http://](http://www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-prow.aspx)

[www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-prow.aspx](http://www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-prow.aspx)

**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**

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**FORD:**

David Hobden 748476

**UPTON:**

Jo & David Troup 747735

Chloe Lambert 748221

**DINTON:**

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Carol Lynch 748392 Keith Mitchell 747018

Honor Vane 748177 Helen Wild 748679

Valma Thompson 748561 Stella Young 748771

Alan Weston 748287 Roland & Margaret 748360

Childerhouse

**Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild**

**HADDENHAM COMMUNITY VEHICLE**

**(HCV)** The Community Vehicle (HCV) is for all who are disabled or have walking or mobility problems. The service is FREE although donations are welcome. The vehicle is for anyone in the parish who has a transport need.

To find out more about the HCV, or to make a booking, please contact the coordinator, Sue Brigham, on 07495 366779 or email [haddenhamcv@gmail.com](mailto:haddenhamcv@gmail.com). Similarly, contact Sue if you are interested in joining our team of trained volunteer drivers.