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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - DINTON with FORD & UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COMMUNITY CLEAN UP & LITTER PICK

Saturday 20th March 2021

Please come and join us for a Covid-Safe Community Clean up and Litter Pick event.

The Parish Council will provide litter pickers and bin bags

**MEETING: 10am—Dinton Village Hall** 



### ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD NEAR LIFESTOCK

With the lambing season upon us, sheep and lambs are often grazing in fields close to footpaths.

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.



### PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORT

### ARE YOU SUFFERING BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT SITUATION?

The Parish Council may be able to help in some way and give you the relevant support you need at this difficult time.

If you are in need of anything (food, financial assistance or some other kind of support) please contact (in confidence) the Clerk to the Parish Council:

Telephone: 07789 586594

Mr Keith Gray Disraeli House Disraeli Square, Fairford Leys Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP19 7GS DINTON SE FORD & UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Keith will be able to speak to you (in total confidence) on behalf of the Parish Council and see what help we can give you.

We wish everyone all the very best during this difficult time and wish to help our residents in the best way we can.

### **THEFTS—Protect Your Property**

There have been a number of thefts in rural areas.

Items stolen were maintenance equipment such as grass cutters and strimmers. Items can also be easily taken from parked work vehicles and also from private property, if not locked or protected. Please be aware and protect your property—reporting all matters of concern to the police.





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 - 01296 748361

### **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.

The plaques cost £15 each

Please contact Cllr Jon Horn on **01296 748297** or **jonhorn@dinton.org** 





### **CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL NEWS**

Just in time before Christmas and lockdown, we had the opportunity to enter a dance and gymnastics competition virtually through the Mandeville Sports Partnership. I am delighted to announce that the school came 1st in the gymnastics competition! This is an amazing achievement given the short time we had, and I am doubly delighted to announce that the school came 1st in the dance competition too - a huge well done to all the dancers and gymnasts!

From all the feedback we are getting, home learning seems to be working well. We are aware there have been some hiccups but are trying to respond to aspects we can readily improve.

At the beginning of term, we had an average of 48 children, in four bubbles (Foundation, year 1&2, year 3&4, year 5&6). Parents have been very accommodating in reducing their number of days so that we do not need to have a rota – a real help.

The support we have received from parents and carers for home learning has been fantastic and I am most grateful for all of their efforts. I am fully aware that organising their own lives and supervising home learning is not easy. However, the quality of the work being submitted is superb.

We are very aware also of the need to be conscious of mental health and with Mental Health awareness week taking place during this half of term, please look after yourselves and your family.

We are living in very difficult times and with the published earliest return to school date of 8th March we will have added further anxiety for many. Teachers have been setting special mental health awareness activities, to help promote a better understanding of the whole issue.

On a positive note, I have been watching the year 5&6 bubble doing the RSPB bird watching in the rain and loving it and we have snow drops blooming under the trees on the Junior site!! I have also been joining lots of class zoom meetings and it has been lovely to see all the work and ideas that the children are sharing.

The children (and parents) enjoyed the whole collective worship which we had recently and therefore we will endeavour to hold a collective worship weekly on a Monday afternoon. I know that many parents and carers enjoyed being part of the school community and it was amazing to see so many people taking part. Mrs Wilde estimated there were 100 zoom screens!

I have had a wonderful time just now watching all the class zoom sessions ranging from Chinese New Year in Foundation with a song to electrical circuits with year 4. This has been such a lovely end to a very difficult half term for everyone.



### CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL FOOD BANK

We welcome all food donations which can be left at the entrance of the Junior Site between 8am and 4pm.

> All donations of food will go to the Aylesbury Food Bank THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION

### SIMPLY WALK STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON

Come suited and booted, for whatever the weather, for an hour or so walk in the countryside on Wednesday mornings through out the year from:

### Due to the **CORONAVIRUS**:

### Simply Walk remains Suspended!!!

For how much longer? ... Still waiting to see! But we'll be back – as soon as this has ended Because our walks are friendly, fun and **free** 

**Keep watching this space!** ... We'll let you know When Simply Walk is ready to re-start Visit or call us (for updates) on the details below When it is safe for group walking to take part

Yes, we know you've heard this all before With patience we wait - and wait - and wait... We look forward to when this will **all** be no more To welcome you back with a start date!

As you can see - we don't yet really know!

Just when or where this is likely to be

Whilst waiting the (roadmap) green light signal for 'GO'

We best stay at home, with our coffee or tea!



### Walking for Health with Simply Walk

Visit
www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/
simply-walk

Or call Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367.



### DOG POO LITTER HAS INCREASED BY A MASSIVE 200% DURING LOCKDOWN

News reports all over the country state that dog fouling has increased n all areas. In our parish we have certainly seen an increase in dog fouling especially on the parish field. We are also aware that professional dog walkers use the parish field and sometimes have up to 5 dogs or more. We cannot believe that the person responsible for these dogs are cleaning up after each dog as they run around the parish field.

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG—WE DON'T WANT TO CLOSE OFF THE PARISH FIELD BECAUSE OF SELFISH DOG OWNERS NOT BEING RESPONSIBLE



### WE NEED YOUR HELP - PARISH FIELD LITTER BINS

We welcome everyone to our villages and parish and we are aware that more people are visiting playgrounds and the countryside to exercise. Unfortunately this has meant an increase in litter which all parish councils are recognising as a problem and also an additional cost to clean up.

Our litter bins are emptied once a month and we do not want to increase our costs by paying for additional emptying charges. It would be helpful if you could take your litter home with you rather than trying to squeeze it into the bins when they are already full. Thank you.



### ELECTIONS for PARISH COUNCIL

6th May 2021

The Parish Council will have seven seats on the council for those who want to stand for election.

Election packs can be obtained from the Buckinghamshire Council website. If you wish to stand, please complete the forms and send them to the Returning Officer before the due date.

You can make a difference to your community by being a parish councillor. We meet once a month (at the moment by zoom/virtual meetings from the comfort of your own home). We discuss and decide on matters relating to the management of the parish of Dinton with Ford & Upton covering all the community within that parish area.

We are responsible for representing the whole parish and its residents as well as land management, commenting on planning applications and the upkeep of the parish.

If you would like some further information on the role of a parish councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk, Mr Keith Gray.



### **OPENING HOURS:**

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



### **NEXTDOOR—What is it?**

Nextdoor is an easy way to stay connected, wherever you are.

Nextdoor is the best way to stay informed about what's going on in your neighbourhood - whether it's finding a last-minute babysitter, planning a local event or sharing safety tips. There are so many ways our neighbours can help us, we just need an easier way to connect with them. Check out the NEXTDOOR app and information can be found on the internet - just GOOGLE it and see. You can sign-up to join and find out what's going on near you.



### **INFORMATION & TELEPHONE NUMBERS**





### **COUNCILLORS:**

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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:

Barbara Green 748529 David Hobden 748476

**UPTON:** 

Jo & David Troup 747735 Chloe Lambert 748221

**DINTON:** 

Larraine 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	748360
		Childerhouse	

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: 07495 366779 or email haddenamcv@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.** 

### **CLERK:**

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01844 291244
Vicar Associate

Dr Phil Groves 01844 291244

**Church Wardens** 

Rosemary Jackson 01296 748655 Neil Chudley - 07788 923493

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals Parish Office - 01844 291244

Churchyard Working Party Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679

Cuddington & Dinton School

01844 291206

018<del>44</del> 291206

Headteacher: - head@cds.school Office - office@cds.school Dinton Village Hall Bookings

Diane Trigg - 01296 748361

Haddenham Community Library

0845-2303232

Parish Magazine (Dinton)
Mike Thompson - 01296 748561
Police Station (Waddesdon)
Neighbourhood Team —101

**Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall** Valerie Partington - 07917 044132

Fly Tipping:

01296 382416 https://

www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/

Akido

Anthony Pinchbeck - 01296 747853

**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 Footpath Problems: 01296 382416 https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/