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SPRING 2022



PARISH CLEAN UP & LITTER PICK

Ford: Saturday 19th March 2022 Dinton: Saturday 26th March 2022

Please come and join us for a Parish Council Community Clean up and Litter Pick event.

We will provide litter pickers and bin bags

MEETING: 10am, Ford War Memorial on 19th March 10am, Dinton Village Hall on 26th March

ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD NEAR LIFESTOCK

Lambing season is upon us, sheep and lambs are often grazing in fields close to footpaths. Dogs can harm or kill sheep and cattle. 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.

Our countryside is also a 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.

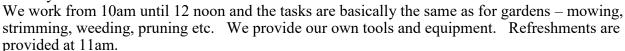


St Peter and St Paul Church, Dinton

At Dinton Church we are now holding our regular service pattern For information contact Rosemary Jackson, Church Warden - 07751 393377

DINTON CHURCHYARD MONTHLY WORKING PARTY

A small group of volunteers meets once each month between March and October with the aim of maintaining and keeping the churchyard attractive

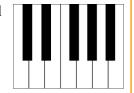


There is always plenty of work to do in the churchyard, so all and any help is much appreciated. If you could give any time to this worthwhile and enjoyable task, please contact Rosemary Jackson on 07751 393377 or simply come along.

The planned dates for 2022 are set out below. They are held on the second Saturday of each month unless the weather is bad, or we have holiday or other commitments.

March 12th April 10th May 14th June 11th July 9th August 13th September 10th October 8th

ARE YOU A PIANO PLAYER? Could you play for occasional services at the church? We would be delighted to hear from you. Come and practice to see if you like playing a fairly modern clavinola.



Phone Rosemary Jackson 07751 393377 for more information.



CHILTERN CONCERT BAND

Dinton Church, 7.30pm on Saturday 2nd April

'A Jubilee Tribute'

Licensed Bar & Raffle Contact: Rosemary Jackson on 01296 748655 Tickets £10 Janet Morgan on 01296 748645



Dinton Village Hall:

Suitable for parties and all types of get-togethers.

For all enquiries for the Village Hall please contact the Bookings Secretary:

Di 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.

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

Come suited & booted for whatever the weather To **Simply Walk** for an hour or so in the countryside. No restriction on numbers, but you'll still need to **LOOK** For the venues below at www.bookwhen.com/simplywalk Where there are walk dates/details and how to **BOOK** A place on our walks throughout the year from:



Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road –

HADDENHAM

Wednesday: March 2nd – 30th

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**

Wednesday: March 16th

We meet in the morning for 10.30 It's friendly, fun and **free** Sometimes we come back with dirty Boots! To clean off after a coffee or tea!

Walking for Health with Simply Walk

Visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk or call Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367.

MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
April	6th-20th	27th	13th
May	4th-18th	25th	11th
June	1st-15th-29th	22nd	8th

Simply Walk is part of a countywide programme of free, volunteer-led walks, which aims to help people get outdoors and be more active.

We organise over 75 led walks to suit most abilities. The walks are all sociable and you don't need any special equipment to join in, just comfortable shoes.





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CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL NEWS

Thank goodness the Spring term has started with us being able to welcome all the children back into school. I am happy to report there has only been a little juggling needed to ensure we have been able to cover any teachers who have been isolating due to Covid.

We have been keeping the classrooms well ventilated and it has been good to

see that children are dressing appropriately for the weather and classroom temperatures. We are regularly monitoring the CO2 levels in all the classrooms and are pleased to report that the air quality is 'normal' or 'good' in all areas.

I am also happy to report, the school councillors have planted our two Platinum Jubilee trees on both school fields and the hedge is now complete on the junior site, thank you to all our willing helpers who came out on a cold January afternoon to help make it happen. We have also been very busy giving the Junior pond a face lift, it is now much cleaner and more useable and ready for Spring.

The school Collective Worship has been focusing on this terms value - Trust. The children have been thinking of ways to show trust in school. Rev. Phil and Harriet have also been teaching the children the Lord's Prayer and of its importance and we are thankful that one of our parents has designed a beautiful postcard of the Lord's Prayer for each of the children to take home. A real highlight of January and February has been to see so many parents at the Infant and Junior services, it has been wonderful to see so many familiar faces.

Kim Price—Headteacher



The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

Contact the Woodland Trust for information:

By phone: 0330 333 3300

By email: enquiries@woodlandtrust.org.uk

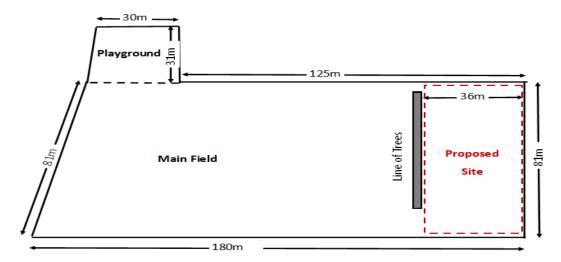


COMMUNITY ORCHARD Parish Field, Dinton

We are excited to tell you that the Parish Council has agreed to establish a community orchard made up of pear and apple trees, with plants (to attract pollinators) and meadow grasses on part of the parish field.

Since 1950, orchards in England have declined by 57% and in 2007 Defra designated orchards a priority habitat in the 'UK biodiversity Action Plan' and community orchards are now a growing movement across the UK.

The Parish Council has owned the field and spinney for approximately thirty years. It has hosted many village events. The area proposed has been underutilised (or not used at all) for any part of these events. It is however used by walkers and a path has been created for them, near the tree line. It would greatly improve their walking experience and encourage others to make this area more attractive.



The orchard would be the other side of the line of trees. This is a south facing slope in an area that is currently underutilised. It will benefit from optimal sunlight, be aesthetically pleasing and will encourage people to use it more frequently.

The orchard would be apple and pear, because they require less ongoing maintenance than soft fruit trees/bushes.

There is currently a two-metre wide pathway, that is cut at the same time as the parish field. This will be resituated to meander through the centre of the orchard. In order to encourage people to stay and enjoy the orchard (rather than simply walking through it), two seating areas will be considered with wooden tables/seats. These will provide areas for a picnic, or simply a place to sit and enjoy the orchard and wild flowers.

We will start with 25 apple and 25 pear trees. This is a slow process and it is likely that the main beneficiaries will be the future generations. We are likely to see some apples after five years, but the old saying "pears are for heirs" may prove true.

CAMRA - Lockdown Hero Award

Dinton's Seven Stars Landlady, the lovely Stephanie Guiraute-Goldsmith was awarded the CAMRA Lockdown Hero award. She was nominated by local parish councillor, Nick Cottman and received her certificate at a special gathering in the Seven Stars.

The Lockdown Hero certificate was awarded by the local Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) branch.





CONGRATULATIONS, STEPH!

Steph, behind the bar, at the Seven Stars Pub in Dinton.

She received her Lockdown Hero Award certificate from CAMRA representatives and was congratulated by many local people who attended the evenings celebrations.

The 7 Stars is owned by the community, 60 shareholders who are predominately local residents, who bought it about 10 years ago. Depending on the profits the shareholders receive a dividend. There is a management committee of 5 people who appointed Steph as the manager/landlady 10 years ago.

During lockdown the management committee took a relaxed view on the rent which enabled Steph to continue trading. Initially she opened as a deli selling local food products which saved people from going to the supermarket. She then started selling takeaway meals and subsequently, when allowed, take away beer/wine etc.

When the restrictions were lifted she started serving people outside the pub (table service). She put up plenty of gazebo tents in the pub garden and kitted them out with heaters. Eventually when all the restrictions were lifted, she returned to normal pub business serving excellent quality meals in the 40 seat restaurant and serving at least 2 real ales (one from Vale Brewery and Rebellion IPA). Sometimes she has a guest 3rd pump.

Steph is a brilliant "ambassador" for the pub and of her many skills is recruiting and training good quality staff. You always get a friendly greeting when you visit the Stars which is always well supported by the local community. She often runs special evenings e.g. due to her French background a Beaujolais evening. During lockdown she even had a takeaway Beaujolais evening! Steph and her team also use the pub for music events, quizzes and weddings.





DINTON VILLAGE HALL UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

For many years the village hall has been lovingly cared for and managed by local residents committed to the community they live in.

The village hall was gifted to Dinton by the Currie family who once lived in Dinton Hall. There is a Deed of Grant which is the legal document detailing how the village hall should be managed, and by who.

The Parish Council (as a Corporate Body) is now the Sole Trustee under the Deed of Grant and are also the Corporate Trustees for the village hall registered charity. The Parish Council has established a Management Committee to be responsible for the day to day activities and maintenance of the village hall.

The Village Hall Management Committee members are:

Dick O'Driscoll (Chairman) Nick Cottman Richard Lamkin Rosemary Jackson Jon Horn

Keith Gray (Secretary) Honor Vane (Bookings Secretary) Terry Heath Monica Dunton

Special thanks for the many years of service in managing the village hall go to Sylvia Eaton, Janet Morgan, Alan Weston and Di Trigg (along with the many other people who have helped and assisted in the management of the village hall over the years).

Di Trigg and Alan Weston kindly agreed to stay on the management committee a little longer in order to help with the transfer of the roles and responsibilities associated in the day to day management of the hall. Di will step down in April and handover the Bookings Secretary role to Honor Vane. Alan will also stepdown and handover the accounts responsibility to someone else on the committee. Keith Gray (Clerk to the Parish Council) is currently acting as Secretary to the Management Committee, but will hand over to someone else in due course.



Dick O'Driscoll (Chairman) Keith Gray (Secretary) **Volunteers Needed We could do with your help**

If you can help your community and Village Hall Committee by carrying out any maintenance Jobs such as painting, gardening, tidying up etc. Please contact:

01296 748283 odriscoll110@btinternet.co 07789 586594 keith.gray6@btopenworld.com



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE PARISH PARTY

Sunday 5th June 2pm - Parish Field

We are pleased to announce that we will be planning and having a Platinum Jubilee
Parish Party



Thisevent will be open to all members (and families/friends) of the communities of Dinton, Ford, Gibraltar, Upton and Westlington.

There may also be other events planned across the parish.

"Free" event for all age groups starting with kids from 2pm and finishing at 11pm for adults. Please bring your own food and drink, plus gazebo, table chairs etc

There will be food available to purchase as the 7 Stars will probably run a BBQ.

Bar and toilets will be available in the cricket club pavilion. Toilets also in the Village Hall. The cricket club may also host a small bar on the parish field.

We will have a site map for the field so attendees can have their "pitch" for their gazebos.

The Event Committee is making all the plans so keep an eye out on village notice boards and websites for any further information

Maybe Prizes for:

best dressed gazebo/table
cake competition
kid's themed outfits (Jubilee related)
best Royal hat/crown competition
Jubilee mugs/glasses
Jubilee poster which may be converted into a T towel
5 a side football games for the kids
Jubilee quiz

There will be a concert co-ordinated by Mike Trotman with a "swing band" in the Church in the evening of Friday 3rd June.





FOOD BANK COLLECTION

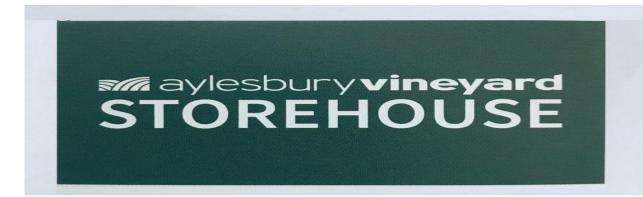
The Seven Stars in Dinton has recently agreed to try out a foodbank collection box.



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.





Something of interest

A rare 1930's poster of Dinton Folly used as tourist advertising



INFORMATION & TELEPHONE NUMBERS





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Nick Cottman 07762 159530

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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:

David Hobden 748476 Barbara Green 748529

UPTON:

Jo & David Troup 747735 Chloe Lambert 748221

DINTON:

Larraine Gooch 747655 Sylvia Eaton 748537 Carol Lynch Keith Mitchell 748392 747018 Honor Vane Helen Wild 748177 748679 Valma Thompson 748561 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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Rev Cassa Messervy 01844 335354

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Canon Phil Groves 01296 748390

- drphilgroves@gmail.com

Rev Nigel Featherston 07584 496747 nfeatherston@btinternet.com

Church Warden

Rosemary Jackson 01296 748655 Parish Office - 01844 291108 (Open Wednesdays) - office@wychertvale.org

Churchyard Working Party Rosemary Jackson- 01296 748655

Cuddington & Dinton School

01844 291206

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

Di 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

Pavement Problems: 01296 382416

www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

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