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This flag was brought back to the UK from India by Albert Bush, who formerly lived at Fordwich, Upton. Albert served in Northern India during World War II and the flag flew over Dum Dum Arsenal, near Kolkata until 1944/45. It was made by British troops, and in fact you can see the hand stitching on the flag. Les's own father, Corporal Philip Sheldon of the RAF, was stationed at Dum Dum for a short while before he was sent to Burma (now Myanmar).

VE Day Celebrations

A selection of photographs showing parish participation in the VE Day Celebrations from our homes and gardens.



Lovely Pictures showing how everyone celebrated VE Day in the community





Anthony 'Ticker' Ludlow 1933-2020

Sadly, Ticker Ludlow passed away on the 4th May. He was born at Manor Farm, Ford in 1933 and was the middle son of Alfred William and Margaret Ludlow. With their father and grandfather the three brothers, who never married, worked on the land - at one time the family either owned or leased the three main farms in Ford. Ticker, gained the family nickname as a baby when he would sit looking fascinated at the swinging pendulum of the clock on the wall. He joined the 1st Cuddington Scout Group when he was twelve and was invested a year later. Scouting became an activity that remained his passion for the next forty years and Ticker progressed through the ranks right up to the Rovers. He became Assistant Scoutmaster in 1951, obtained his Wood Badge in 1958 (the most advanced Scouting adult

leadership qualification). During his time in the scouts amongst the usual weekly meetings there were the twice-yearly camps, at Whitsun and in the summer holidays. Not only travelling all over England but to Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Europe. Apart from educational sightseeing to churches, museums and visits to many of the attractions in the vicinity, there was plenty of time for swimming whatever the weather, football and cricket. The Scouts also attempted rigorous challenges. Ben Nevis was climbed on 27th July 1965. And then in the 1980s came Ticker's acquisition of the famous red Bedford bus. No longer were lorries, trailers or extra cars needed to pick up the kit. The boys had the most comfortable of journeys with Ticker in charge at the steering wheel. After nearly 40 years of devoted service, due to illness he suddenly had to hang up his uniform. He could no longer combine his work on the farm with the energy necessary to keep the Scouts going. He had a terrific send off and an evening full of praise. On a cold and foggy night in December over 70 people turned up at the Bernard Hall in Cuddington to give their thanks and wish him good luck. But Ticker's departure meant that there was a halt in troop meetings as no one came forward to fill the void. But one thing was for sure, that Ticker would remain a Scout forever. On Good Friday the 10th April 2009 at a Ford Village Society event he led walkers to the secret meadow of fraucups, the wild fritillary that had once belonged to Manor Farm. There he strode ahead of all the villagers complete with stout stick, sturdy boots, long overcoat and green hat. A green hat on his head? What else could it be but the illustrious Green Beret of the 1st Cuddington Baden-Powell Scout Group.



DINTON PLAYGROUND

COVID-19

Please be aware that whilst main parks and open spaces are open to the public (whilst ensuring social distancing), the actual playground equipment is not in use as advised by the Government. This is to help stop the spread of Covid-19 by not allowing children and adults on specific equipment.

The Parish Council will re-open the playground when we consider it suitable to do so.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

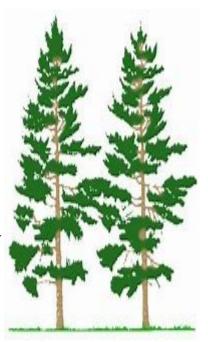
You may have noticed that the swings have been removed. This is due to safety reasons and the need to carry out necessary maintenance works after our recent RoSPA Playground Annual Audit. They will be up and ready for use as soon as possible.

THE SPINNEY—Dinton

A lot of work takes place in maintaining the Spinney and looking after the trees and plants. We want, and need, to ensure it is safe for the public to access and enjoy. It is a place to walk and not to be used for any other use, especially mountain biking and bicycle race track use. The Parish Council is not insured for this type of activity on any of its land and especially the Spinney, where it causes damage to the plants and trees and is a danger to other users.

We have recently had to pay for the removal of large amounts of wood and scaffolding which were used as a substantial bike ramp and jump. This activity is not allowed in the Spinney or on any other land owned by the Parish Council.

Please report any activity of this nature to the Clerk to the Parish Council. Keith Gray (07789 586594) keith.gray6@btopenworld.com

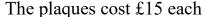




Dinton Village Hall:
Suitable for parties and all types of get-togethers.
For all enquiries for the Village Hall please contact the Bookings Secretary:
Diana Trigg, Biggs Cave, Biggs Lane, Dinton, HP17 8UH 01296 748361

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.



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





CUDDINGTON & DINTON School News

In the weeks leading up to half term and with some changes in the weather I have been so impressed with the amount and quality of work being done at home - well done to everyone and parents for that achievement! We have had lots of photographs sent in and it seems that everyone has been enjoying themselves!

We are so pleased that many of you got involved in VE Day celebrations,

making use of some of

the resources we sent out. Our Critical Care Club watched Rev Phil's VE day assembly - it was thought provoking and the children had lots of questions. They really enjoyed making cakes for our VE day tea party – and they particularly enjoyed dancing the Lambeth Walk! We have really enjoyed looking at the photos of the celebrations which families sent in.

Following the announcement from the Government we set about planning on opening the school on 1st June for Foundation, year 1 and year 6. A comprehensive letter went out to all the parents of children in these year groups asking if they wished for their children to return.

As a result of having asked the parents, we are expecting 7 Foundation children, 13 Year 1 children and 14 Year 6 children. We are very pleased with this positive response and it will enable us to at least begin the whole slow process of getting back to some form of normality. Foundation and year 1 children will coming into school everyday and year 6 have been split into two groups and they are coming in on alternate weeks

Critical Care Club will remain open on the Junior site for essential workers children in year 2,3,4 and 5. On average we have had 7 children per day, but there has been a noticeable increase in children attending in the last couple of weeks.

Finally a big thank you to everyone for all the support that you have given to the school as we look forward to our half-term break.

Kim Price, Headteacher

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

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.

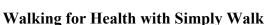


SIMPLY WALK STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON

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 has been **Suspended!!!** For how long? Will have to wait and see But we'll be back – our walks have not ended! Because they are friendly, fun and **free**

We know not going out is hard And for these reasons, we all agree So we're sending a Simply Walk **Postcard** To you, at home with another cup of coffee or tea!



For details/dates visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk Or call Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367



Hi everyone,

Phew, it is a scorcher! And that was after heavy rain and lightning last night. Clearly the weather had put a few people off walking today, nevertheless we had 15 setting off from Bradmoor in extremely dry and hot conditions.

I had decided that the walk from here with possibly the greatest amount of shade is to Kingsey, so we took the paths through the village, paused for a water break where a group of gnomes had gathered underneath a tree, then we continued on, stepping from one patch of shade to another, where possible, before taking the footpaths across the fields to Kingsey.

The cows in the fields had also chased any available shade, and had no intention of venturing into the sunshine to meet us as we passed by.



Once in Kingsey it looked like the piggies were not at home, so most of the group stayed under the shade of a large tree, whilst undaunted – Anne, Julian and I went to see if they were hiding.

And yes, they were fast asleep in their shady sty! They did wake up and were coaxed out with windfall apples that I'd picked up from my garden. They are both very sweet, but their eating manners leave a lot to be improved

We made our way back through the fields and the village lanes, again stopping for water and shade breaks as necessary. Back at Bradmoor we enjoyed refreshments in the café.

Thank you very much to Tim for back marking, and to all the walkers for coming out today in possibly record temperatures.

With best wishes, Georgina



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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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UPTON:

Jo & David Troup 747735 Chloe Lambert 748221

DINTON:

Larraine Gooch Sylvia Eaton 747655 748537 Carol Lynch Keith Mitchell 748392 747018 Honor Vane Helen Wild 748177 748679 Valma Thompson 748561 Stella Young 748771 Alan Weston Roland & Margaret 748287 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. Similarly, contact Sue if you are interested in joining our team of trained volunteer drivers.

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Dr Phil Groves 01844 291244

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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

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)

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 chairman@dintoncc.co.uk

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

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