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## COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

A really BIG thank you to everyone that turned up and helped with our most successful Litter pick on Saturday, 20th March. I think we all felt this was well overdue owing to COVID and the village will hopefully look the better for it.

**WE COLLECTED SO MUCH  
RUBBISH!**

**ALTHOUGH WE WISH WE  
DIDN'T HAVE TO**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE  
NEXT COMMUNITY LITTER  
PICK.**

**PLEASE JOIN US ON THE NEXT  
LITTER PICK**



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

Despite notices on village footpaths and an article in the spring issue of this magazine, we are again having to draw attention to the absolute necessity of keeping dogs on leads in or adjacent to fields with livestock.

Since 4<sup>th</sup> February this year, local sheep farmer Paul Roads has experienced nine separate attacks on his sheep by dogs, although not all of these attacks were in the Dinton and Ford area.

The latest attack was on the morning of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May when Paul discovered one of his ewes in Dinton which had been badly mauled by a dog. The ewe is still alive due to the vet's efforts but it is likely that she will have to be put down soon.

Attacks by dogs are a considerable cost to farmers, with loss of livestock, disruption to their working day and vet's bills.

**Once again, we ask all dog owners to keep dogs on a lead when walking anywhere near livestock.**

## St Peter and St Paul Church, Dinton

Most Church services this year have been online through a link on the Wychertvale website and also live and interconnected on zoom. Now, fortunately, we can get back to our normal pattern of having Holy Communion at 10am on the first Sunday in the month. The second Sunday in the month is Evensong at 6pm. The third Sunday in the month is 10 am Morning Worship. Messy Church is a very popular activity session for families. It has not yet started up again at the time of writing, but it is planned to start very soon now. Messy Church will be on the fourth Sunday every month at 4.30pm.



Also, we continue to have the special services which are advertised separately. Examples are our Patronal Festival, Harvest, Remembrance etc.

Our ministers for services are mainly Phil Groves and Nigel Featherston. A new Rector has recently been appointed for the whole of the Wychertvale Benefice and her name is Cassa Messervy. All contact details are in the Parish News.

The majority of the wedding couples last year and this year postponed their weddings because of the limited numbers allowed although we did manage 2 weddings last year and have another two this year. Unfortunately, the number of funerals has increased but the baptisms had to stop completely and we will all be delighted when we are able to start them again.

The churchyard has been beautiful this spring with the wild flowers looking especially stunning. But we really do need some more help with the strimming and mowing. Please give me a phone call and I will be delighted to welcome you to the Churchyard Gardening group.

During the winter the church sprung some leaks in the roof and it will be repaired by the time this is printed. The porch roof will be retilled, and the main nave roof will be patched. The repairs cost £7,500.00 because it is done to Heritage standards. This is a great deal of money and all donations into Dinton Church Fabric Fund will be very gratefully received. Dinton Church had its five yearly architectural inspection in June. This will enable the Fabric Committee to prioritise any urgent works identified and will probably mean more expenditure out of the Fabric Fund.

We are now able to hold some events at last! The first one will be a concert on 11th September when 'Music in Quiet Place' will play a programme of light classical music. Please come.

Rosemary Jackson, Church Warden - 07751 393377



### 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.

The plaques cost £15 each

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



## CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL NEWS



As we started back after the Easter break it was very heartening to feel that things in school were getting back to some semblance of normality; the children were more settled, working hard, happier in their friendships and understanding what it is to be back in school. We know that this fluctuation in school life (Lockdowns, holidays, back to school) has made things tricky for some of our pupils. I am so proud of how they have all engaged with their learning and managed their emotions.

The Chair of Governors, Mrs Wilde, Mr Jackson and myself have planned for many different scenarios, but until the Government issues new guidance they remain as plans. The staff, Governors and I are as frustrated as anyone that we can't get 'back to normal' more quickly. But we must continue to follow the Government guidance and keep as safe as possible so that the expected changes can happen on the key dates of 17<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> June.

We hope to be able to offer all our usual Summer term events: - Leavers show and Leaver's service for year 6, Sports day, Summer dancing, Music performances, Alice in Wonderland performance from year 5 & 6, in person fund raising activities for F4CADs, trips etc. However, we will not be able to share any dates until things are confirmed and/or we have guidance from the Government and Public Health.

I am delighted that we have had an intensive period planning residential trips! The year 6 Norfolk trip for one and we have just organised a school sleep over for the current year 4. We are delighted also to report that there was an overwhelming amount of parental support to take the children to France in June 2022!!

We are also pleased to report that during the half term holiday we hope to have the Junior playground resurfaced with an environmentally friendly surface of recycled trainers, plus a new carpet in the year 4 classroom. The play equipment work for the Infant site has been booked in for the summer holidays. I want to give a huge thank you to Mrs Swain and Mr Peaks for helping us to run the after-school sports clubs. We would not be able to offer such a range of sports without their help - thank you.

We are delighted to announce that the school came 1st in the KS2 Dance County Finals! We are so proud of the dancers who helped create the routine and danced with enthusiasm and excitement. A huge congratulations to the dance group. But we are also incredibly proud to announce that we came 2nd in the KS2 Gymnastics County Finals. Huge congratulations to Betsy, Courtney, Greta, Izzy, Nadia and Sophia.

This will be Chris Blumer's last article for Bigg Issue; he is moving to Devon in the summer. I would like to extend my thanks to him from the school and Bigg Issue readers for keeping everyone informed of the day-to-day life of Cuddington and Dinton C of E School.  
Thank you, Chris we shall miss you. Kim Price, Headteacher

## WHICH PAVEMENT & WHO FIXES IT?

If you have a problem with a footpath/pavement near the road way or outside your house, you need to register the problem with Buckinghamshire Council Fix-my-Street reporting system — 01296 382416 [www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](http://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 and gates and making sure they are safe and easy to use.

## SIMPLY WALK STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON

### We're back!

Come suited & booted for whatever the weather to **Simply Walk** for an hour or so in the countryside. Group numbers are restricted, so you will need to look for the venues below at

[www.bookwhen.com/simplywalk](http://www.bookwhen.com/simplywalk) where there are walk dates/details and how to book a place on our walks throughout the year from:-



### Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road – STONE

Wednesday: 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June

### Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – HADDENHAM

Wednesday: 23<sup>rd</sup> June

### Seven Stars PH, New Road – DINTON

Wednesday: 9<sup>th</sup> June

### CUT OUT AND KEEP:

### Walking for Health with Simply Walk

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

Or call  
Fiona Broadbent on  
01494 475367.

STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON SIMPLY WALK DATES 2021			
MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
June	2nd-16th-30th	23rd	9th
July	14th-28th	21st	7th
August	11th-25th	18th	4th
September	8th-22nd	15th	1st-29th
October	6th-20th	13th	27th
November	3rd-17th	10th	24th
December	1st-15th-29th	8th	22 <sup>nd</sup>



**No dog  
fouling**

### DOG POO LITTER INCREASED BY 200%

News reports all over the country state that dog fouling has increased in all areas. In our parish we have certainly seen an increase in dog fouling especially on the parish field. We are 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 is not 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.



# "Your Parish Council Needs YOU"

## TWO VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council elections took place on 6th May 2021.

Congratulations to Martin Usherwood, Jon Horn, Honor Vane, Dick O'Driscoll and Terry Heath.

We still have 2 vacant seats on the Parish Council.  
Do you want to become a Parish Councillor?

You can make a difference to your community by being a parish councillor. We meet once a month in Dinton Village Hall at 7.30pm. 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, or send him an email, your CV or a letter expressing an interest.

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCILLORS

The new Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillors for our area:



Paul Irwin



Ashley Waite



Mick Caffrey



## THE SEVEN STARS

This pandemic has hit the hospitality sector hard and each business has responded to the threat in its own particular way.

For the Seven Stars in Dinton, the closure of the pub in accordance with government rules in March 2020, was the trigger to look at



how the pub needed to change to survive and remain a central part of the community.

Steph and Dave ramped up the takeaway business, with a special takeaway menu and decided to augment this with a village shop selling fruit, vegetables, meat, fish, dairy products and bread. This shop not only helped the local community at a very difficult time but provided some outlet for Steph's usual suppliers, who were experiencing a huge downturn in their markets.

Through lockdowns, tier systems and ever changing government rules Steph maintained her takeaway business, introduced open sided marquees, equipped with heaters, into the garden to facilitate open-air dining and recently was able to welcome customers back into the pub and restaurant on 17<sup>th</sup> May. Through all the difficulties thrown up by Covid, the Seven Stars has remained the hub of the community, offering warmth and cheer to all. We all hope that later on in June all restrictions will be lifted and the Seven Stars can get back to doing what it does best – serving great food and drink and always being there for the community.

**THE SEVEN STARS PUBLIC HOUSE—A COMMUNITY OWNED PUB**

**COUNCILLORS:**



**Martin Usherwood** 01296 748129  
Chairman martinusherwood@dinton.org

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jonhorn@dinton.org

**Honor Vane** 01296 748177  
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**Terry Heath** terry@theheaths.biz

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**Bell Ringing Tower Captain**

Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

**Church of England Minister**  
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**

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://](https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/)

[www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/](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](https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/)

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

**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**

Barbara Green 748529

**FORD:**

David Hobden 748476

**UPTON:**

Jo & David Troup 747735

Chloe Lambert 748221

**DINTON:**

Lorraine 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 [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.**