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## HONORARY FREEMAN OF THE PARISH

The Parish Council have been pleased to award the highest honor a Local Authority Council can give to anyone, Honorary Freeman of the Parish of Dinton with Ford & Upton, to Mr Jon Horn.

Jon was a Parish Councillor for many years and gave his time and energy to help not only residents of Ford, but the wider community. He has also carried out years of regular work in the Spinney, Parish Field and Playground and helped in so many community projects and works.

### **The wording on the formal scroll presented to Jon reads:**

**For your continued and steadfast commitment and dedication, for many years, in the work you have done for the community and Parish of Dinton with Ford & Upton which has had a positive impact on many people.**

**For playing a significant part in building and maintaining our community and for your work as a local Councillor representing the people of Ford and the wider parish in the positive way you have, with passion, assertiveness and commitment.**

RESOLVED: Unanimously, that Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council confer upon Mr Jon Horn the Honorary Title of "Freeman of the Parish of Dinton with Ford & Upton" as per its powers under Section 249(9) of the 1972 Act



## SAVE THE DATE—Dinton Beer Festival

The seventh annual Dinton Beer Festival will be held this year on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August, in the garden of the Seven Stars pub, from noon to 6pm.

There will be a selection of real ales, cider and Pimm's, with live music through the afternoon and a barbecue hosted by Steph and her team.

All proceeds go towards parish projects and so far the beer festival has distributed over £7000 with further donations pledged from last year's festival amounting to another £3000 covering the playground, a bench to mark the Queen's Jubilee and another kissing gate.

So, please put the date in your diary and come along to the Seven Stars to enjoy a family day out. We are always looking for sponsors and if you would like to sponsor a barrel or some cider or Pimm's, please contact Dick O'Driscoll on 07711 731740.



### **Dinton Village Hall:**

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

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

**Honor Vane, Summers Cottage, Dinton, HP17 8UG - 01296 748177**

### **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](mailto: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](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

## 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](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: June 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday: June 22<sup>nd</sup>

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: June 8<sup>th</sup>

We meet in the morning for 10.30  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
For the Jubilee of Her Majesty  
We'll raise a toast, with our coffee or tea!

MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
July	13th-27th	20th	6th
August	10th-24th	17th	3rd-31st
Sept	7th-21st	14th	28th

**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.

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

What a busy half term!

We welcomed back Mrs Wilde from Brill where she was acting Head. Mrs Bowman, Mrs Reed and their families spent a glorious Saturday morning planting pond plants, clearing brambles and nettles and generally tidying up. The space looks wonderful and hopefully the pond life will think so too!

Our year 6 pupils have completed their key stage 2 SATs. Now they are finished, they can enjoy their last weeks at Cuddington and Dinton School. There have also been phonics and timestable tests in other years. All staff are proud of how the children take these tests in their stride and always do their best.

We have had quite a lot of visitors into school in the last few weeks. A visit to Early Years from EYFS county consultant who was impressed with the developments in the Foundation area. Two teachers from Steeple Claydon school come to visit to observe how we teach English. They visited year 3&4 who were doing a lesson together in the hall researching whales, and year 6 who were unpicking the features on a non-fiction text.

Mrs Venn came to the Juniors. She was the year 6's teacher when they were in Foundation and Year 1, she wanted to see them before they left Cuddington and Dinton. As you can imagine, she was amazed and delighted to see what eloquent young people they have grown into.

The Junior children have also both done local trips. Year 5&6 walked to Eythrope for a study of the River Thames. Despite the constantly changing weather and the total walk of approximately 6½ miles, the children were great. They thoroughly enjoyed the river dipping.

The year 3 and 4 children had an equally exciting day at Waddesdon Manor where they spent the morning orienteering around the grounds and drawing maps in the afternoon. The Education staff at the manor commented on how well behaved they all were, and would happily welcome them back every day!

We are very proud that the school has been short listed for Primary PE school of the year at the Leap Awards 2022. We will find out the result in June.

Jubilee Celebration -We have decided that our school will celebrate the Queens Jubilee on Thursday 16th June. The day will include summer dancing and singing round Cuddington in the morning for the Infants.

On the Juniors, at the end of the day, there will be an exhibition of work completed by the children on important events /decades in the Queen's life, followed by tea and cake for the school community.

Mrs Price (Headteacher).



## **Council's Annual Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

After a year in which we returned to face-to-face meetings in May 2021 it seems strange to be back to how we were in 2019. Whilst Zoom meetings have worked they are not so satisfactory. Thus in 2021/22 seeing, and meeting, people around a table has been a welcome improvement.

In May 2021 the new Buckinghamshire Unitary Council and local Parish Council elections were held with the re-election of 5 parish councillors, for Dinton with Ford and Upton, in uncontested elections and 3 new Buckinghamshire Unitary Councillors. Subsequently we have co-opted 2 new parish councillors in September 2021 thus making a full quota . I am grateful to all those who came forward and have played a part in the council.

The sadness however for all of us has been the resignation, through ill-health, of Jon Horn. He has been a parish councillor for 24 years and an ardent voice for Ford and its Village Society, as well as fulfilling multiple roles in the community, the importance of which we are still coming to appreciate. That he cannot be here today is a sadness, but we have elected to award him to be an Honorary Freeman of the Parish; our highest honour. I am sure we are all thinking of him and will miss his experience and advice.

As this will be my last report as Chairman after 10 years, I would like to thank all the Councillors over that time and especially in the last year. They have taken on various roles with vigour, especially Dick O'Driscoll. Subsequent to the Community Plan of early 2020 I must also congratulate Terry Heath for his work in planting and planning the Community Orchard at the end of the Parish Field which I am sure will be a long lasting testimony. The Haddenham Community Board which superseded the Local Area Forum contributed a grant to the installation of the orchard. They have also helped to pay for the enlargement of the playground . These grants are much appreciated.

The Spinney was under Jon Horn's watchful eye and has undergone a clearance and renovation to ensure its longevity and safety. We still lack a Tree warden particularly after the recent storms.

The work of the Parish Council often involves keeping a watch on Planning Applications and the last year has been no exception. The frustration has been the slow progress when enforcement is required as well as major appeals.

The activities of the Community events team have been well received as well as the success of the Dinton Beer festival.

At the beginning of 2022 after the retirement of the Village Hall committee, the Parish Council took over responsibility for the hall. The day to day running is now under a new management committee, separate from the parish council. The future of the hall and its site is the subject of much discussion and has been much informed by the complexities of the original deeds and the hall's ownership. Nothing will be done quickly.

Finally I must express my deepest thanks to Keith Gray (Clerk to the Parish Council) who has made my role so much easier. I am very grateful for all that he does and to his team at Aylesbury Town council. I hope that whoever follows me as Chairman will feel so well supported, and that it is an honour to be chairman.

**Cllr Martin Usherwood**

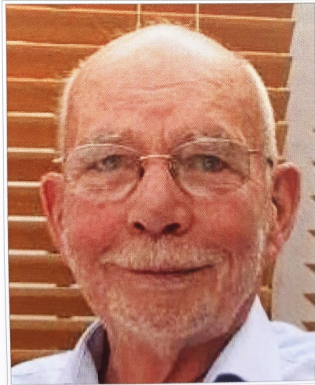
**CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL  
Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council**



## Jon Horn and the Parish by Martin Usherwood

# Jonathan Sharman Horn 'Jon'

1st May 1946 - 1st May 2022



A packed church at his funeral was a real testament to an extraordinary and special man. Jon loved and cared for Ford but always remembered his roots in Ivinghoe.

He was Chairman of the Ford Village Society; organised their celebrations and helped to try and ensure the speed limits were kept. His ability to offer and give advice and help to so many parishioners is still becoming apparent today.

His special interests in the County and the Parish lead him to be a mine of knowledge on many subjects including The Black Death, Motorbikes, sheep especially if liable to dog worrying, the fete, trees and much more.

Jon became a member of the Parish council in October 1996 and served until March 2022. In his roles he was engaged and diligent, particularly with

planning applications. The playground, with Bill Lee, was maintained by Jon, as well as the trees in the spinney and surrounding avenues whilst working with David Hobden. Delivery of leaflets and The Bigg Issue were carried out in all weathers wearing his trade mark tattered hi-vis jacket and riding an aging motor scooter. Only he knew where every house in the Parish existed; it has been a real learning for those who follow.

His dealings with the Parish Council and the District council were dogged, occasionally forthright and prickly but often with a wicked sense of humour. It was thus a honour and pleasure to present to him in his last days Honorary Freeman of the Parish. This the highest accolade any Parish or Town Council can give. He accepted it with pleasure and good humour.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew him and remembered as an exceptional and special man

### **Loyal Friend — Memories of Jon by David Hobden**

Jon and I shared the job of Parish Tree Warden for nearly 10 years. I had been on a chainsaw course and knew a bit about trees. Jon was physically strong and highly practical.

We felled some 500 dead and dying trees in the spinney and replanted saplings. For a whole year, we watered the 22 lime trees newly planted in Chestnut Avenue. In addition we planted and tended the World War 1 memorial tree and a number of other roadside commemorative trees.

During those 10 years we were highly visible working side by side in and around Dinton. But it was always to Jon, in his battered hi-vis jacket and beanie hat that villagers came with questions about the parish council, problems, and requests for help. He never let them down. He was always ready to give sound advice and incredibly generous in providing practical help.

Over time I came to appreciate Jon's companionship, his bright mind, his wicked sense of humour, and stories of life in Ivinghoe, farming, windmills and biking. Some of the stories were told in the car, sheltering from the rain. others in the bar of The Seven Stars after work.

The parish has lost a hardworking, clear-thinking councillor who really cared and I have lost a dear friend.

## **Stalwart of the Parish — Memories of Jon by Monica Dunton**

Jon was a stalwart of the parish, especially as a Parish Councillor for over 24 years and, rightly, recently acknowledged by them, holding up the Ford end of the Dinton with Ford & Upton parish, and willing to give advice to anyone requiring assistance, help in planning matters or suggestions to them on whom to contact and the correct way to hopefully achieving their aim.

He regularly worked physically hard for and in the entire parish, checking the playground was safe for the children, keeping the Spinney area tidy and again safe, and in assisting the Tree Warden, in several other areas. He personally delivered the Bigg Issue to all parishioners, chatting with everyone along the way, and was called upon to help in the villages, whether by a newly arrived or long-term citizen, becoming a very good friend and genuine kind hearted parishioner.

He was Chairman of the Ford Village Society for several years and fully immersed in assisting at Litter picks, the Christmas Carol Service, social events like barbecues, etc., and the main instigator of the Ford Speed camera system being managed throughout the village to try and encourage drivers to lower their speeds when driving along the main through road, now currently being a 'rat-run' for heavy traffic around the HS2 areas..

If one needed a friend to call on to release a jammed connection on the oil tank so that delivery could be achieved, cut down a marauding branch or two, or change a high light bulb, etc., you only had to ask Jon and he would be there to fix it for you. The rhubarb he produced in his own garden was delicious and regularly distributed around. He is greatly missed and still will be for some time. Our prayers and thoughts are with Pat, his wife and their family and friends. May he rest in peace".

*In  
Loving  
Memory*

### **In Memory of Jon — Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Councillors**

The Parish Council remembers Jon, for his continued and steadfast commitment and dedication, for many years, in the work he did for the community and Parish of Dinton with Ford & Upton. His input, which has had a positive impact on many people, was appreciated greatly. He was never afraid to speak his mind but also supported the Parish Council decisions even when they were not necessarily his own personal preference. He understood the role of Parish Councillor and believed in serving and giving something back to the community to make it the best place it could be to live and work.

Jon played a significant part in building and maintaining our community and he represented Ford with dedication but also sensibly and with an understanding of the wider picture and need for the parish as a whole.

He is greatly missed by the Councillors and Clerk  
of the Parish of Dinton with Ford & Upton

## **St Peter and St Paul Church, Dinton**

The Romanian Orthodox Church &  
The Church of St Peter and St Paul, Dinton

We have been praying for our beautiful church of St Peter and St Paul to be used more as a place of prayer and worship and God has answered our prayers in a most unexpected fashion. The Romanian Orthodox community have been praying for a place to worship for their congregation gathered from Aylesbury, and Wycombe.

Fr Julian was driving on the Lower Road, saw our church and called in. He was welcomed by Rosemary and from there we have discovered that God is working among us.

The Romanian congregation wishes to worship on the Sunday mornings when we are not currently using the Church, which is primarily the second and fourth Sundays each month, on Tuesday Evenings and for the major festivals – some of which (Christmas and Easter) they mark with overnight vigils. Our worship patterns seem to fit together like a jigsaw.

The community is overseen by an experienced priest in Oxford and they have a contract with an Anglican Church there so we can replicate written agreements. Indeed, a formal Legal Agreement is being prepared currently which outlines all the relevant aspects of our working together such as cost sharing, storage, church availability, building and grounds maintenance and so on. The Agreement will be initially for five years with annual reviews built which will ensure full clarity in our ongoing relationship.

The Romanians have brought in icons (holy pictures), candle holders and some other items but the space for our worship will be respected. They are eager to assist with the care of the church and churchyard and indeed, carried out a very thorough clean of the church for us on Easter Saturday which was much appreciated. They are keen to join in fundraising for a sound system and are also keen to pay their way as guests and pay a service and usage charge to cover additional costs we will encounter.

The PCC met with Fr Julian and four other members of his congregation and we shared a time of prayer together for Ukraine and especially the plight of refugees, many of whom are in Romania. Fr Julian shared about how his mother is welcoming refugees.

Following a discussion, we enthusiastically agreed to move to a formal relationship which will be developed as previously mentioned utilising our Diocesan Legal specialists to draw up the Licence.

We have been welcoming the Romanian congregation to worship as visitors since 27th March and this flexible arrangement for now will enable us to ensure that the partnership will be good for both of us before we sign formal agreements.

Please pray for this exciting development. It reminds us that the church must be diverse because humanity is diverse; it must be one because Christ is one.

Revd Nigel Featherston & Revd Canon Phil Groves







## FOOD BANK COLLECTION

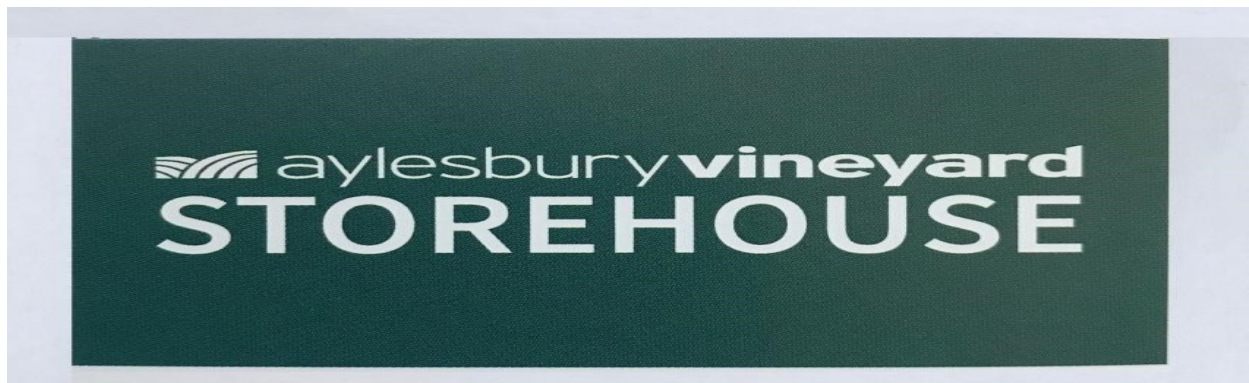
The Seven Stars in Dinton has recently agreed to try out a foodbank collection box.

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.**

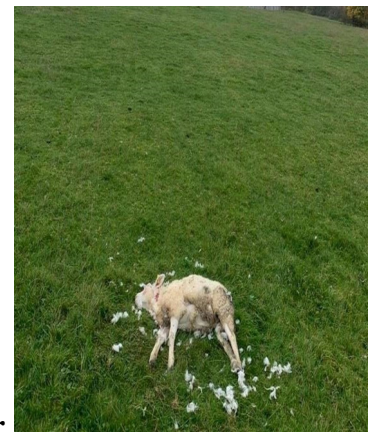


## ALL DOGS MUST BE KEPT ON A LEAD NEAR LIVESTOCK

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**



## 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:

**Dick O'Driscoll (Chairman) 01296 748283  
odriscoll110@btinternet.com**



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**Cuddington & Dinton School**

01844 291206

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**Dinton Village Hall Bookings**

Honor Vane - 01296 748177

**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.



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**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](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.**