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MARTIN USHERWOOD

The Parish Council notes with deep sadness the death of Martin Usherwood.

Martin served on the Parish Council for some thirteen years, most of them as Chairman. He was an eminent Director of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Stoke Mandeville for twenty-five years, during which time he helped many families in the wider community and throughout this Parish.

His contribution to our community was huge and he will be greatly missed.

Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council

The Annual Dinton Beer Festival

The eighth annual Dinton Beer Festival will be held this year on Saturday 17th August, in the garden of the Seven Stars pub, from noon to 6pm.



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

All proceeds will go towards parish projects and we are delighted to report that to date, the Beer Festival has distributed nearly £14,000 with donations from last year's festival covering a new outside tap for the church and repairs to the church flagpole and replacing a fence and young saplings for the parish field.

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 or contribute to the cost of the glasses, please contact Dick O'Driscoll on 07711 731740 or email Dick at odriscoll110@btinternet.com or Den Dunn at dennis.dunn@btconnect.com



Dinton Village Hall & 100 Club Update

The **2023 annual expenditure and accounts** for our two accounts are now available to view on the www.dinton.info website within the Village Hall section. They are draft accounts prior to final audit for: the main Village Hall account for day to day expenditure, and the Village Hall 100 Club account.

I am pleased to report that the vast majority of the **100 Club** members have renewed their subscription for the 2nd year which started in April 2024. There are about 10 people who have not yet renewed, but it's not too late to either renew or to join the Club. It costs only £36 per year by paying into:

Account : Lloyds Bank Dinton Village Hall Power Fund account
Sort code : 30 98 56
Account number : 30386160

There will be two draws with **£325 of prizes to be won in each draw** (ie **£650 per year**) as follows:

1st prize £150
2nd prize £100
3rd prize £75



The Village Hall is a Charity and we are in the process of registering the Village Hall with **HMRC for Gift Aid purposes**. Assuming that our application is successful, we plan to contact all 100 Club members to ask if you would agree to “gift aid” your membership, assuming that you do qualify for gift aid. This will enable us to add approximately 25% to the 100 Club account which currently stands at over £7,500.

This money will help with the Village Hall refurbishment plans which are currently being discussed by a village project team.

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THANK YOU to all those who support the 100 Club and Village Hall—it is really making a difference



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



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 and gates and making sure they are safe and easy to use.



SIMPLY WALK STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON

Come suited & booted for whatever the weather
To Simply Walk for an hour or so in the countryside.
Just come to our walks throughout the year from:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road – **STONE**
Wednesday: 12th – 26th June

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**
Wednesday: 19th June

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**
Wednesday: 5th June

We meet in the morning for 10.30
It's friendly, fun and free

Can cast a clout now May's out! get ready for summertime walks and a coffee or tea!



Simply Walk

MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
July	10th-24th	17th	3rd-31st
Aug	7th-21st	14th	28th
Sept	4th-18th	11th	25th

Walking for Health with Simply Walk

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

Telephone 01494 475367 Mobile 07802 260812



MAKING PARKING BETTER

The parish council is currently investigating the installation of grass parking mesh so that parking can take place on the grass verge area near the church, without causing damage.

We ask that everyone parks sensibly and considers the impact on the environment and the cost to repair and replace grass verges in the parish.



COMMUNITY EVENTS TEAM - SPRING UPDATE

TO BRIE OR NOT TO BRIE?

Yes, that was the question on everyone's lips attending the Cheese and Wine evening held in Dinton Parish Hall on the evening of April 13th. The latest Event in our 2024 Calendar saw an excellent turn out of more than 80 parish elders maturing much like the splendid array of cheeses that were laid out before them. Celebrities included Edam and Eve, Jane Fondue and Justin Brie-ber and there were rumours that Paris Stilton would soon be arriving. Fine wines from the four corners of the earth made an excellent accompaniment to the cheese and very soon the noise in the hall rose to a crescendo that could be heard by swineherds in Kent. Had Paris arrived? NO! – we had already run out of Prosecco!

The evening continued in great spirit with much catching up on parish gossip as the wine lake was drained and the cheese consumed.

As the evening came to a close, I was asked when the next cheese and wine night would take place to which I replied, 'I will have to think Caerphilly about that'. Much thanks to Debbie, Fiona, Julie, Viv, and Martin for masterminding this hugely popular event which, thanks to your generosity, raised over £600 which the CET are delighted to donate to the Dinton Village Hall fund to help with ongoing running costs.

Earlier that day in the garden of the Seven Stars pub, a stone and engraved plaque was laid to mark the 'Triffic' work carried out by the Marquee Team who, from the early nineties until Covid times, had run so many events for the parish to enjoy and raised so much money for parish projects. The event was attended by many past stalwarts of the Marquee Team several of whom are now members of our Community Events Team and we drank a few glasses of bubbly as we saluted the gathering. Thanks to Paul for commissioning the stone and thanks to all of you who served on the Marquee Team over the many years. delivering on the vision of Chris 'Triffic' Robinson – CHEERS!

The CET are now focussed on the upcoming Midsummer Ball on June 29th in the marquee at Dinton Cricket Club which is selling out fast in anticipation of another mind blowing performance from SLEDGEHAMMER. (see details in this edition of Bigg Issue)

Cheers for now
Steve Merry – Chairperson CET



The Community Events Team proudly presents

THE MIDSUMMER PICNIC BALL

Saturday 29 June 6.30 - Midnight

Dinton Cricket Club Black Tie & Cocktail Dresses

Glass of Prosecco on arrival Live Band Sledgehammer playing a 3 hour set Licensed Bar

Bring your own food but not drinks

Tickets are £20 per person - Payable in advance

To book your a table or individual tickets contact Mel Kidner: melaniekidner@hotmail.com

Steve Merry: stephentmerry@yahoo.co.uk or text 07850 049 587



COMMUNITY EVENTS TEAM (CET)

CET CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024

- 29th June Midsummer Ball in the Marquee, Dinton Cricket Club Black Tie & Ball Gowns featuring the return of the psychedelic maelstrom that is SLEDGEHAMMER
- 7th July Parish Cricket Match at Dinton Cricket Club — teams to be arranged
- TBC August Mad Hatters Tea Party / Treasure Hunt at the Seven Stars Pub
- TBA September CEILIDH at Dinton Village Hall
- 12th October Annual Conkers Championships at Dinton Cricket Club
- 26th October BINGO at Dinton Village Hall
- 2nd November Firework Display in the Parish Field & Dinton Cricket Club
- 1st December ‘Lights On’ as we celebrate and sing carols around the Christmas tree In the Seven Stars Pub Garden with local celebrity to ‘Switch On’
- 1st December Christmas Quiz at the Seven Stars Bar in aid of Florence Nightingale Hospice
- 24th December Christmas Carols around the streets of the parish followed by mince pies and mulled wine at the Seven Stars Pub

For further information on all of our events, please contact Steve Merry
Steve Merry: stephentmerry@yahoo.co.uk or text 07850 049 587

Community Events Team - Events for the Whole Parish





EKFB working in partnership with Hs2

**Looking Ahead Activity May June July
A418 Oxford Road**

Saturday 11 May to Monday 13 May – alternating lane closures 3-way traffic lights in two locations 8:30pm – 5:30am – completed

Saturday 25 May to Sunday 26 May – trial hole work, lane closure 3-way traffic lights 24 hours – complete

Saturday 1 June to Sunday 2 June – trial hole work, lane closure 3-way traffic lights 24 hours

Monday 3 June to Thursday 6 June - additional trial hole work, lane closure 2- way traffic lights 9:30am – 3:00pm

Road closure for drainage, road works, and utilities :5 July – 8 July & 12 – 15 July

15 July – 29 July 40m section of stone wall to be dismantled along A418, lane closure 3 way traffic lights

EKFB has completed the construction of a new car park at St John’s Sports Club in Stone, Aylesbury, following approval from Stone Parish Council.



What is Buckinghamshire Council doing on behalf of residents?

Check the Buckinghamshire Council website for all Hs2 updates—including proposed road closures.



HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Regular Gatherings:

Many of the regular meetings and activities which usually take place in Haddenham Community Library have begun again!

We are pleased to now be able to host the following:

- Tuesdays 10am -12pm Knit & Natter & Storytime from 10.30am and 2.30pm
- Fridays 10.30am -11am Bounce & Rhyme (fortnightly term time)
- Saturdays 10.30am Lego Club

Book the library as a venue: Haddenham Community Library is popular as a meeting venue. There is plenty of space with chairs, tables, a screen for audio visual presentations; free wifi; central location in Haddenham with car parking. For more information, please contact us by email: or telephone.

info@haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk or on telephone 01296 387865



PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Meeting of the Parish - 9th April, 2024

I would like to begin my report by thanking all the councillors who have been such a help throughout the past year. Martin Usherwood resigned due to ill health in July last year, and I want to again record the Council's appreciation for his eleven years of service to this parish, most of them as Chairman.

We were delighted to be able to co-opt Viv Robinson to bring us back up to full complement, with parish representation in Ford with Jim White, Upton with Richard Lamkin, Westlington with Terry Heath and Dinton being represented by Nick Cottman (Vice Chairman), Honor Vane and Viv Robinson. These councillors have been a great help in supporting me in the last year chairing the Council. I also want to thank Honor Vane and Nick Cottman, for their considerable help in running the Village Hall, which is now a Parish Council responsibility.

As ever, sincere thanks to Keith Gray for his sage advice and support as our Parish Clerk, keeping us on the straight and narrow.

Alan Floy has settled well into his role as Tree Warden and reports regularly on the state of the trees in the parish. As part of our responsibility for the management of the Spinney we have approached firms of Tree Specialists and will be asking one of these firms to survey the trees and make recommendations as to any necessary work that may be required. We intend that this work will be carried out this year. We also are hoping to plant some wildflowers and maintain a wildflower meadow along the hedgerow near the newly planted orchard. The orchard is thriving, and Terry Heath has recently planted another 6 pear trees among the 25 apple trees. We will also be asking for volunteers to plant bulbs this autumn, at the entrance to the parish field and along Chestnut Avenue. This is all part of our biodiversity policy, being overseen by Viv Robinson.

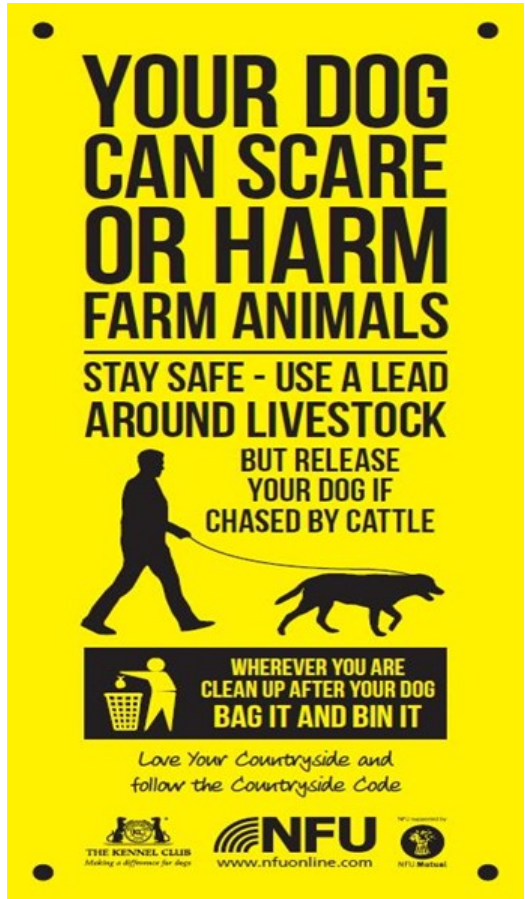
There are three areas of concern which I'd like to mention:

- (1) Parking around the church remains unsatisfactory with considerable damage to the grass verges. The Council has asked Steve Webb, who does such a good job for us under the Devolved Services Agreement, to come up with a cost for providing a geotextile membrane which will reinforce the grass verges and hopefully provide a solution to this perennial problem.
- (2) Dog fouling and owners not picking up is a constant irritation, despite notices and dog bins, and it is difficult, if not impossible to enforce owners to comply.
- (3) The extended playground which seems to be well used, is due for its annual inspection in May and it is likely that we will need to spend some money to refurbish some of the older equipment.

During the last year we held a series of meetings and issued a questionnaire regarding the future of the village hall. Based on the survey results, the Parish Council accepted the recommendation of the Village Hall Management Committee to upgrade and/or extend the existing village hall. To this end a number of volunteers have come forward and we envisage them taking forward the process of fundraising and refurbishment, all under the aegis of the Parish Council. Again, much thanks to Nick and Honor, for all their unstinting help on this issue.

I will hand over now to the various village organisations to update us on their news. These organisations are the lifeblood of our villages and make this such a lovely Parish to live in.

Cllr Dick O'Driscoll
CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL
Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council



PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF LIVESTOCK

Your dog might be extremely docile and friendly, but we have to remember that farm animals won't know that.

It's best to keep your dog on a lead and under close control around livestock.

Farm animals can be very protective, especially at certain times of the year such as tugging and bulling time when male and female animals are mixing, once animals have become pregnant, or after calves or lambs have been born.

NFU Mutual reports that a significant proportion of attacks are caused by owners who let their dogs roam from homes adjoining the countryside and aren't aware that they are attacking farm animals.

Enjoy walking your dog in the countryside but please, always be mindful of livestock and respect the countryside

THANK YOU

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CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL NEWS

Although the children have put on their summer uniforms it has seemed far from tropical weather for the first half of the summer term!

This hasn't stopped it being a very busy half term with unique learning experiences to support our curriculum.

At the end of April our year 5 and 6 choir joined 1600 other Buckinghamshire pupils for the bi-annual Buckinghamshire Music Trust 'Echoes' concert at the Royal Albert Hall. After months of rehearsals, it was incredible to perform with a live orchestra in the legendary venue. In that same week our Junior pupils enjoyed a Skateboarding lesson with an expert, followed by our Infant pupils having a 'Scootability' session about using a scooter safely.

Our Year 4 pupils were treated to a Garsington Opera workshop day, singing and performing to music by Benjamin Britten.

Later in the month, the long-held tradition of May singing and dancing for the Infants was enjoyed by all. The children were looking very smart in their 'Sunday best' and helped our school remain at the heart of the village community, by presenting their posies of flowers to local Cuddington residents. The children performed songs and dances, followed by a picnic with families.

At the end of May, the final girls and boys football matches of the season were played with successful results for our teams against Oakley School.

Alongside all these wonderful extra curricular activities, the children's progress is our primary focus. This is demonstrated no less than by our exceptional Year 6 pupils who were focused and determined during SATs national testing that took place in May. This included reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar, arithmetic and mathematical reasoning. Every member of the class gave their best effort and took it in their stride.

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



PRIMARY CARE CONVERSATION

Join the 'Primary Care Conversation' to transform services

The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) is working with health and care partners to develop a strategy for the future of primary care. This includes general practice, community pharmacy, optometry (eye care) and dentistry across BOB.

Please help to transform these services by completing the survey to help transform the way these services are delivered. As part of our programme of work to transform primary care, we have launched the 'Primary Care Conversation' to let you share your experiences about these services in an online survey at:

<https://yourvoicebob-icb.uk.engagementhq.com/hub-page/primary-care>

Your views will help to inform and shape a primary care strategy to deliver better care for you.

Please contact 0300 123 4465 or email

engagement.BOBICS@nhs.net



St Peter and St Paul Church, Dinton CHURCH NEWS

This summer the church will host three concerts.

On 8th June at 7.30pm we have the Vale Singers with Faure's Requiem and other choral music. Following this on 14th June we have Echoes of Swing Big Band in concert. Start time 8pm there will be a cash bar. There is an Empty Rooms Production on Thursday 18th July.

The church's Patronal Festival of St Peter and St Paul will be celebrated on 14th June with a Choral Evensong at 6pm. Followed by refreshments of prosecco and nibbles. Harvest Festival this year will be on 13th October at 6pm.

The church has three or four ladies who arrange the flowers on a monthly basis. If we have special services, funerals and so on we need to have more flowers arrangements. The church can pay all the expenses of buying flowers and equipment. Please give me a bell or text on 07751 393377 if you feel able to join in.

The churchyard gardening group meets every month on the second Saturday from 10 – 12 noon. We would very much appreciate your help. Not only is there strimming and mowing to do there is also the paths to keep free of slippery leaves and the ivy to be cut off the trees – its never ending of course! The dates this year are 8th June; 13th July; 10th August; 14th September and 12th October.

You are very welcome.

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

The Tindal Family

The 12th-century parish church of Saints Peter and Paul is a grade I listed building. John Harrison was the vicar of Dinton and his only child Henrietta Tindal (c.1817-1879) was a noted poet and writer. There are large portraits of the Tindal family, including Rev'd Harrison and Henrietta Tindal, in the Mayor's Parlour at Aylesbury Town Hall. The artist is John Lucas (1807-1874). The Tindal family are buried in Aylesbury Cemetery.



**The Reverend John Harrison MA JP,
With his grandson, Clifford Tindal
Circa 1853**



**Henrietta
Tindal**

**Wife of
Mr Acton Tindal,
Lord of the
Manor of
Aylesbury**



FOOD BANK COLLECTION

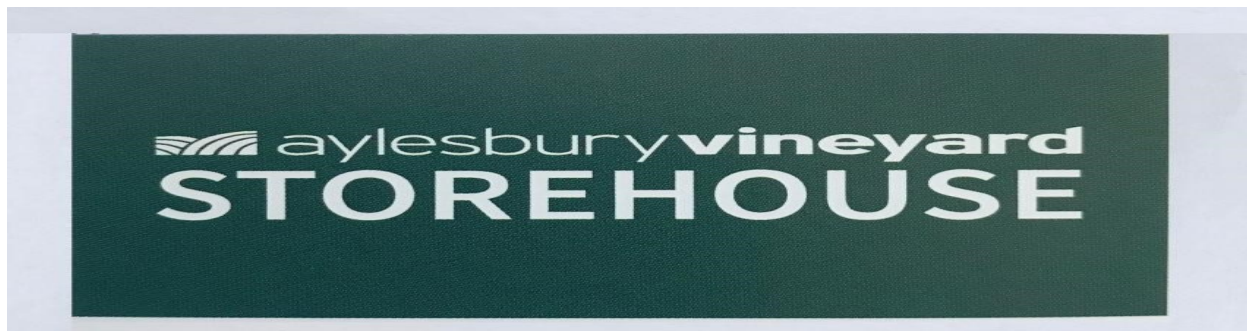
The Seven Stars in Dinton has a foodbank collection box.

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.**



Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hand team is available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis. Let us know if: you are struggling to afford food, you cannot keep on top of your bills, you are in debt or you are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home.

Request support from the Helping Hand team using the online form or contact us by phone on 01296 531 151.

Our phone lines are open:

Monday to Thursday (9am to 5:30pm) Friday (9am to 5pm) If you're in immediate need and your request cannot wait until the next working day call 0800 999 77677.

Parish Council: We meet every month on the 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm. Parish Councillors are elected to make decisions for the parish and to raise a parish precept (tax) to pay for various responsibilities they have and choose to take on such as the playground, parish field, land and open spaces, the spinney, tree works and grass cutting. We are consulted on planning applications and matters affecting the parish. Residents are welcome to attend the parish council meetings and raise any matters they wish that affect the parish. We often have to engage with other stakeholders such as Buckinghamshire Council if the issue, or concerns raised, is not something we have responsibility for.



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Cuddington & Dinton School

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Dinton Village Hall Bookings

Honor Vane - 01296 748177

Haddenham Community Library

0845-2303232

Parish Magazine (Dinton)

David Pickup — 01296 748170

Police Station (Waddesdon)

Neighbourhood Team —101

Fly Tipping:

01296 382416 <https://>

www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/

Akido - Antony Pinchbeck - 07966 151462

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

Community Events Team - contact

Chairman Steve Merry 07850 049587

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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

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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. 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.**