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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - DINTON with FORD & UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

W I N T E R 2 0 2 3



The Parish Council wishes everyone
A Very Happy Christmas and New Year
All the Very Best for 2024



CHRISTMAS CAROLS Seven Stars

As is tradition, the Community Events Team will lead the Carol singing around the streets of Dinton and Westlington on the evening of 24th December starting outside the Seven Stars at 6pm.

For more information on the Community Events Team and how to help contact stephentmerry@yahoo.co.uk 07850049587

We hope as many people as possible can join us

Village Hall event 21st October 2023

On 21st October there was a well-attended (approximately 60 people) event in the Village Hall with 3 items on the agenda:

A presentation from Dick O'Driscoll, Parish Council and Village Hall Chairman, which outlined the various options regarding the Village Hall

The 1st prize draw of the Village Hall 100 Club. The winners were:

- 1st prize of £150 was won by Gill Wilson who very kindly donated the money to the Village Hall funds
- 2nd prize of £100 was won by Dave Thomas
- 3rd prize of £75 was won by Michael Cowen



A Bingo evening hosted by Steve Merry, Community Events Chairman, who demonstrated that he had wasted his career and should have been a professional Bingo caller. A most enjoyable evening was had by the 25 parishioners who decided not to rush home and watch the England rugby game

Every parishioner will receive a letter from Dick plus a questionnaire asking for their Top 3 preferred options for the Village Hall from the list of 5 options presented.

The presentation has been uploaded on to the Parish Council website www.dinton.org and there is also the opportunity to complete the survey online by following the link provided.

If you have not received the questionnaire or can't access it online please liaise with either: Dick O'Driscoll (odriscoll110@btinternet.com) or Nick Cottman, Village Hall Treasurer (nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com)

The answers need to be returned to either Dick or Nick before December 14th 2023 and, once analysed, the Village Hall committee will report back to all the residents.

The Village Hall committee are very grateful to the Community Events Team (CET) who are donating all the proceeds from the evening to Village Hall funds.

The CET will be organising another event (perhaps a wine and cheese evening) in February/March next year when the next draw of the Village Hall 100 Club will take place.

The Village Hall Management committee are very grateful to the Community Events Team (CET) who are donating all the proceeds from the evening to the Village Hall, which we now know has boosted Village Hall funds by the excellent amount of £520.

Nick Cottman, Village Hall Treasurer



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

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: 13th – 27th December

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**
Wednesday: 6th December

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**
Wednesday: 20th December

We meet in the morning for 10.30
It's friendly, fun and **free**
It's on the horizon, all things Christmassy
Take time for a walk and a coffee or tea!

Walking for Health with Simply Walk

Visit www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk
Telephone 01494 475367 Mobile 07802 260812.



Simply Walk

..... Simply Walk Diary Dates

MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
Jan	10th-24th	3rd-31st	17th
Feb	7th - 21st	28th	14th
Mar	6th-20th	27th	13th

MERRY CHRISTMAS 🎄

Merry Christmas

May the sparkle and joy of
Christmas fill your heart
with happiness and joy.



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IT WENT WITH A BANG PARISH FIREWORK DISPLAY 4th NOVEMBER

Once again, the Parish turned out on mass to enjoy the spectacular Firework display on Saturday 4th November at the parish field. Following last year's overwhelming success resurrecting the event after several years of dormancy, much was expected by those requesting tickets this year.

The Community Events Team (CET) once more teamed up with Dinton Cricket Club to organize and stage the event but with inflation soaring and money tight, firework displays are a very costly undertaking and the CET had to search for help to fund the event. This came in several ways:

The Haddenham Beer Festival Team is recognised regionally for the outstanding work it does raising money for local community projects and worthy causes. The CET applied to the HBFT for a grant to help with the costs of our event and, after establishing we qualified with the strict criteria, we were granted a very generous amount of £800 towards our costs. We thank you Haddenham from the bottom of our hearts and many of the CET will be supporting you at your upcoming Winter Fest.

Over a few pints in the Seven Stars, our very own Falklands veteran Will Hughes, mastermind of the display, suggested he could acquire a 'special edition' bottle of Marine Commando Regimental Gin that we could raffle around the parish. Duly acquired this very limited edition was restricted to 150 tickets at a fiver a pop and we sold them all adding another £750 to our firework fund.

We had a couple of other donations from 'wannabee pyromaniacs' living in the parish, and we relied on reasonably priced tickets to make up the balance with members of the CET underwriting possible losses.

Using the Dinton Cricket Club facilities saves us significant costs such as portable toilets, bar costs, BBQ arrangements and cover in the event of rain. Thank you DCC and in particular Shirley, Malcolm, Eliot, Fraser, and your excellent team.

So, what could possibly go wrong? Well, it rained consistently in the days before and on the morning of the event the skies were foreboding. Nevertheless, our execution plan went fearlessly ahead as Will, Graham and Martin placed the fireworks on the field as per the map they had spent weeks discussing in the Seven Stars.

Ticket sales had hit the maximum permitted as per H&S and Insurance conditions and by early afternoon Guido Fawkes confirmed he had chatted up the weather gods and arranged a calm, starry night for us. He also expressed his thanks for not having a bonfire!

And then they rolled in, mums, dads, grannies and grandads and of course the kids, young and old. Free glow sticks for the kids, free mulled wine for adults and heart-warming log burners made for an inviting atmosphere as families flocked around the BBQ and bar at the cricket club.

Resident DJ Andy McCrea, added to the atmosphere with his 'Firework Crescendo' of music booming out across the night sky.

The draw for the Commando Gin was made with Nigel McGregor of Dinton Lodge the 'special' winner, and then the countdown began.....

As the crowd hit 3...2...1 a spectacular rocket launched the event as the sky lit up in all the colours of the rainbow and much more. 15 minutes of thrilling entertainment followed as the crowd roared and showed their appreciation.

And then..... it was over, months of planning, fund raising, weather forecasting and contingency plans all up in smoke as the smell of cordite hung in the air.

For those of you concerned, we did work closely with animal owners nearby so they could prepare appropriately to be with them during the event and there have been discussions since to make the event even more animal aware for next year.

Thanks to all the parish for supporting another great community event and making these things possible. Thanks to the CET members who work tirelessly on behalf of our community to bring you a calendar of events that so add to making this tiny spot on the planet such a splendid place to live, also thanks to the Parish Council for supporting the event.

Cheers

Steve - chairperson CET



In recent weeks the CET has organized and run several events, including the hugely popular BINGO Night which raised more than £500 towards our Village Hall costs (this event will be returning by popular demand in the Spring) and the Firework Display.

On 3rd December we will be holding our Christmas Tree 'Lights On' ceremony in the garden of the Seven Stars from 4pm as we raise the Christmas Tree and celebrate in style followed by our Christmas Quiz, in aid of the Florence Nightingale Hospice, that evening in the Seven Stars, the Hub of our Community (we love you Steph!)



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CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL NEWS

On Monday 25th September the children all went into St Nicholas Church for their Harvest Festival and enjoyed seeing all the fruit, vegetables and flowers displayed. They were encouraged to bring their own contributions which were then taken to the Aylesbury Vineyard foodbank where they were very much appreciated.

The first school visit of the year was the year 1 and 2 trip to Bekonscot Model Village on Wednesday 27th when the children had a wonderful day exploring the models as part of their Houses and Homes topic with the trains adding a real buzz of excitement to the layouts.

You can now help support the school while you do your online shopping; you'll raise free donations with your shopping, and, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will double it. Sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/Cuddington/>

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



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Hoppers of Dinton Pre-School

Coming Soon!! Opening Early 2024!!

Places available 8am - 5pm
Monday to Friday term time only

Funded places available

Wrap around care with Breakfast and Lunch club
with a hot meal & pudding also available

AM Session: 8.30am - 11.30am

PM Session: 12.30 - 3.30pm



All enquiries to:

E: Admin@hoppersofdintonpreschool.co.uk

T: 07497 728 023

F: www.facebook.com/hoppersofdintonps

Dinton Village Hall, Upton Road, Upton, HP17 8UH



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Coming Soon!! Opening Early 2024!!

RECRUITING NOW!!

Do you enjoy singing, reading the same stories again and again, eating an ice-cream at the park, flying to the moon, making magic potions, or drinking endless cups of pretend tea? We would love to hear from you!

All positions are 37.5 hours per week (job share considered), 40 weeks of the year. Competitive salaries with great benefits to include discounted childcare and complimentary meals.

Deputy Manager - Must be level 3 qualified and had 2 years' experience working in a leadership role within early years.

Early years level 3 Practitioners - Apprentice (open to any age, it's never too late to learn!) - Full training will be given to include gaining your Level 3 qualification.

Administrator - Based in Haddenham - 20 flexible hours per week - Knowledge of early years preferred but not essential as full training can be provided.

All applications will be subject to a DBS check.

All enquiries to:

E: Admin@hoppersofdintonpreschool.co.uk

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F: www.facebook.com/hoppersofdintonps

St Peter and St Paul Church, Dinton

DINTON CHURCH NEWS

SERVICES

3rd December at 9am - Holy Communion

4th December at 5.30 pm - Messy Christingle.
Service for children and adults telling the story of the
Christingle with craft and singing

10th December at 4pm - Carol Service with Choir.
Afterwards we will have wine and nibbles and the draw for the Turkey Raffle.
Who will be the lucky winner this year???

17th December at 10am - Morning Worship

25th December at 10am - Christmas Day Holy Communion



We are pleased to confirm that our legal license document with our Romanian Orthodox friends will be submitted to our church lawyers shortly. This will then enable us to work together effectively for the initial period of the license which is five years. At a date to be agreed next year we plan to have a special celebration in church to mark this wonderful collaboration to which all will be welcome.

Please go and have a look at the very attractive refurbishment of the privies at the bottom of the churchyard by the lych gates. They have been converted into store rooms and during this an old cobbled path was uncovered.

We would like to have the churchyard gates at both the top and the bottom of the main path repaired but don't know of any blacksmiths willing to undertake such a fiddly job. If anyone has any ideas please let me know.

For further information please contact Rosemary Jackson, Churchwarden



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
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FOOD BANK COLLECTION

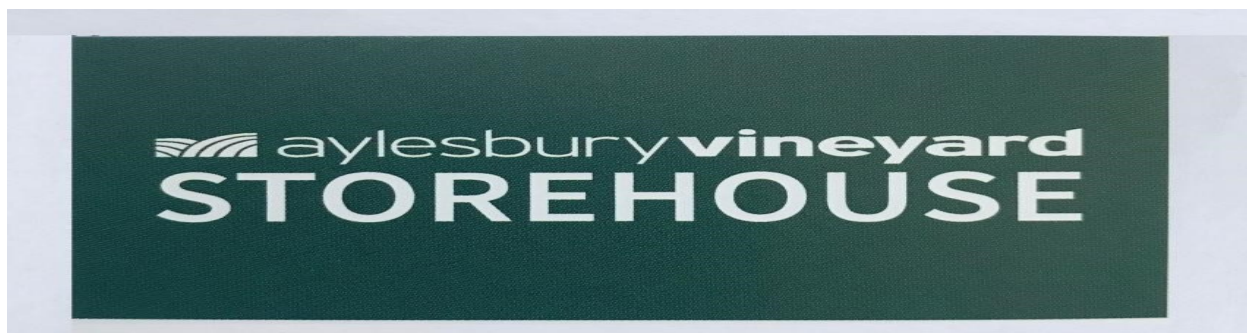
The Seven Stars in Dinton has a foodbank collection box.

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)

Mike Thompson - 01296 748561

Police Station (Waddesdon)

Neighbourhood Team —101

Fly Tipping:

01296 382416 https://

www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/

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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

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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.



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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.**