

POST BOX

The Gibraltar post box will be re-sited shortly, by the bus shelter.

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FAREWELL TO CHLOE

In the recent Aylesbury Vale District Council elections, our councillor, Chloe Lambert, decided not to stand for re-election and stood down after a quarter of a century of working for the Parish. The Parish Council would like to thank Chloe for her fantastic record of service to the Parish during those years.

Chloe was a member of the Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council for 20 of those years, Chairman of the Parish Council for 8 years and a District Councillor for 12 years; she was also Chairman of the District Council in 2001 and Leader of the Independent Group on the Local Government Association during that time. Many major developments took place in the Parish while Chloe was chairing the Parish Council.

BOTTLE & GLASS

The Bottle and Glass re-opened at the end of April after a comprehensive rebuilding and refurbishment programme.

Grateful thanks are due to Greene King, Aylesbury Vale District Council and parishioners for their patience in working towards the achievement of the much improved sight lines along the A418, which now allow patrons of the Bottle & Glass and residents of Gibraltar a safe entrance or exit from the main road.

She negotiated with Hamish Currie—'Laird' of Dinton Hall at the time, to buy the 'old' playground from the family trust for £500, a major investment at the time, to enable the Parish to have its own playground. She subsequently led the negotiations for the purchase of the Parish field on behalf of the Parish Council.

Chloe chaired the Action Group which worked with the friend of Dinton School to keep the school open when threatened with closure. She also played a major role in the public enquiry into the future of Dinton Hall and the public enquiry which resulted in the footpath around the Biggin Pond. She also was very involved in the fight to retain the Dinton Hermit as a pub.

Being a Councillor involves receiving endless phone calls, sitting on numerous District Council Committees and attending meetings nearly every evening. Chloe has done all of these things without complaint and with immense good humour, for this, we are very grateful.

As for the future Chloe will continue to be involved in public service; she is a Magistrate, local president of the Alzheimer's Society, a member of the local British Legion Committee and will continue to write her weekly columns in the Bucks Herald. We also hope that she will continue to help and advise the Parish Council as she always has done. Thank you Chloe for your hard work and dedication.

ELECTIONS

We are delighted to welcome new Parish Councillors, Rebecca Lyall and John Owen, following upon their successful election in May. John and Rebecca are working together on the project to provide play equipment for older children on the Old Park.

We welcome Brian Foster and Andrew Douglas – Bate, who together with Judy Brandis represent our interests on Aylesbury Vale District Council. Judy and Brian have represented us very ably in the past, and we look forward to seeing them all at Parish Council Meetings.

Dinton Village Hall

It is with great regret that we received Joy Featherstone's resignation from her post as Bookings Secretary for the Village Hall. She will be sorely missed after 14 years loyal service, but we will wish her well in her busy life with family and career.

We despaired of finding a replacement, but happily Debbie Pratt has very kindly agreed to take over.

We thank her most sincerely for volunteering.

Plans are underway to obtain funds to refurbish the very decrepit kitchen in the Village Hall. We are also asking for quotes to refurbish the toilet areas as they are also badly in need to attention and depending on the response to our application we will decide priorities for action.

Please support any fund raising events as we plan to redecorate the whole hall in the near future.

For further information please contact Sylvia Eaton, Chairman of Dinton Village Hall Management Committee.

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CAKES

STALLS

RAFFLE

LOTS OF FUN AT

DINTON PARISH

FETE

Bank Holiday

Monday 27th

August 2007

1.30pm to 4.30pm

Gwen Lee celebrates her retirement as clerk to the Parish Council for 20 years.

PARISH FETE

Please mark your diaries to attend the Parish fete on Bank Holiday Monday 27th August 2007 from 1.30pm to 4.30pm in the Parish Field.

There will be lots to do including Hurricane Fly-Past by the Memorial Flight, Colonel Custard entertainment, Dog agility demonstration Inter-village Wheelbarrow race and Children's obstacle races.

There will also be the usual games, competitions and stalls as well as the wonderful teas and cakes and our famous raffle and not forgetting the Silver Band!

Don't forget to come along and bring your friends and family.

There is free parking in the field adjacent to the Parish field.

A bit of a DO

On Sunday 29th April over 100 guests attended the farewell party for Gwen Lee who was retiring as Clerk to Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council.

Many thanks to all those villagers who helped the parish councillors to make this special day for Gwen, and of course, her second in command Bill.

DOG WALKERS

Much as we all like dogs, we do not like the mess they sometimes deposit when they are taken for walks. Could we ask all dog owners to be considerate of others when walking their pets and clear up after them.

There are two dog waste bins in the parish, if anyone feels that there is a need for more please do not hesitate to contact a Parish Councillor or Keith Gray the Parish Clerk.

DINTON

CHURCHYARD

Can you spare a couple of hours each month to help maintain Dinton churchyard? We have a superb band of volunteers who are attending the churchyard, but we could do with more help. The work is simple, mowing, weeding, strimming and general tidying up; you choose what you want to do. We meet on the second Saturday of the month, weather permitting - as an extra incentive, refreshments are provided. If you feel you can help, please contact Andrew or Helen Wild on 01296 748679

The Parish Field And Spinney

Following the very successful wild-life hedge laying morning held in January under the guidance of Vale Countryside Volunteers, led by Paul Holton, the Parish Council organised another session in March. This time even more Parishioners turned up to help and a further section of the hedge was laid. We hope to finish the work in Autumn.

The hedge is being laid to improve views into the Parish Field and to create a more diverse habitat for wildlife.

David Hobden, the village tree warden has been very busy cutting and clearing dead wood in the Spinney and replanting with native species to help encourage greater wildlife diversity.

In early May the Parish Council organised a Spinney tidy up, to clear dead wood and litter. We also had concerns about the materials used by the boys to construct jumps for mountain biking. Many of the jumps were made from old pallets that were broken and a substantial number had large nails sticking out. All the

deadwood plus accumulated litter and pallets were all removed from the Spinney and burnt.

There are now substantial piles of logs in the Spinney and we would rather those be constructed as jumps than old pallets and doors.

Thank you to all the Parishioners who helped with the hedge laying and the tidy up. The Spinney is an area that is used by Parishioners and we hope that now it has been tidied up it will stay litter free.

'Rebecca Lyall is now working with Gregg and George to develop the plans and formulate detailed specifications and costs. Once these are in place, we can start applying for grants and raising the necessary funds to complete the work.'

The Old Playground

Work is well underway to formulate a detailed proposal for the old playground near the Parish Field. Once the old play equipment has been cleared, there will be considerable amount of space to be used for the benefit of the Parish. The younger children have a fantastic play area which is much used by children and their parents. It would be great to provide a space which could be equally well used and appreciated by the older children and youths of Dinton Ford and Upton.

A meeting was held in February to establish what the youths in the Parish would most like to see done in the Old playground, and a working party set up to move the project forward. Greg King and George Beavis started investigating what would be most popular with potential users of the space, and assisted by former Parish Councillor Rachel Johnson put together some designs and costs.

Greg and George presented their ideas to the Annual Parish Meeting and they were very well received.

The key factor for the youths is that the facilities should be aimed at teenagers. Adult concerns centre on security and potential for vandalism.

The most popular proposal is a mini ramp for skate boarding, along with a sports wall/play area for football and basketball, a cable way and a pendulum swing. Adults concerns would be addressed by lowering the hedge dividing the Playground with the main Parish field-improving visibility from the main road and children's play area.

'Some adult equipment such as a fitness trail could be used to encourage adults to use the area as well.'

Grants and Fund Raising

An important stage of this project is raising of funds and the possibility of receiving 'Grants'. We will be applying for the following bodies;

AVDC Community Chest Fund

Big Lottery Bucks

Youth Opportunity Fund

Community Empowerment Awards

Waste Recycling Environment Ltd

Bucks Foundation

Sport England

Each of these Bodies has different requirements, stipulations and aims, however we will be submitting our applications to them at the beginning of September.

If anybody has knowledge of any other organization which could offer us funding would they please contact the Parish Council.

Expansion of Aylesbury

Aylesbury Vale District Council have indicated that work may start in 2009 to build 9,000 new homes on Greenfield sites to the south of Aylesbury.

The development will stretch from the A41 Aston Clinton to the A418 Oxford Road. For those Parishioners who may wish to comment on the proposals AVDC say that there will be a consultation period from 17th July to 28th August.

NEW

HOMES ON GREENFIELD SITES

**DINTON with FORD &
UPTON Parish Council**

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Clerk to the Parish Council

Our new Parish Council Clerk Keith Gray is a busy man. As Diversity and Equality Manager of the Tribunals Service (Ministry of Justice) he is often up in town during the day, as a Justice of the Peace he sits at Aylesbury and Amersham Magistrates' Courts; he is also the Clerk to Coldharbour Parish Council and the Chairman of Quarrendon School Governors; and has served on several committees for charities in the healthcare field and is a member of the Consultative Panel for the Human Genetics Commission.

Legal requirements and the responsibilities of Parish Councils grow ever more pressing, and Keith's wide-ranging experience enables him to provide valuable advice to our Councillors.

Keith has recently been elected as Vice-Chairman of the Society for Local Council Clerks (SLCC-Bucks).



We are delighted to have the opportunity to work with him, and hope that his new appointment will be a long and happy one.

Useful Numbers

Bell Ringing Tower Captain
Faith Newell—01296 748508

Church of England Minister;
Mrs Avril Clark—01296 747755

Churchyard Working Party
Andrew & Helen Wild—01296 748679

Dinton C of E School—01296
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Dinton Cricket Club—01296
748162

Haddenham Health Club—0844
477 8575

Girl Guides (Sue Napier) -
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Marquee Hire (Chris Robinson)
-01296 748113

Parish Magazine (Dinton)
Mike Thompson—01296 748561

Police Station (Waddesdon)
PC Mark Wray—07989498979

Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall
Valerie Partington—01296 747495

Village Hall Bookings (Dinton)
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