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Cuddington and Dinton C of E School

Year 1 children from both sites had a joint adventure day at Green Park in Aston Clinton. Their day was based on the Gruffalo story by Julia Donaldson. The children tracked clues left by the Gruffalo in the woods!

School sports was held during the extremely hot weather in early July so we were glad we had chosen an evening timing for this event and were able to have the whole school on the Dinton playing field. It also made it easier for parents and friends to attend so the children had a really appreciative audience. Rockingham house came out the eventual winners and many families stayed for a picnic on the field afterwards.

Our children took part in the infant schools Bernwode Music Festival held at Long Crendon when ten local schools got together to perform. This year the musical was Eddie the Penguin Saves the World. The children repeated the performance at the Waddesdon MAD (Music, Arts and Drama) festival on the following Sunday, an event that was much enjoyed by everyone there.

The end of year service for the Dinton site was held on the last Thursday of term in the Parish Church and those children moving from the Infant department to the Junior department were each given a reference book in recognition of this move.

We said good-bye to Mrs Wendy Wakeling who was retiring after 19 years at the school. Staff, parents and parishioners had given her a farewell party in the marquee following the school Summer Ball and staff said their own special good-byes at an end of term party for her. Many Bigg Issue readers will remember her with affection and we all wish her well in her retirement.

Our new school year starts on Thursday 3rd September when we will be welcoming 26 new children into Little Owls Reception Class in Cuddington and the first year 4 class will be formed in Dinton.

POWER CUTS IN DINTON

We have been informed by EDF that recent power cuts in Dinton have been caused by trees growing into the lines. Tree trimming contractors were due to commence an initial survey of line on 10th August, 2009 and work will be carried out to trim trees to maintain an adequate clearance from the overhead lines.

An investigator was appointed by EDF to look at the reason for the power cuts and his name is John Connelly—he can be contacted on 01473 293288

Vehicle Activated Signs

The Parish Council are continuing to work closely with Ford Village Society to reduce speeding through Ford. We are exploring the possible deployment of Vehicle Activated Signs and discussions are taking place with Bucks CC to establish the suitability and costs of such units.

Both the Parish Council and Ford Village Society regularly attend the Haddenham District Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meetings which involve the Police and other Community Groups. A recent Police survey of the 17 villages in the surrounding area identified that the number one concern of residents is speeding and, because Ford Village Society has done so much work to try to address this issue in Ford, they were asked by the Police to share their experience at a recent NAG meeting.

As a result of the ongoing work within the NAG, Ford has been identified as one of three priority areas for tackling speeding (Kingsey and Oakley are the other two) and so we expect to see the Police continuing to use their laser gun in Ford. In less than one hour recently in Ford, our neighbourhood PC issued seven speeding tickets.

FLY TIPPING

Parishioners may have noticed that the contents of a bathroom were kindly tipped in a road side field entrance off the C63 near the 'Four Winds' crossroads. If anyone has any information about those responsible the Parish Council would be grateful to hear from you.

If you wish to report fly tipping to have the items removed, please 'phone AVDC on 08453301856

NEXT REFUSE TANKER

The AVDC refuse tanker will next be visiting Dinton on Wednesday 11 November from 12 noon to 3.30 pm. As usual, there are exceptions to the nature of the refuse which can be taken, which include paints, chemicals and electrical items.

COMMUNITY LED PLANNING

At our September meeting the Parish Council will discuss the possibility of producing a Community Plan for the parish. The purpose of the Community Plan is to work with residents to develop a shared assessment of our community now and into the future. What do we like about living in Dinton with Ford and Upton and what do we wish to preserve? What aspects of life in the parish could be improved in years to come? Such a Plan could be used by the local authority to reference the needs or aspirations of the parish.

The Plan would be a very extensive piece of statistical work for which some grant assistance could be forthcoming, but in order to consider whether it would be worthwhile to embark on examining this potential project, we would like to hear from any parishioner interested in taking part in the consultation process. Please call Lorraine Gooch, Diana Coole or Jon Owen if you would like to be involved.

CORE STRATEGY—LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The Parish Council responded to the final consultation on the development plan for the Vale of Aylesbury in July. The Core Strategy set out the vision, strategic objectives and overall spatial strategy for the whole of the Vale to 2026. The comments were sent to the Planning Inspectorate, the Parish Council believes the core strategy is unsound because it only focuses on the direction of housing growth and does not consider in detail the 'knock on' effects from that growth particularly regarding traffic on the existing (in many cases) less than adequate road network in the area of Aylesbury Vale outside of the immediate growth area.

There is a need to amend the strategy to specify exactly how our communities will be made safer particularly with respect to traffic levels following a 50% increase in the population of Aylesbury.

DINTON CRICKET CLUB

As everyone in the parish knows, we have a fantastic cricket club which reached the quarter final of the National Village competition this year, among other successes and ran an academy during the summer holidays for juniors. However, to really find out more about the club, just go into its website which provides a wealth of fascinating and up to date information about the club and how to become a member. www.dintoncc.co.uk

NEW SPORTS WALL- OFFICIALLY OPENED!

On 14th July the new sports wall in the parish field was declared officially open. Several parishioners of all ages from two upwards joined Parish Councillors and District Councillors for a celebratory drink, snacks and of course some football and basketball. The funding for the project had come from various sources including the Fete Committee, the Seven Stars and parish funds. The main grant funding was provided by WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited) who funds community projects. Cllr Diana Coole who was Chairman of the council at the time of the installation cut the ribbon and declared the play area officially open. Many thanks to all who came along and joined in the fun.



DINTON PARISH FETE - Monday 31st August 2009

Phew! what a sunny day the 31st was!! It brought the crowds out in force and everyone seemed to have a great day. One disappointment was that the Dakota couldn't take off due to the high cross winds on their runway. They apologised profusely.

The new appearance of the crockery smashing stall was very popular! One way to get rid of your anger! Also the quiz devised by the Haddenham museum proved a great draw. Our sympathies and heartfelt 'thanks' to the B.B.Q team for suffering the tropical conditions of the B.B.Q heat and the sunshine.

The 3 main prize winners were : Driving experience- Mrs S Faulds, Stone.; Sat Nav - Mr Robert Muggeridge and the John Lewis vouchers - Mr & Mrs Barrett.

Once again the Fete Committee would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped set up; cut grass; run stalls; make cakes and preserves and finally clearing the field in record time. Everyone that helped in any way contributed to what, at this time, appears to have been a record financial year.

Personally I would like to thank my "Team" for working so hard throughout the year and over the busy weekend.

Sylvia Eaton

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MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library visits the Parish on alternate Fridays. Dinton Village Hall 10am to 10.30am; the new lay-by in Upton 2pm to 2.30pm and New Road Dinton 2.30pm to 3pm

For more information telephone 01296 383486

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year the ceremonies will be on Sunday 8th November: Dinton at 10.45am followed by a Remembrance Service in St Peter & St Paul Church at 11am followed by a ceremony at Ford at 12.15pm.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Bonfire night will be celebrated in the Parish Field on November 7th at 6.30pm with the usual spectacular fireworks display. No charge but it is hoped everyone will buy a drink to help offset the cost of the fireworks kindly provided by the Marquee Fund.

HOW TO CONTACT OUR LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS

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Useful Numbers

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Faith Newell— 01296 748508

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Churchyard Working Party
Andrew & Helen Wild—01296
748679

Dinton C of E School—01296
748264

Dinton Cricket Club—01296
748162

Haddenham Health Club—0844
477 8575

Girl Guides (Sue Napier) - 01296
748554

1st Stone Brownies—01296
655692

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)
Debbie Pratt—01296 748437

VANDALISM IN THE PARISH

In August, the telephone box in Dinton, next to the village hall was vandalised and the glass smashed. If anyone has any information about this, please contact any member of the Parish Council. The police have been informed of the incident.