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CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.



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HIGH SPEED RAIL LINK 2 (HS2)

As you will be aware, the Government plans to route a high speed line from London through Buckinghamshire to link with Birmingham and an eventual planned East Coast line to the North of England. The preferred option, HS2, runs very close to the southern side of Aylesbury close to Fairford Leys, and the alternative route, HS2.5, very close to Haddenham. Despite the current economic situation the Government is determined to mount a flagship transport programme, and if either of these routes are chosen following the consultation period in Spring 2011, the lives of residents in our parish and the familiar landscapes around us will be considerably altered.

Following upon their October meeting, the Parish Council has written to the Secretary of State for Transport to voice objections to the Governments HS2 and HS2.5 proposals. The full text of the Clerk's letter is on our website, along with a full version of this article.

Keep up to date via links to websites www.hs2actionalliance.org, www.saynoths2.co.uk, www.chilternsaonb.org, www.chilternssociety.org.uk and the Department of Transport link www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/rail/pi/highspeedrail/ and www.hs2.org.uk.

PARISH WEBSITE ADDS VIDEO

The Dinton with Ford and Upton parish website has added video capability this month with a video of the bonfire and fireworks in the parish field. We hope to continue adding items of local interest which will make the website a place you will dip into on a regular basis. Many of our visitors have indeed bookmarked the site, hopefully with intention of revisiting! Some of the items you may find of interest are under the following website menu headings:

Archive - Historical articles and village memories from the Parish

Photos - Pictures of the villages and local events.

HS2 - Information on how you can oppose locally damaging High Speed Rail plans.

Notice Board - Matters of local interest and charity events

Newsletters - All the current & back issues of the "Bigg Issue"

Police News - Newsletters from your Neighbourhood Police Team

Links - to local services such as Bus, Train, Refuse collection, Medical Centre etc.

Meetings - Agendas and minutes of the Parish Council

Planning - Document covering conservation areas and details of planning applications

You can access the website at www.dinton.org or www.dintonwithfordandupton.org

WEBSITE PROCEDURES: If you have an article or news item for the parish council website please send your item to Cllr Colin Minton in the first instance colinminton@dinton.org for a non-archive item and to Carol Lynch (carollynch@dinton.org) for an archive item.



BEREAVEMENT

The whole community is saddened to learn about the death of Tony Smith from Dinton, who died on October 23rd while piloting a helicopter in Northern Ireland. We offer our deepest sympathy and support to his wife Angie and family Bret and Amie.

CHESTNUT AVENUE CONKERED

On Saturday 30th October, parish councillors aided by parishioners Blaise Brogan, Christine Gadsden, Sylvia & Keith Mitchell and Andrew Wild, cleared vegetation, scrub and litter along the avenue to make the area easier to mow by Bucks County Council. The accumulated vegetation was taken away to be burned on the Parish Bonfire.

PARISH FIELD SPINNEY

David Hobden has cleared the next area of the spinney to be replanted. 50 saplings purchased by the parish council (and part paid for by AVDC) will be planted in the Spring.

CAROL SINGING IN DINTON

The annual tradition of Carol Singing takes place on Christmas Eve. Meet at 6pm outside the Severn Stars weather permitting. All are welcome, children should be accompanied by an adult. Please bring a torch with you. Collections from the evening will go to the Florence Nightingale Hospice, Stoke Mandeville. Mince pies and mulled wine afterwards. For further information please contact: Carol Lynch on 01296 748392 or Sarah and Trevor Hopwood on 01296 748055.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

Firstly, a big Thank You to the Fete Committee for the generous donation which is being put towards Race for Space appeal.

The children have had lots of visitors to school- Mrs Macintosh demonstrated to all the children how to wash their hands correctly and Mr Connolly has delivered an assembly about Jenny and Jessie school in Uganda to all the children.

Our children have also 'shown off' their sporting talent by playing Hockey and Football against other schools this term.

The parents have joined Mr Tomson and myself for two after school sessions- one on Assessment and the other for Maths. Both were very hands on with parents writing a story at the assessment event!

Finally, a big Thank You to the children who raised over £360 for Children in Need. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Cuddington and Dinton School.

Mrs K Price
Acting Head Teacher



FETE AND VILLAGE HALL

Yet again we were blessed with a fine day. We feel that there may not have been as many people through the gate but they did stay longer - mainly due to waiting for the Lancaster Bomber to arrive from Brighton. It was such a disappointment that the Spitfire and the Hurricane couldn't take off because of cross winds on the runway. The RAF still did us proud however, by diverting the Lancaster across the village and the field. Many residents have told me how thrilled they were to see it so low overhead. I hope you all noticed the very effective red and white awning that Nina Dechamps and David Rutterford made for the Hoop La stall. The Featherston family were particularly appreciative.

The upsetting realisation on the Monday morning that the stock of wine and beer had been stolen from the marquee was a great shock. It has never happened before and is perhaps a sign of the times when even your garden shed isn't safe. Despite this set back Chris and team (mainly Vivian) still made a profit of £556.11. Next year the storage system will have to be improved and kept secret. What a pity, but I suppose we have become a little complacent with the low crime rate over the years. Everyone who ran stalls or helped in any way deserves a huge THANK YOU. All our planning would be wasted without your support. Grateful thanks must also be given to the kind folk who collected, distributed and stowed away so speedily. Age, however, is catching up with me and I will be relying on the younger, fitter parishioners in future – so beware! The events in the arena are still very popular. The children's obstacle races are a delight. The wheelbarrow race produced great rivalry – mutterings about one team shortening their runs will be addressed with a post at either end. May the best team win next year! The introduction of the tug-of-war went down very well and I believe Cuddington have challenged us to a 'pull off' next year. The main beneficiaries from the Fete were:



Village Hall Maintenance Fund	£500	Church Flush Fund	£4,000
Flower Arrangers	£250	Beavers	£100
Cubs	£100	Girl Guides	£100
Home Farm Trust	£100	R.A.F. Memorial Flight	£150
Cricket Club Toilets	£500	Race for Space	£2,500
		(Cuddington & Dinton Junior School)	

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The village hall continues to run happily with bookings maintained throughout the year. We recently had a Quiz Night, which raised about £300 and we were able to have the hall floor re polished. Tiling of the floor in the ladies toilets is the next project and of course the ongoing upkeep of the village hall is essential if we are to maintain it in a good condition.

Sylvia Eaton (Chairman of the Village Fete Committee)

BT RACE TO INFINITY The Race to Infinity is giving people the chance to vote online for their area to become one of the first to enjoy BT's super-fast fibre optic broadband, BT Infinity. The race ends 31st December 2010, so cast your vote for our area now. Visit the BT website <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/home> to find out more.

A PLEA TO ALL DOG WALKERS IN THE PARISH

The vast majority of dog walkers are considerate and neighbourly, cleaning up after their dog and making use of the bins provided by the Parish Council. However an inconsiderate minority continue to allow their dog to foul footpaths and public areas.

Not only is this antisocial, it poses a potential health risk to others, especially young children.

Toxocariasis is a parasitic infection which can be transmitted via dog faeces. At its worst this can cause blindness. Even without the health hazard nothing is guaranteed to spoil the pleasure of a walk in the fresh air like stepping in someone else's mess. Please clean up after your dog. Use the bins provided. Fines up to £1000 can be issued to anyone in control of a dog which is allowed to foul public rights of way. Please help us maintain a clean and pleasant environment within the Parish, and a big thank you to those who continue to act responsibly.

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Useful Numbers

SALT BINS

We now have four salt bins in the parish all provided by the Parish Council; it is hoped that the increased number of bins will help those who were badly affected by the ice last year. The locations are: end of new road; Westlington Green; top of Boot Lane; Ford cross roads in Chapel Road. Bucks County Councils website now has a new tool in the Transport section which has instant information about routes that have been gritted.

2011 CENSUS IS COMING

Sunday 27th March is census day. Questionnaires will be delivered to every household by post and may be completed and returned by post or completed on-line. For further information contact: Suzanne MacLeod on 07801 331 1477

THE BIG HEAT FUND

This fund encourages people who automatically receive their winter fuel payment but feel they do not need it to donate the payment, or part of it, to the Fund so that it can be made available to local community groups in Buckinghamshire who support the county's most vulnerable older people. If you feel you would be able to do this or wish to apply for a grant from the Fund, please contact the Buckinghamshire Community Foundation on 01296 330134.

DIAL A RIDE

Did you know that if you have difficulty using public transport you can phone this service and be given door to door transport help. Telephone 01296 330088.



COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

Interested in setting up a car scheme in your area? Community car schemes help local people access appointments, visit friends and get to the shops. It only takes a few spare hours a month to get involved in this rewarding, interesting activity. For more information contact: Sally Hussey, Community Impact, Bucks 01296 421036.

Bell Ringing Tower Captain

Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

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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

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