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Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 12th April 2011 - 7.30pm

The Parish Council warmly invites all parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 12th April 2011 in Dinton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

GUEST SPEAKER: The Commons Speaker: RT. Hon. John Bercow MP who will talk to us about his role as The Speaker of the House of Commons.

Other community speakers will include the Police, District and County Councillors and other representatives from the Parish.

Refreshments and tea/coffee will be served.

The meeting will be followed by a meeting of the Parish Council. Parishioners will be welcome to stay for this.

Royal Wedding Tea Party - 29th April 3:00pm - 5:30pm



A Parish get-together for ALL in Dinton Village Hall to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

Come along for a cup of tea & bring a plate of goodies to share - or just come! Children and Grandchildren are particularly welcome - why not dress up as a prince or princess and win a prize? There will also be a raffle!

If you need further details telephone: Angela Rainbow 748506, Patricia Withers 748918, Honor Vane 748177 or Lorraine Gooch 747655.

Parish Litterblitz

Can you spare an hour to help keep your parish litter free?

The annual litter blitz will take place in Ford on Saturday 19th March, and in Dinton, Upton and Gibraltar on Saturday 2nd April.

Dinton and Gibraltar residents please meet at Dinton Village Hall at 10.00am.

For further details contact Helen Wild 01296 748679

Upton Residents for further details please contact John Owen 01296 748769 .

Ford Residents please contact Jon Horn 01296 748297, or Colin Minton 01296 747706

Can You Solve the Mystery of the Blue Cans?? Someone is littering the verges of local Dinton village roads with empty, blue lager cans. Who is it? If you know, could you please ask them to take their empty cans home.

Sponsored Ten Mile Bike Ride - Saturday 30th April

In aid of Dinton Flush Fund to pay for kitchen & toilet facilities in the church. Leaving Dinton Village Hall at 10.30am our scenic route goes through the villages of Upton, Stone and Bishopstone and then turning right for Marsh. Continue straight through Marsh and Kimblewick and to the T junction at Little Meadle and then go right for Ford and eventually past Dinton Church and back to Dinton Village Hall.

TO ENTER contact Caroline and John King, Perryfield, New Road, Dinton (01296) 748265 - caroline@perryfield.co.uk Or Rosemary and David Jackson, Innisfree, New Road, Dinton (01296) 748655 - jacksonrj@btinternet.com

Entry will be £3.00 per cyclist or £6.00 per family to pay for the administration costs.



Mums and Dads - there will be a short route for mini bikes and scooters starting from the church at 11am.

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TOO!!

Annual Dinton Parish Fete - Monday 29th August 2011

We are just about to start planning this year's fete on Bank Holiday Monday 29th August. We warn you in advance that we will be round with the begging bowl for the usual cakes, bottles, bric a brac, broken crockery, books, preserves, plants etc., etc. We also hope that you will buy the raffle tickets as this is our insurance against a rainy day! We look forward to receiving offers of help before, on the day and putting away afterwards. We very much look forward to seeing you on the day.

PARISH WEBSITE

Don't forget that you can access the website at www.dinton.org or www.dintonwithfordandupton.org

Please send any items for the notice board to Colin Minton at colinminton@dinton.org

Any archive/history items to Carol Lynch at carollynch@dinton.org

The Parish Clerk and the Parish Councillors can also be contacted through the website. (See above for email addresses.)



Neighbourhood Help Scheme

We no longer have a formal neighbour help scheme in this Parish. In the past the FISH scheme ran a car service to collect prescriptions or transport those who needed help.

Is there anyone who would be willing to join with me to enable a list of volunteers to be drawn up who would be willing to be called on for this service? If there is would please email or telephone me (see the contact list on the back page). Lorraine Gooch.

Aces & Queens Summer Ball - 18th June 2011

The Summer Ball is an annual event held to raise funds for the Cuddington & Dinton Church of England School. The Ball is organised by the schools registered charity. It is an opportunity for parents, the school and the local village communities to come together to support the school, get dressed up and have a great fun evening together.

The event includes a drinks reception, opera singing, fabulous three course meal, live band, disco, raffle, casino and auction.



More information is available at

www.acesandqueens.wordpress.com.mariko@pratap.org

Chair of The Ball organising committee - Roger Pratap 07973118167

News from Cuddington and Dinton C of E School

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those you who have expressed their good wishes and congratulations on my appointment as substantive Head teacher of the school. I am delighted to have been offered the position and will continue to work with all of you in the community to develop further relations with the villages.

The Junior children competed in a cross country event at Sir Henry Floyd where one of our pupils came first; we are all very proud of her. Our youngest pupils had a very exciting day in Oxford looking at dinosaur bones; our oldest pupils also went to Oxford, but their focus was on Lewis Carroll and as part of their visit they went round

Christchurch College and had a boat trip. Some of our pupils have taken part in a Dance festival at Haddenham Infant School where great fun was had by all learning some complex dance moves!

We have had a very well attended Family service on the anniversary of the King James bible which was animatedly presented by Rev. Margot and Helen. The children enjoyed a whole school assembly at Dinton Church, led by myself on the theme of Love. Our next Family Service is on 4th April at 9.10 am at Cuddington Church and it would be wonderful to see you there.

Mrs K Price (no longer acting) Headteacher

Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS)

We are now 9 months into the 2 year pilot project which, notwithstanding some ongoing technical issues with the MVAS unit itself, continues to go to plan. 23 Ford volunteers have been trained and all have, or will shortly have, helped with the successful deployment of the MVAS around Ford. Further Ford volunteers are being scheduled for training in April.

Most of the outstanding technical issues with the MVAS unit were resolved with the delivery of an improved MVAS unit at the end of November although, disappointingly, problems with data logging continue. The Ford Project Team continue to work closely with the manufacturer to resolve these and, to facilitate those investigations, undertook a traffic monitoring exercise in Ford at the beginning of February using Truvelo Strips supplemented with a manual count. Our Neighbourhood Officer PC Dean Kingham has once again visited Ford and issued advice and/or tickets to a number of vehicle drivers. He will continue with his visits to Ford at intervals over the coming months. Expenditure on the project remains as anticipated and, as a result, we have been able to return some of our unused funding to the Local Area Forum for re-distribution to other local projects.

Finally, there continues to be interest in the project from other Parishes and Villages many of who are considering adopting the MVAS solution.

Chestnut Tree Avenue



It has been known for sometime that the chestnut trees in the Avenue are becoming old and frail. They are also suffering from 2 different diseases. Therefore, we should now start to plan how we replant the Avenue.

If we were to replant with chestnuts the new trees would be prone to catch the same diseases. The most suitable replacement tree is the small leaf lime tree – *tilia cordata*.

Over the next few weeks the Parish Council will be preparing a replanting plan giving the number of new trees, costing and the timing of the whole project.

The existing chestnuts will remain *in situ* until each one comes to the end of its natural life. In the meantime, the new limes will be establishing themselves ready to take the place of the chestnuts.

It is envisaged that new planting will not take place until November 2011.

BEREAVEMENT

We are sorry to hear of the unexpected death of Roy Stratford.

Roy and his wife Elaine were both keen to be involved in Ford village activities and had volunteered to be part of the MVAS team.

Our thoughts are with Elaine and family at this sad time.

Freighter Refuse Collections

Aylesbury Vale District Council's refuse freighter will visit the gateway into field between two posts, Dinton, on the following dates:

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| 13th April 2011 | 12:00 - 15:30 |
| 8th September 2011 | 7:30 - 11:00 |
| 9th November 2011 | 12:00 - 15:30 |

This service is for household waste only. If you have bulky items that you cannot transport to our collection site, we can collect from your home for a fee. See our website or call the number below for details.

We are sorry but the village refuse freighter cannot accept:

- Any electrical items
- Clinical waste, e.g. Syringes, used dressings
- Car parts including tyres, exhausts, batteries, oil
- Hazardous waste, e.g. asbestos
- Commercial or business waste
- Building rubble
- Paints, liquids or garden chemicals

For advice about disposing of these materials, details of refuse and recycling collections or household bulky items collection service call 01296 585510 or see the council's website:

www.aylesburyvale.gov.uk/refuse

Rubbish left on the site before the freighter visits will be regarded as fly tipping and offenders may be prosecuted. If the freighter is unable to visit on any of the above dates - we will not be able to collect it.

High Speed Rail Link 2 (HS2)

The Government announced the consultation on the High Speed Rail link through the Chilterns on Monday 28 February. If you oppose this plan, as does this Parish Council, please visit the website www.stophs2.org and sign the online petition. The Facts link on this website makes interesting reading, and in particular the work done by the Wendover HS2 Business Group effectively demolishes the Government's economic modelling in support of its case so far.

A written petition is also being circulated, and if you would like to add your name to this please contact Diana Coole on 01296 748763. A recent slight amendment to the proposed route of the line shows it crossing the A418 just east of Hartwell House. An updated route map link can be found on <http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk/in-your-area>

The Government seems determined to push ahead with the project, and via the consultation process you will be asked to comment on the proposals, which carry a £33 billion price tag. This equates to a staggering cost of £160 million per MILE for the London to Birmingham section, at a time when we are all being asked to tighten our belts and other budgets for worthier causes are being cut.

HS2, who would ultimately be responsible for the construction of the project, are arranging a series of roadshows in the local area.

These will take place as follows:

10-11 May, Stoke Mandeville Stadium, The Olympic Lodge Hotel, Guttman Road, HP21 9PP

12 May, Black Horse Pub Car Park, Aylesbury Road, Mobwell, Great Missenden, HP16 9AX

13-14 May, Wendover Memorial Hall, Wharf Road, Wendover, HP22 6HF

21 May, Waddesdon Church of England School Car Park, Baker Street, Waddesdon, HP18 0LQ

26 May, Calvert Green Community Centre Car Park, Cotswolds Way, Calvert Green, MK18 2FJ

Village Hall

Bookings continue to be very healthy and during half term the ladies toilet floor will be tiled. We continue to keep the hall in as good a condition as possible in order to preserve this valuable asset to the village.

We will be running a quiz on the 16th April at 7.30 pm. Bring your own drink and nibbles. Cost is £5 per head and prizes are given to the winning team and consolation prizes to the losing team. If you are interested in joining us, please ring Sylvia Eaton on 01296 748537



VILLAGE HALL EVENTS - The village hall has been booked for Election day on 5th May and also on the 12th June for a plant sale. Any plants for sale greatly appreciated.

The Village Hall AGM will be held on 26th April 2011 at 7.30pm!

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (RBL) POPPY APPEAL



We have been informed by Air Vice-Marshal Jefferson Mackey RAF Ret'd that the local appeal fund raised over £5000 a small increase on last year. A great achievement!

Additional helpers to collect for the poppy appeal are always welcome.

Also, although the local RBL Branch is closed, welfare cases can still be dealt with either through the RBL or SSAFA/Forces; Stone is fortunate to have 2 active and trained caseworkers.

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HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Local Elections, including Parish Councils, will take place on 5th May 2011.

If you are interested in standing as a candidate for the Parish Council you can contact the Clerk Keith Gray, who will be able to give you information about what the role involves.

Nearer the date nomination packs will be available.

These packs will contain all you need to register as a candidate.

In the meantime you can check the link to the AVDC website which has more information.

<http://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/council-democracy/elections-and-voting/about-candidates/>

IMPORTANT DATES:

Last dates to register as a candidate in the district and local elections is noon Monday 4th April.

- Last date to register to vote is Thursday 14th April.
- Last date to register for postal vote is Thursday 14th April.
- Last date to register for a proxy vote is Thursday 21st April.
- Polling Day - polling stations are open from 7am - 10pm on 5th May.

Forms for registering to vote and to request a postal vote can be downloaded from www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/elections or from www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

Useful Numbers

Bell Ringing Tower Captain
Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

Church of England Minister:
Rev'd Peter Rich: 01296 748068

Church Wardens:
Velma Thompson - 01296 748561
Jean Moore - 01296 748063

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)
Ruth Chelmick -01296 747381