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**THE PARISH COUNCIL
WISHES EVERYONE
A MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Dinton Carol Singing

Join us for Carol Singing around the village for approximately one hour on Christmas Eve. Meet outside the Seven Stars Pub at 6pm. Wrap up warmly and bring a torch with you. (All children welcome but must be accompanied by an adult). The Seven Stars welcomes the carol singers for mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

All proceeds will go to the Florence Nightingale Hospice. For further information please contact Trevor or Sara on 748055.

Postal Scam

A Card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting they are unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 09066611911. **DO NOT CALL THIS NUMBER AS THIS IS A MAIL SCAM** originating from Belize. If the number is called you will receive a recorded message but will have already been charged £315 for the phone call. If you receive one of these cards please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 020 7239 6655. Also see Crime Stoppers website.

Graffiti in Bus Shelters

A418 - Gibraltar side, top of New Road and top of Upton Road.. The police have been informed and will be investigating. If anyone has information on the person(s) responsible please contact the local police on 101 or the Clerk to the Parish Council. See contact page for details of telephone numbers.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council has taken the first steps towards formulating a Neighbourhood Plan. A Statement of Intent to Proceed with the necessary consultation process has now been registered and a copy placed on notice boards. Everyone is invited to comment.

DINTON VILLAGE HALL



As some of you may have noticed we have had new replacement doors fitted to the front of the hall – slightly forward to create a small lobby and make it look more modern. We have also installed a ‘push-bar’ door at the rear. We don’t anticipate any dangerous situations but is best to be prepared!

The hall continues to be used on a regular basis during the week and often for children’s parties and Aikido training weekends.

The old ‘oil tank’ cupboard now houses any spare chairs and now the access is inside the hall, this is so much easier. We held a very successful Quiz night in October and would thank everyone for their support and I’m sure it was enjoyed by all. Alan’s questions are always well received.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Dinton Cricket Club



The cricket club have enjoyed a very successful season on the field with our 1st team finishing 3rd in the Home Counties Premier Division West. This is the highest league position in the club’s history. Despite poor weather conditions this year the junior section and academy week has been well supported by boys and girls from a wide local area. Alan Piggott and his team have kept the grounds in immaculate condition and the envy of many other clubs.

We have been well supported by the Village Fete and Parish Council, who have made substantial donations. We are still in need of funds though to help us keep the club at this current high standards and so we are organising a number of fund raising events throughout 2013 which we hope that you will be able to support.

The first of these is a Quiz Night at Dinton Village Hall 7.30 pm on 2nd February 2013 bookings for tables can be made with Paul Furness on 01844299276. The club is run by volunteers and we are always in need of people that can help, if you are interested please contact Giles Kidner on 01296 747707.

THE BEST XMAS PRESENT EVER!

Have your child’s/grandchild’s name put on a plaque and put in the play area in Dinton. Cost is £12 and all the profits go to the upkeep of play parks.

Contact Jon Horn (see contact details page)

DINTON FETE 2012

Despite bad weather forecast, it was another enjoyable and successful fete. The numbers attending may have been less but overall the money spent was still wonderful. It was disappointing that the Lancaster fly-past couldn't go ahead due to cross winds on the runways at RAF Conningsby but maybe next year we will be luckier. We held a very happy Celebration evening in October and we were delighted to distribute the profits as follows :-



Village Hall	£1,000
Church Flush Fund	£2,000
Flower Arrangers	£250
Beavers/cubs	£100
Girl Guides	£100
Home Farm Trust	£100
R.A.F. Memorial Flight	£250
Cuddington & Dinton Junior School	£750
Cricket Club	£750
Parish Council (trees)	<u>£100</u>
Total :	£5,400

Plans are being made to re-roof the two fete storage sheds behind the village hall and also we have purchased 6 more pop-up gazebos for next year. It is essential to maintain the equipment and to provide cover for as many stalls as possible.

The Fete Committee would like to sincerely thank all those wonderful people who helped set up; collect chairs and tables from other halls; helped set out the field; manned stalls and most of all, took down and returned everything at the end of the fete. It takes 2 days to set up and about 2 hours to pack everything away! So THANK YOU to everyone who helps and attends the event.

WIND TURBINE

The Parish Council is opposed to the application for a Wind Turbine at Lower Waldrige Farm in Ford and that we are considering what action(s) we might take in support of our opposition.

As a first step we have joined forces with the Ford Action Group Against Turbines (FAGAT) and Ford Village Society (FVS) to oppose the application.

We believe that by working together we will maximise our efforts but we will, of course, also continue to need your help and support.

The combined opposition group has a number of actions in mind including illustrating the proportions of the proposed wind turbine and its visual impact by flying a suitably sized balloon adjacent to the proposed wind turbine site and organising demonstration(s) ahead of the AVDC Development Control Committee meeting at which the application will be decided (the latter probably 17th January 2013 but yet to be confirmed by AVDC).

We will keep the Parish informed of opposition events, explain what you can do to help us, and advise you of the confirmed date on which the application will be considered by AVDC, through flyers over the coming weeks. In the meantime AVDC are still accepting written comments on the application so, if you have not yet written, please do so and make your feelings known. The address that you need to write to can be found on the Notice Board of the Parish Council Web Site (www.dinton.org) or write to Mr Bill Nicholson, Development Control, AVDC, The Gateway, Gatehouse Way, Aylesbury.

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How To Report Fraud & Internet Crime

From 3 December 2012, all reports of fraud in the Thames Valley will be recorded by Action Fraud and individual police forces in the south east will no longer take any fraud reports. They will now be recorded centrally by Action Fraud.

If you want to report a fraud, please call the number above (0300 123 2040), or visit the Action Fraud website at www.actionfraud.police.uk. Thames Valley Police will continue to respond to reports of frauds in progress, but any other calls to report a fraud, including financially motivated e-crime, will be referred to Action Fraud. When a person calls to report a fraud, they will be provided with the Action Fraud phone number or website address.

The new process will have a number of benefits for victims of crime, including having a central point of contact to report all fraud; an effective and efficient way to bulk report fraud; and an increased chance of identifying repeat and vulnerable victims.