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# THE BIGG ISSUE

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## WIND TURBINE APPEAL

The Parish Council has written to the Planning Inspector to ask that the decision by Aylesbury Vale District Council Development Control Committee to reject the application is upheld for the following reasons:

- The grounds for refusal as recommended by Aylesbury Vale District Council Officers were valid.
- The major impact on the landscape of the Vale is potentially harmful given that it is an area which is unhindered by vertical structures.
- The impact on the vistas into and out of the Chilterns AONB are significant and detrimental.
- The proposal would have a significantly damaging effect on the setting of listed buildings in Ford and in adjacent conservation areas. The quantum of opposition by the local, and wider, communities is large. The environmental impact would be both great and be damaging to the amenities of the adjacent communities.
- In addition, and for the above reasons, we urge that this appeal is subject to an open Public Inquiry in order that the issues raised by the appellant can be considered openly.
- If the Inspectorate decide that the appeal is to be determined at a Public Inquiry the Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish Council would seek Rule 6 Third Party Status.

**The Parish Council requested the Planning Inspector allow the appeal to be heard in public—The request was refused and the appeal will be by written representation. The Inspector received many letters asking for a public hearing.**

## PICKING UP THE LITTER

A big "Thank You" to all those who took park in litters picks across the parish. We collected quite a few bags. The Parish Council have invested in some litter pick/grabbers to make collection easier for next time.

### **'How I got stitched up - My extraordinary tale of life through textiles'**

**Marilyn Pipe, a well known designer, artist, and tutor from Ford will give an entertaining illustrated talk in Dinton Village Hall on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July , 2.30pm.**

**Tickets £7.00 , including tea and homemade cakes**

Tickets & information from George Lamb 748988, Rosemary Jackson 748655, Valma Thompson 748561 and Helen Wild 748679.

In aid of Dinton Church Flush Fund

## School News June 2013



The building work is complete. The hall, library, staffroom and offices are now in use. The new building looks amazing and is a fantastic space for the children and staff to work in. Mrs Price and the Governors would like to extend their thanks to all who have supported the school throughout the difficulties of the past two years.

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June the school will hold a day of celebration to formally 'open' the new building. During the day there will be a number of events for the children including a blessing by the Area Dean, Canon Andrew Blythe, a visit from John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons and many fun activities. From 5.30 we would like to open the celebrations to parents and the wider school community. This will be an informal event on the school field and supporters of the school are welcome to join in and share the celebration. Bring your own picnic or simply come along and say hello, we would be delighted to say thank you in person for your continued support.

On 30<sup>th</sup> April the Junior Choir of Cuddington and Dinton School consisting of 34 pupils took part in a performance of 'Echoes 5' at The Royal Albert Hall. This was an amazing event, involving 1,950 junior school children from 59 schools across Buckinghamshire. We are extremely proud of our pupils who performed magnificently on the spectacular stage with a full orchestra and conductor.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May we held a concert in the new Junior school hall. There were wonderful performances from the choir, the Year 3 violins, and many other pupils who study music both in school and outside school. The standard of performance was extremely high and it was a pleasure to see the new hall, stage, sound and lighting being used.

Poor weather has prevented the school holding a full sports day for the past two years, this year the dates are scheduled as follows: 21<sup>st</sup> June for juniors, 25<sup>th</sup> June for infants. We hope that this year will see the playing field in use for some amazing sporting activity.

The year 5 and 6 pupils are working hard at the moment rehearsing for their end of year production, 'Dream On' – a musical based on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - which will take place in the Junior hall at the beginning of July.

Looking for a good read? - **You'll find it at**

## THE BUMPER BOOK SALE

Saturday June 22 10.30 - 4.00pm

Dinton Village Hall.

Light Lunches and Teas available

Hats and Handbags for the discerning

Cakes and Tombola surprise! Admission 50p

Details; MarieHelene Usherwood, Helen Wild, Valma Thompson

Proceeds to the Dinton Church Flush Fund



We would welcome donations of books in good condition

If you would like to make a contribution contact MarieHelene, Helen or Valma

## **THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2013 to 2014**

Cllr Martin Usherwood has been elected as Chairman of the Parish Council for another term of one year. The Vice-Chairman of the Council is Cllr Colin Minton.

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Meeting of the Parish 2013

The past year has been a testing one for all members of the council and I express my thanks to all of the councillors: Lorraine Gooth (Vice Chairman), Colin Minton, Jon Horn, John Owen, Barbara Green and Giles Kidner. Also many thanks to our Clerk, Keith Gray, who has been very supportive with sound advice, especially to me as a new Chairman.

The other person who cannot be thanked highly enough is our Tree Warden, David Hobden, who has continued to work hard renovating and replanting the Spinney, but who has also been the force behind the replanting of Chestnut Avenue. For those unable to attend on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 we installed a plaque commemorating HM Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee with the planting of 22 Lime trees. The splendid result is there for all to see. The work of David Hobden, John Horn and not least John Owen in making this possible cannot be over emphasised. Thank you and many thanks to all those who helped with the planting and for those who made contributions to the purchase of the trees and plaque.

The last year has produced several challenges where we have sought to either mediate or resolve as well as dealing with a Freedom of Information Request; a new experience for all of us. The weather seems to have had a direct or indirect effect on many functions. The snow and cold of 2 weeks ago meant cancelling the annual litter pick but the re-scheduled dates are 13/4/13 for Ford and 27/4/13 for Dinton and Upton. The responses of parishioners in helping with this work will be as excellent as ever in maintaining the parish. The weather has also been a factor in the pace of the school's re-building. However, it is rewarding to see this now come to fruition after a clearly difficult time for the school. The effect of the prolonged bad weather on the roads and paths around the parish is obvious and we have sought to try and badger the Highways Department of Buckinghamshire County Council for repairs, though it may never seem quite enough.

Finally the indirect influence of weather has been in relation to the planning application for a wind turbine at Ford. This has clearly caused much anxiety and concern especially for those living in Ford. The council has spent much time and effort in presenting the plan and then formulating our opposition to the application which was rejected in January by Aylesbury Vale District Council. The applicant has suggested there may be an appeal by written submission and we await formal notice.

The assessment (not granting) of 35 planning applications takes a large part of councillor's time and we try to ensure that neighbours are aware of the planning applications adjacent to them. The value of having District Councillors with extensive knowledge of the planning process has been much valued.

The regular duties of the council have been maintained: grass cutting, emptying of litter and dog bins, parish field maintenance and the bus shelters. The bus shelters were subjected to a spate of graffiti but Jon Horn carried out restoration and hopefully there will not be a repeat. He also maintained a careful eye on the playground and its fencing; more equipment and potential repairs are under consideration. Keeping in touch with parishioners is important and the notice boards have been repaired and maintained whilst the parish council website under the aegis of Colin Minton has been enhanced and will be further developed. We are also grateful for the work on the village website run by Barry and Carol Lynch. The Bigg Issue newsletter continues to be a regular means of information and I am grateful to Lorraine Gooch, Jon Horn and Colin Minton for the production and distribution.

The links with community are also expressed in our involvement with the Remembrance Sunday Services, as well as support for the Dinton Cricket Club and the Marquee Group, who do such a wonderful job in providing the setting for Parish Field events. (continued over page)

## **(Chairman's Report continued)**

In these times of financial hardship for the county I can report that our finances are in good shape and we can thank our Responsible Financial Officer, Mike Thompson, for his diligence and sound accounting. At £1.30 per week to each household the precept will cover us for expense of the wind turbine application and possible development of a Neighbourhood Plan. The latter is presently at a stage where we are awaiting the outcome of a High Court judgement on a challenge to Milton Keynes' Council policy regarding setting minimal distances of turbines from residential accommodation. Financially we anticipate tougher times in 2014.

This report would not be complete without mentioning my further thanks to Sylvia Eaton and Valma Thompson for organising the refreshments to follow, but also to Margaret Aston, our County Councillor, who will not be our County Council representative at the May elections due to the change in the Ward boundaries. We thank her for her many years' service to the parish.

Finally, the best part of living in this Parish for me, and I suspect many others, is the sense of community and support that is expressed in many ways. We, and I, are grateful for all your contributions and look forward to another year of collaboration and involvement.

**Cllr Martin Usherwood (CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL)**

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Before any further development of such a policy, we are awaiting the legal interpretation and possible consequences of the judgement in the High Court concerning the challenge to a policy developed by Milton Keynes Council. We will be taking further advice from Aylesbury Vale District Council.

## **DINTON TRADITIONAL VILLAGE FETE**

**Monday 26th August 2013 – 1.30 pm to approx 4.30 pm - The Parish Field, Dinton.**

- Fete opening by Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet
- A Hurricane and a Spitfire Fly-Past – (weather permitting)
- The brilliant Colonel Custard
- Bletchington Silver Band
- Traditional games and challenges, stalls, books, plants, preserves and garden produce, Bric-a-brac, b-b-q, beer tent and wonderful homemade teas
- Children's Obstacle races.
- Inter-village Challenge Relay Race and Tug-of-war - etc., etc.

**Raffle Tickets are crucial for our fund raising! Please sell tickets that will be delivered to you. Thank you.**

The committee includes :

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|--------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Sylvia Eaton             | 748537 | Pat Horn         | 748297 |
| Rosemary & David Jackson | 748655 | Nina Deschamps   | 748211 |
| Martin Hawes             | 748437 | Geoff Smith      | 747041 |
| Mary Hobden              | 748476 | David Rutterford | 748931 |

**YOUR PARISH FETE NEEDS YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT TO MAKE IT A GREAT SUCCESS!!**

You can help in many ways, for example, by :-

Donating a raffle prize, Helping on stalls or games Help park cars, Selling raffle tickets

If you would like more information on how you and your family can get involved please phone a committee member. We await your call!!

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Speaker of the The House of Commons

### Useful Numbers

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**Rev'd Peter Rich: 01296 748068**  
Church Wardens  
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Girl Guides (Sue Napier)  
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Parish Magazine (Dinton)  
Mike Thompson - 01296 748561  
Police Station (Waddesdon)  
PC Dean Kingham - 101  
Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall  
Valerie Partington - 01296 747495  
Village Hall Bookings (Dinton)  
**Ruth Chelmick** - 01296 747381  
Hotline against Fly Tipping  
0845 330 1856  
Parish Good Neighbours Scheme  
Jo Troup - 01296 727735  
Helen Wild - 01296 748629



## Dinton Cricket Club

The season is now well under way with three senior Saturday teams and a Sunday team. The first team have progressed through the first two rounds of the national village knockout competition. On 19<sup>th</sup> May Dinton hosted Buckinghamshire against Wales, with Wales eventually winning a very entertaining game.

Junior cricket for boys and girls is held on Thursday evenings at the club, with matches and coaching for all ages from six upwards. The academy week for young players will be held between 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July. Details and bookings can be made on our website:

[www.pitchero.com/clubs/dinton/](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/dinton/).

We are currently fund raising for new practice nets and need to raise in excess of £30 000 to fund these. Any donations would be very welcome. There is a fund raising picnic ball at the club on 3<sup>rd</sup> August with the band Bustin Loose playing. Tickets are £20 per person as a table for ten. Please contact Giles Kidner on 747880 if you wish to come.

Spectators are welcome at the club and what better way to spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Dogs are welcome at the club, while on a lead and we politely ask that you collect any dog mess.

We are also in need of volunteers to help run our club. If you feel you would like to help in anyway please contact us. E.mail [secretary@dintoncc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@dintoncc.co.uk)

## HADDENHAM HEALTH NEWS

### DNA's

In the period 1 Feb – 30 Apr 13 we had 81 "Did Not Attends" (DNA's). This equates to approximately 13.5 hours 'free' GP and nurse appointments, which could have been used by other patients.

If you are unable to attend an appointment, can you please inform the surgery in plenty of time or as soon as possible in order that we can cancel the appointment and make it available to someone else.

### SATURDAY MORNING CLINICS

In response to requests from patients who work; we hold a clinic on a Saturday morning. Appointments for these clinics are pre-bookable only.

Saturday 1st June, Saturday 15th June  
Saturday 29th June, Saturday 13th July  
Saturday 27th July, Saturday 10th August  
Saturday 31st August, Saturday 14th and 28th Sept

### PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING

Thursday 27th June, 2013—7.30pm to 9pm

**See website for further details.**

### TRAINING AFTERNOONS

The Medical Centre will be closed on the following afternoons for essential training:

**19 June, 17 July, 5 September, 9 October and 21 November**

### LADIES TEAM—RACE FOR LIFE

On Sunday 19 May a team of Ladies from Haddenham Medical Centre will be taking part in the Race for Life event at Waddesdon Manor with the aim of raising money to fight cancer. The Ladies taking part are Dr Karen West, Practice Nurse Jo Green and her daughter Carolyn, Sarah and Freya Howcutt and Practice Manager Ellen Solley. There is a fundraising page via the Race for Life website: <http://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/fundraise/Sponsor-a-friend/index.html>.

The team are under Ellen Solley and will show as Haddenham Med Centre page.

### HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY - CHANGE OF OPENING HOURS

The opening hours are now: Tuesday 9-5, Thursday 9-5, Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-1

STORY TIME FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN IS STILL 10.15-10.45 (School term time)

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL WELCOMED, CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS A WEEK?.

PLEASE DROP INTO THE LIBRARY ANY TIME AND VISIT US.

### PARISH GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

**Help we can give: Transport to the Doctors, Hospital, Dentists, opticians, Collection of prescriptions. Help with getting out of the house in bad weather and Shopping in the case of illness**

#### VOLUNTEERS

##### GIBRALTAR:

Barbara Green 748 529

##### UPTON:

Jo & David Troup 747 735  
Chloe Lambert 748 221

##### DINTON:

Lorraine Gooch 747 655  
Carol Lynch 748 392  
Honor Vane 748177  
Valma Thompson 748 561

Sylvia Eaton 748 537  
Keith Mitchell 747018  
Helen Wild 748 679  
Stella Young 748 771

##### FORD:

Marilyn Pipe 747 336  
Chris Hargraves 748 205  
Phil Nuckley 747 117  
Mary Hobden 748 476

**Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild**