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CHRISTMAS ISSUE 2013

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year



Dinton Carol Singing Christmas Eve

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). 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.



Best Kept Village Competition 2014

The parish council are considering entering the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition for 2014 and we are interested in your views before we enter.

The competition is judged in several categories which depend on the population size of the village.

The awards are made for the best kept villages, not beautiful villages. Good maintenance and evidence of community effort are what the judges are looking for.

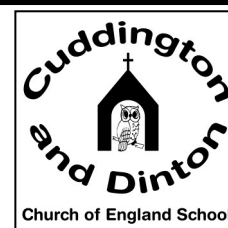
The competition is usually judged in June. The entrance fee is £12.

We think that our village is not only well kept but beautiful as well!

To make comments, suggestions or offers of help, please contact Giles Kidner at gileskidner@dinton.org or 01296 747880

School News September 2013

Cuddington and Dinton CE School are the proud winners of the Aylesbury Vale District Council 2013 Award for Outstanding Design.



On Wednesday 27th November the school was awarded this prestigious accolade at a ceremony at the council's Gateway offices in Aylesbury. Many thanks to everyone who has supported the redevelopment of the Junior Site in Dinton.

As we reach the end of another busy and exciting term for our school, the children and staff are looking forward to the Christmas break. November and December have been packed full of fun activities and opportunities to learn.

Years 1 and 2 have visited Warwick Castle, Years 3 and 4 Whipsnade Zoo and Years 5 and 6 were lucky enough to visit Harry Potter World at the Warner Brothers Studio.

Infant and Junior children worked with several other primary schools in the area to create an amazing Dr Who themed exhibition at the Junior Site. There were fantastic creations including monsters, sonic screwdrivers, mini tardis models and a magnificent Dalek which looked just as good as the original Dalek model which was kindly loaned to the school. The junior ensemble opened the exhibition with a rendition of the Dr Who theme tune.

The school has once again taken part in Operation Christmas Child by donating 52 shoeboxes full of gifts for disadvantaged children abroad. Children in Need day was also extremely well supported. The children all dressed up and enjoyed a special Pudsey lunch in return for donations to the appeal. Together we raised over £370.

The Infant Christmas performance took place on 10th and 11th December and the Junior Carol Service in Dinton Church will be on 18th December at 7pm. You are welcome to attend the Carol Service. The whole school will be attending the Pantomime at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre on 19th December and the last day of term is Friday 20th December.



Dinton Village Hall

The Dinton Village Hall continues to be regularly booked during the week and quite often for parties at the weekend.

We are having the interior of the hall painted during the Christmas Holidays and we also plan to replace the very old stage curtains. Depending on the estimate we may also consider replacing the window curtains with the same material but on more robust curtain track this time. Depending on the costs of this work we may also consider replacing the very weary looking stage carpet!

The hall continues to be a community centre for the Parish and is well worth investing in keeping it well maintained.

Sylvia Eaton
Chairman, Dinton Village Hall Maintenance committee.





DINTON CRICKET CLUB

The Annual General Meeting was held at the club on 11th November. Peter Ludlow was elected Chairman of the club for 2014. Johnny Morgan has stepped down after several years as chairman, in which the club has achieved an enormous amount, both on and off the field.

Work will soon start on the Sport England refurbishment of the club house changing and shower facilities, which should be ready for the new season in 2014. Our local M.P, and House of Commons Speaker, John Bercow has agreed to carry out an official opening.

During the closed season the cricket stops but there is a Friday night darts team at the club, if you are interested in playing, please contact Malcolm Ripley on 01296 747319
Junior indoor cricket net practice will be starting in January at Waddesdon School. These are held at 6.00 p.m on Thursday nights.

We are nearly halfway to our total fundraising target for our badly needed new practice nets at the Dinton ground. If anyone is interested in playing, helping at the club or fundraising please contact Giles Kidner on 747880 or secretary@dintoncc.co.uk

WINTER WARMTH

Cold weather can bring on illness, especially if you have an existing health condition. We can advise you on how to keep warm over winter while keeping your bills down.

Call 0800 1070044 - 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday for free and impartial advice .

The helpline is run by the United Sustainable Energy Agency in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council, Buckinghamshire District Councils, and Buckinghamshire Primary Care Trust.



Wind Turbine Appeal

Planning Reference: (ref;12/01806/APP)

It has been announced that the appeal against AVDC's decision to refuse planning for a single wind turbine is now to be heard at a full open Public Inquiry by a planning Inspector. This is the result of pressure behind the scenes for this format.

Once heard the Inspector will make a recommendation to Mr.Eric Pickles,Minster for Communities and Local Government, who will then make a final decision.
The Inquiry will probably be in Aylesbury, starting on 22nd September 2014 over 3 days.
As many people as possible are encouraged to attend to show the strength of local feeling. There will be full legal representation for our case. We hope that the costs of the expert opinions and legal representatives will in part be met by the community and several exciting fund raising events will be held in 2014.

We hope you will support those events when details are circulated.

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Ruth Chelmick - 01296 747381

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Parish Good Neighbours Scheme

Jo Troup - 01296 727735

Helen Wild - 01296 748629

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

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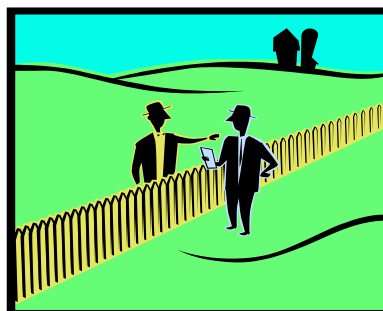
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DINTON PARISH FETE 2013

Well, where has the last year gone. Time to start thinking about next year's fete! One of the things we must organise is a group of 4 or 6 people to take on the responsibility of assembling the pop-up gazebos before the stalls can be set up. Please think about volunteering to spare a couple of hours on the Monday morning. It takes 4 people to put up a gazebo and not necessarily strength, but co-ordination. If you could spare the time I would love to hear from you. The other thing that was high- lighted, was the need for several people to organise the car parking. Cars start arriving about 12.30 so it is necessary to be ready to direct them to lines of parking and not leave them to just stop their cars where they want. So we really need at least 3 people and one to take the lead, from 12.30 to about 3.30. If you fancy yourself wearing a HiVis jacket directing the traffic – PLEASE let me know.



Now, to this year's highly successful fete. Despite the rain on the Sunday, weren't we lucky with the weather. The feedback I got from new and old customers, was that it was one of the best fetes for a long time. The Hurricane fly past was the icing on the cake after Tony Hadley's delightful opening of the fete. His help in so many ways on the day was very much appreciated.

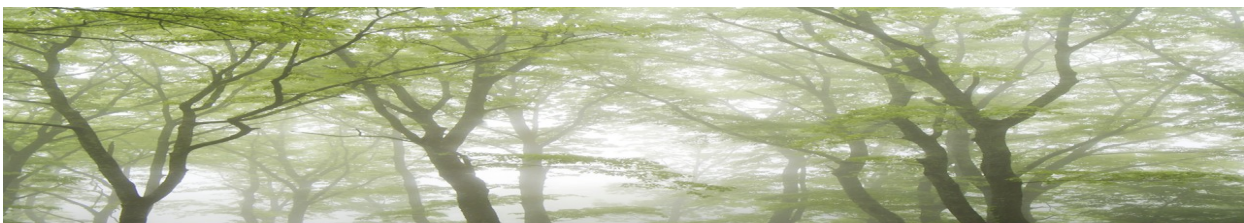
Total grants of £8,450 were made to the following organisations and groups:

Village Hall	£3,000	Church	3,000
School	£1,500	Flowers	£300
Guides	150	Beavers	£100
Home Farm Trust	£100	R.A.F.	£300

The inter-village races were yet again won by Dinton. Come on Ford – get organised for next year!

Finally I would like to thank the Committee for all their hard work beforehand and on the day. Particularly the two Davids who spend time before the day putting out signs and then collecting them afterwards. Looking forward to seeing you all next August!

Sylvia Eaton – Chairman of Dinton Fete Committee.



Chris Robinson's Tree

It is just over two years since Chris Robinson passed away. Without his tireless enthusiasm, energy and vision a large number of facilities and events we enjoy today would not happen.

The Picnic dance, Firework Night and the use of the marquee to name but a few. The Parish Council have agreed for the 'Marquee boys' to buy and plant a tree, in his memory, on the Parish field. The tree will be a Wellingtonia and should grow to a height of 100 ft although that will take at least 100 years..... I'm sure Chris would say 'triffic!'.

It will be a long lasting tribute to a man who is sorely missed.



MVAS

Update from Jon Horn
Chairman of the Ford Village Society
Traffic Subcommittee



We continue to liaise with SWARCO, the manufacturer/supplier of the Moveable Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) who use Ford as a 'testbench'.

By agreeing to act in this way Ford receive free support/maintenance for the MVAS unit and, additionally, recently received a new (updated) version of the MVAS also at no cost. The new unit, which has improved software and internal electronics is considerably lighter and easier to manage than its predecessor. We still have a few 'teething troubles' with the new unit but these will be ironed out soon.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the volunteers for their ongoing work and support during the past year. I
If anyone in Ford would like to join the MVAS team please contact either Jon Horn or Colin Minton.

HADDENHAM LIBRARY

Have you visited Haddenham Community Library recently? We are a friendly, warm, helpful Library run by two members of staff and 45 volunteers, so there is always someone on hand to help you to find what you are looking for or maybe something new? We have daily newspapers as well as the local paper weekly, cards for all occasions and reading glasses.

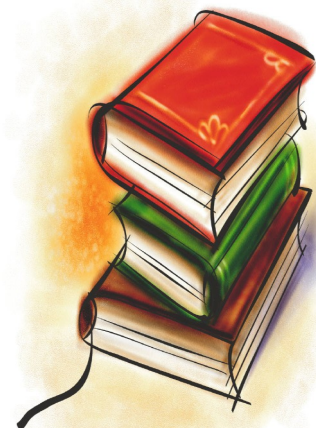
Our children's Library is lovely and inviting with comfy children's armchairs and a new den and tunnel to hide in to read a few books. Story time sessions are every Tuesday morning at 10.15am.

The adult area is full of interesting reads and dvds to borrow, we have a large non fiction section with a vast cookery, craft, travel and biography section, a fantastic local history area, a new teens section, large print books, spoken word and a huge fiction area. There is also a very popular knit and natter group at on a Tuesday morning,

a games club on Thursday afternoons, as well as many other events such as author events, computer taster sessions and gadget days. Coming up in the new year is a course on ancestry, an RSPB talk, and the Geology of Haddenham presentation to name just a few. Membership is free, pop in to see us, you'd be most welcome.

We are open Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9-5, Saturday 9.30-1.

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Medical Centre Closure - Haddenham

The Centre in Haddenham will be closed 15th January & 12th February for training.