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Public Inquiry Wind Turbine Appeal

It was originally intended by the Planning Inspectorate to hear the appeal on 23rd September. The appellant has asked for postponement for three months, which has been agreed by the Planning Inspectorate. The new date for the hearing has yet to be arranged.

We will keep you informed of any further development.

Contact: Martin Usherwood, 01296 748129



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 9th November, 2014

Stone War Memorial 10:00 am

Bishopstone War Memorial 10:25 am

Stone Church 10:55 am

Dinton War Memorial 12:15 pm

Ford War Memorial 12:35 pm



AYLESBURY VALE BURIAL MEADOW

A Burial Meadow has now opened at Meadle, Bucks. For further details contact the custodian, Sally on 07736526941 or look at www.aylesburynaturalburials.co.uk Tel:01600716438



Wind Turbine Planning Appeal: A Sundown drinks party to raise awareness for the appeal and to help with legal costs will be held on Saturday 20th September 2014, 6.30 to 8.30pm at Waldridge Manor. Tickets £15 from 07960 991130. Donations sent to Rosemary Barlow at Waldridge Manor will be appreciated.

School News



What an amazing year. Our Year 6 students have moved on, ready to start Secondary School in September. Destinations include Waddesdon, Lord William's, Aylesbury Grammar School, Aylesbury High School, The Misbourne, Princes Risborough School and Rye St Antony. We wish them well. Their final term was filled with a mixture of excitement, activity and emotion as they took part in; taster days in their new schools, a leavers' assembly for the whole school as well as Year 6 parents and a performance for parents which prompted laughter as well as a few

tears. One of the highlights of the moving on process was a joint visit to Oxford Cathedral with other Year 6 pupils. The children participated in workshops, discussed the meaning of love and made crosses which were later displayed in the Cathedral. The highlight of the day was an uplifting service conducted by Bishop John when Cuddington and Dinton CE School pupils were lucky enough to sit in the choir stalls. Mrs Price was on her best behaviour as she sat next to the Bishop.

The Year 6 test results (SATS) were the best ever, with all our pupils achieving at least the levels expected, with many exceeding their targets. In all cases – reading, writing and maths - the school results were above national average. The staff and governors are extremely proud of the pupils' achievements, they have worked hard and deserve their success.

Dinton residents may have noticed the new trim trail equipment which has been installed on the school field. This equipment has been paid for using the funds originally raised for the changing block. We feel it is an appropriate way to use the funds as it helps enrich the children's outdoor play and physical activity. Needless to say the equipment is intended for pupils of the school to use during school hours and while supervised by school staff.

Other activities in July have included a sports event with other partner schools at Haddenham St Mary's infant school, a visit from the Life Education Bus to the junior site and a year 3 and 4 visit to St Albans to round off their topic of 'The Romans'.

The Infants experienced a Beach Day in July and had lots of fun as well as getting very wet. Juniors have also had the opportunity to develop their cycling skills with Bikeability courses.

Finally we are very excited that the next phase of building works will be undertaken over the summer at the infant site. This will involve widening the corridor, moving the office, installing a new front door and opening up the front entrance to make it more welcoming and user friendly.

We look forward to the new academic year in September when we expect the school to be almost full. At the moment there are only 3 places available throughout the school, with Foundation year full.

BROADBAND UPDATE

BT have now revised the expected date for the Stone Exchange to be updated to fibre optic (FTTC) to September 2014 (from 30 June 2014). I am not sure whether they just roll the dates back a quarter if they miss their targets or whether we really have to wait to September now!

The more encouraging bit is the document below promises an uplift 44.7 which would mean most of us getting at least 90mbps download speed. I will believe it when I see it!

More importantly today BT are actually laying the fibre between some cabinets on the A418 including cabinet 3 at the end New Road.

RED CROSS TRANSPORT & ESCORT

Can you spare a few hours to make a difference to someone?

The Red Cross are looking for volunteer drivers to help take to essential appointments. Using your own vehicle (expenses reimbursed) you will take people to medical appointments.

If you would like to find out more information or book transport, please call the British Red Cross on 0845 0703752.





BUCKS BEST KEPT VILLAGE

We didn't win, but we did receive a total of 87 marks out of a possible 100 and have been awarded a certificate of merit. The comments of the Judges were also very positive. The winners of our section were Fulmer and they were also awarded the Sword of Excellence for achieving the highest overall mark for all the nine, different village and town sections in the competition. As this was our first year of entering, we should be pleased with this result. Particular thanks to all those that have helped keep the village so tidy. Special thanks to David Hobden and Jon

Horn for their grass cutting work and for getting mentioned specifically by the Judges!

CARE QUALITY COMMISSION—Call for Evidence

The Care Quality Commission will be inspecting the South Central Ambulance Service from 8th September, 2014. The service covers Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hampshire and Oxfordshire. The inspection will look at care for people who are in life threatening circumstances using emergency vehicles and those using patient transport.

If you have used the ambulance service, the commission is interested to hear your experience. Please contact them on hospitalinspections@cqc.org.uk or telephone 03000 616161.



HADDENHAM HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

Dear PPG Members and Mail List Members

This is to remind you that the Electronic Prescription Service is now in operation and that your prescriptions and repeat prescriptions can be transmitted directly from the Haddenham Medical Centre to a pharmacy of your choice.

It is necessary for patients to register with the pharmacy of their choice that it is their wish for prescriptions to be sent electronically from the Medical Centre.

To date only 17% of HMC patients have issued instructions to a pharmacy for this process. Could you please seriously consider registration with a pharmacy if you have not already done so and also urge other patients to do so.

It is hoped that use of this system will speed up the process of prescription availability and eliminate the possibility of mislaid prescriptions between practice and chemist - Yes it happens sometimes! Best regards

Barry & Keith - Haddenham PPG

BEREAVEMENT

Jim Cumberpatch previously of the Green, Westlington, Dinton Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.



DINTON PARISH FETE

It wasn't so much singing in the rain on Monday as soaking in the rain! The three or four hundred people who did brave the elements seemed to enjoy themselves. We had the forethought to move equipment and set up the gazebos in the dry on Sunday. The Bletchington Silver band played excellently despite being dripped on. The Dinton based choir SING entertained in the tea tent and encouraged tea drinkers to join in. The two marquees provided much needed shelter. Even though there weren't so many children present, Kathy Ghouse encouraged a good number to take part in the obstacle races. Unfortunately the wet grass was too dangerous to run the wheelbarrow races and tug of war. The two village teams will have another year to train for next year's battle. The Dakota fly past didn't make it due to bad visibility, but as the remaining Battle of Britain aircraft are so valuable it is quite understandable. Because of the weather, the takings will be well down this year but everyone did their very best to minimise wastage and loss. On behalf of the Fete Committee may I say a "massive Thank You" to all the lovely people who helped the setting up on Sunday and even more the folk who cleared as much equipment as possible when we closed. They had to endure pouring rain and very soggy equipment. We will be holding our Fete Celebration evening on Tuesday 21st October in Dinton Village hall at 8 p.m. Come and join us for a drink and find out how much (or little) of a celebration it is this year! Finally "thank you" to the Committee for their loyalty and commitment for so many months of the year.

HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Haddenham Community welcomes all parishioners to the library to join in its community events: TERM TIME Tuesday mornings 9.15 - 9.45 Pre-School Story Time

Every Tuesday Morning 10am-12pm Knit and Natter: just turn up with a coffee mug and your knitting. Every Thursday Morning 10am – 12am Spinning: just turn up with a coffee mug and your spinning We have free wifi, a free hour of computing and you can buy scanning and photocopying. We sell cards for all occasions and reading glasses. The library also holds regular computer training sessions and help with gadgets. Why not call in to book a slot. A range of daily newspapers are available for reading and you can also borrow magazines.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Friday 17th October 3pm. Jenny Rake with launch her book 'Forgetting Mr Nice-Guy' at 3pm. Other events are regularly advertised in Chloe's column in the Bucks Herald and on Mix '96.

OPENING HOURS: MONDAY: CLOSED, TUESDAY: 9.00AM - 5.00PM,

WEDNESDAY: CLOSED, THURSDAY: 9.00AM - 5:00PM, FRIDAY: 9:30AM - 5.00PM,

SATURDAY: 9.30AM – 1.00PM, SUNDAY: CLOSED.

www.facebook.com/hadcomlibrary www.buckscc.gov.uk/libraries Tel: 0845 230 3232

Haddenham Community Library Annual Meeting - Tuesday 28th October, 7pm at the library. All are welcome to hear over a glass of wine how their community library is developing.



DINTON CRICKET CLUB

John Bercow M.P and speaker of the House of Commons opened the new changing rooms on 7th June. The new practice nets have also now been completed and getting good use by players of all ages. In July 70 boys and girls attended the Dinton CC academy week the weather was perfect and the week was extremely successful.

Unfortunately we fell at the semi-final stage in the National Village Knockout competition for the second year running. As South East England champions, Dinton were beaten by Little and Great Tew, the South West champions. The final is held at Lords on 7th September. The end of season dinner and dance will be held at the Bottle and Glass on October 4th. Tickets are available from Ted Biggs,

tedbiggs24@hotmail.com the price of a ticket is £35. Though the cricket season is now finishing, the darts season is starting so if you are interested in playing darts at the cricket club on Friday nights then please call Malcolm Ripley on 01296 747319. Details of all our events and fixtures are on our website: http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/dinton or contact secretary@dintoncc.co.uk

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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

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Barbara Green 748529

FORD:

Marilyn Pipe 747336 Phil Nuckley 747117 Mary Hobden 748476

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Jo & David Troup 747735 Chloe Lambert 748221

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Larraine Gooch 747655 Sylvia Eaton 748537
Carol Lynch 748392 Keith Mitchell 747018
Honor Vane 748177 Helen Wild 748679
Valma Thompson 748561 Stella Young 748771

Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild

Useful Numbers

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Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

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

Church Wardens

Raymond Medhurst - 07793 541456

Jean Moore - 01296 748063

Churchyard Working Party

Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679

Cuddington & Dinton School

01844 291206

cuddingtonoffice@cds.bucks.sch.uk

Dinton Cricket Club

Jonathan Morgan—07843 265962

Haddenham Health Club

0844 477 8575

Girl Guides (Sue Napier)

01296 748554

Ist Stone Brownies

01296 655692

Marquee Hire (Alan Weston)

01296 748287

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 747735 Helen Wild - 01296 748629

COURIER & OTHER SCAMS! POLICE WARNING

- The victim receives an unsolicited telephone call from the fraudsters claiming to be their bank (or in some cases the police), stating that their systems have spotted a fraudulent payment on their card or that their card is due to expire and needs to be replaced.
- The person may be asked to ring the bank back using the phone number printed on the back of their bank card. This helps to convince the person that the call is genuine. However, the fraudster has kept the telephone line open so even though the person has called the bank, the call does not go through. Instead they are unknowingly connected straight back to the fraudster.
- The fraudster gains the person's trust by pretending to offer assistance. In many cases the person is asked to provide their full bank card details and key in their PIN so that the existing card can be cancelled and their new one activated or authorised. The fraudster will then explain that the bank will need to collect the card.
- The fraudster will then attend the person's address or send an innocent courier company driver to collect the card and sometimes provide them with a replacement card which is subsequently found to be fake. Therefore, the fraudster has obtained the person's name, address, full bank details, their card(s) and the PIN(s). The bank cards are then used fraudulently.

There are a number of variations to the scam, including:

• Fraudsters pretending to be the police and cold calling telling them that their bank account has been compromised. They suggest that the person should transfer their bank balance to a 'safe' police bank account. Fraudsters pretending to be from the police attend people's addresses and retrieve the person's card and PIN

Members of the public receiving letters on bank headed paper informing them that their account has been subject to fraud. The letter advises them to transfer their funds to a 'safe' account and that an official will be in contact to provide them with a new card and PIN. Fraudsters contacting members of the public requesting them to cut their cards in half because their account has been compromised. They are then asked to post their cut card to an address where fraudsters simply tape the card together again and use the details to commit fraud.

Police advice is that if you receive such a call, end it immediately. If you are aware of any elderly or vulnerable family members, friends or neighbours, that may not have received this message, please let them know about the scam as soon as possible to help prevent further victims falling prey to this offence. Your bank will never attend your home. Your bank and / or the police will never collect your bank card. Your bank and / or police will never ask for your PIN.

If you receive this type of call, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. In an emergency, dial 999 immediately.

Dinton Village Hall

The hall continues to be used regularly by the community. However, we realised there was a problem with rising damp and a specialist firm discovered that the original slate damp course had deteriorated and the brickwork all round the building was very damp despite the dry weather at the time.

We felt we had to get it remedied straight away so employed the company to drill and inject right round the building where the damp course would have been. It cost £3,500 but hopefully the rising tide of mildew will now stop. David Rutterford has made a splendid job renovating the village hall notice board. Our sincere thanks to him. In order to raise some much needed funds we are planning another Quiz Night on Saturday 18th October at 8 p.m. The cost is £5 per head as usual and bring your own drinks and 'nibbles'. If you would like to book a table of up to 8 people or make up the numbers on smaller teams you will be very welcome. Ring Sylvia on 01296 748537 if you are able to come.



BONFIRE NIGHT—Dinton Parish Field

The annual bonfire night and fireworks will be held on the parish field on Saturday, 8th November, 2014. Bonfire will be lit at 6.00 pm and fireworks from 6.30 pm There will be a bar and food in the marquee.