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PARISH NEWSLETTER OF DINTON with FORD & UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS ISSUE 2014

Merry Christmas & 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 in pub. All proceeds will go to the Florence Nightingale Hospice. Volunteers needed for collections.– please contact Trevor or Sara on 748055.

Wind Turbine Appeal Public Inquiry

The date for the inquiry to start is Tuesday 13th January, 2015 lasting up to 6 days.

It will be held at Aylesbury Vale District Council offices in The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury.

We would encourage a good attendance from parishioners to demonstrate the level of our opposition to the planned wind turbine at Ford. Should you wish to speak at the inquiry please could you let the Parish Council know by contacting Cllr Martin Usherwood on 01296 748129.



Merry Christmas



School News September 2014



The autumn and winter term at Cuddington and Dinton School has been busier than ever with so much going on for both infants and juniors. Mrs Price has been absent for a few weeks undergoing significant surgery but she has started a phased return to work and has already dropped in on a number of occasions. She is especially looking forward to the Infant Nativity Performance and the Junior Carol Service. Mr Tomson has confidently led the team while Mrs Price has been away and has done a magnificent job as Acting Headteacher.

The children participated enthusiastically in fund raising for Children in Need on November 14th and raised a grand total of £360 They have also filled 63 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. These gifts are destined for Eastern Europe. In addition to this the children have raised £183 for 'savetheelephants.org' and significant sums for Water Aid and Tigglywinkles in recent months.

The Autumn term has been especially busy on the sporting front with success on the football pitch and also with cross country. The school continues to build strong links with local schools. There have been Mandeville Sports Partnership events as well as Haddenham Area Schools Partnership activities with sports such as boccia boules, hockey and frisbee.

The whole school will be attending Cinderella, the pantomime on 18th December at the Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury – this annual event is thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Junior Carol Service will take place in Dinton Church at 7pm on 17th December and all are welcome. Mrs Baker is putting together a combined staff and pupil orchestra and a staff choir for the occasion. School holidays begin on Friday 19th December at lunchtime, returning on 6th January 2015. From January the school will be sourcing hot meals from Haddenham St Mary's brand-new kitchen. The meals will be cooked on their site each morning, using locally sourced produce wherever possible. This is an exciting new venture and we are confident that the children will enjoy the food. Parents have had an opportunity to learn more about the plans from the Headteacher. Looking ahead to next year, we are very excited about the fact that on 11th March 2015 our school choir will be performing at Wembley Arena along with thousands of other singers from schools around the country in the Voice in a Million event. Mrs Baker and the choir are already busy learning the songs and it promises to be a brilliant night.



Dinton Village Hall

The hall continues to be used regularly by the pre-school and various clubs, as well as parties and fund raising events.

However, we realised that there was a problem with rising damp and a specialist firm investigated and 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 held another Quiz Night on Saturday 18th October at 8 p.m. The cost was £5 per head as usual with your own drinks and 'nibbles'. We had a good turn out and together with the raffle managed to make £330. Everyone seemed to enjoy the sometimes difficult questions that Alan Weston raised. We hope to have another quiz next Spring.



Sylvia Eaton—Chairman, Dinton Village Hall Committee



THE RIVER THAME CATCHMENT

At a recent Haddenham & Long Crendon Local Area Forum the Parish Council was informed that the river Thame is not in 'Good' status and work was now progressing to monitor water quality and identify sources of pollution.

Volunteers are needed to help with water quality monitoring involving:

Bi-weekly or monthly sampling in local area
Quick kits test for phosphate and nitrate

Free instruction and free kits.

Interested? Contact Andrew Callender of River Thame Conservation Trust on 07795 440488 or email andrewcallender808@gmail.com or Doug Kennedy on 07901711333 or email doug@doug-kennedy.com

PARISH FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE FUNDRAISING EVENT

TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOSPICE.

A complete sell out of tickets enabled the wonderful total of over £2000 to be donated to the Florence Nightingale Hospice to celebrate its 25 year anniversary. Thanks go to Sally Clark, who so kindly gave her time to demonstrate how to make Christmas floral Decorations and to Barbara Lucas, a founder member of the hospice, who gave a talk on the origins of the Hospice and its work today. Thanks also to the parish team of Lorraine Gooch; Angela Rainbow, Patricia Withers, Chantal Heath, Claire Taylor, Andrea Smith, Jenny Bunsell, Venetia Cosier, Honor Vane and Gwen Lee who worked so hard for the event and also to all of those people who donated cakes for the wonderful tea, served on antique cake stands, kindly provided by Sally Morris.

The Hospice needs £600.000 a year to carry on its work which includes supporting:

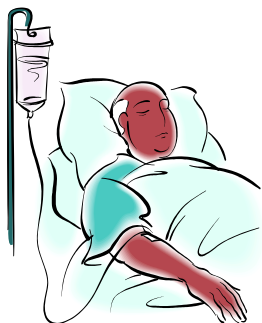
Florries Children's Team
Lymphoedema Clinic
Day Hospice
Nightingale 24/7 Team;
Part-funding of a Specialist Community Palliative Care Nursing Team
Volunteers
In-Patient Bank Nurses
Discharge Liaison Nurse

Well done to all who supported the Anniversary Celebration and continue to support this fantastic Charity.



COULD YOU BE A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Parish Councillor elections will take place on 7th May 2015. If you would like further information about applying for our parish please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council: Mr Keith Gray (see details on back page).



Haddenham Patient Participation Group

The Haddenham PPG has started a "200 Club" monthly draw for Cash Prizes. The cost is £25 for a year's subscription with monthly prizes of £50, £25 and £10. The aim of the Club is to purchase much needed equipment for the Haddenham Medical Centre which is not available from NHS funding.

The first target is to buy a Doppler machine for checking circulation in the arms and legs so as to identify Peripheral Arterial Disease. To join please contact Lesley Coles. Tel: 07711832898. Email: lesleycoles.uk@googlemail.com

It is not necessary to be a patient at Haddenham Medical Centre to join but you must be over 18!

For more information about the PPG go to www.dinton.info. If you are a patient at the Haddenham Medical Centre and are interested in joining the group contact Barry Lynch Tel: 01296 748392

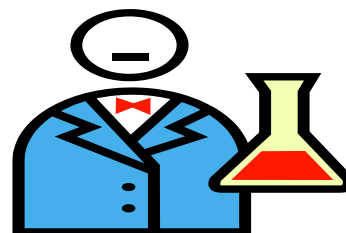
Email: barrylynch@dinton.info

HADDENHAM COMMUNITY CAR PROJECT

Dr Hugh Stradling is trying to acquire a vehicle for transporting disabled people. If you would find this a useful vehicle to use because of your needs please let Dr. Stradling know by writing to him at 27b, The Gables, Haddenham, HP17 8AD.

PHARMACY INFORMATION

Pharmacy 2U who have been leafletting the parish are not connected in anyway to JMW Vicary in Haddenham. The company are based in Leeds.



HADDENHAM LIBRARY

More than just books...

Our library is busier than ever- with not only books in physical format available but free e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines. Free Wi-Fi is available in the building along with free PC access to library members. A3 printing, photocopying and scanning facility available. Join for free now- our library cards work all across Buckinghamshire.



REGULAR (FREE) EVENTS:

Storytime; 9.15am (term time only)
Spinning Group; Thursdays 10am-12pm
Lego Club; Saturdays 10am-12pm
Computer Basics Sessions; by appointment only

Knit & Natter; Tuesdays 10am-12pm
Tablet Taster Sessions; Fridays by appointment only
Children's Craft; Saturdays 10.30am-12pm
Cops & Coffee; check in library for latest dates

Opening Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-5pm; Saturdays 9.30am-1pm

Christmas Changes to opening hours: Closing at 1pm on Tues 23rd Dec; Closed all day Thurs 25th, Fri 26th Dec and Thurs 1st Jan.

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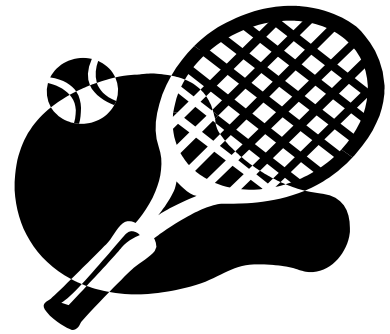
BEREAVEMENT Fred Jeffrey, formerly of Upton.
Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.



CUDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB

Cuddington Tennis Club invite you to join our friendly village club offering many advantages of a large club

- * Play in pleasant surroundings and congenial atmosphere
- 2 Floodlit courts – Year Round Tennis
- * Club House facilities with bar
- * Our own Coach for all ages & levels – Beginner to team player
- * Club nights for Adults
- * Wednesday Morning Play
- * Competitive Tennis – Aylesbury & District Leagues,
- * Ladies' & Mixed teams
- * Wimbledon Draw



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stellayoung@talktalk.net



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.

BROADBAND UPGRADE

BT have connected Cabinet 3 in Dinton which now makes Superfast broadband available to most of the village. Unfortunately, no improvement will be made to existing broadband contracts which will remain operating at unchanged speed. BT promise that the basic superfast fibre packages will give 38-40 Mbps download speed which is about 15x faster than the average current speed in the village.

To get this faster speed you need to contact your broadband Internet Service Provider. As an example, BT is offering superfast (Infinity) at £15/month with a download limit of 20Gbytes. This is sufficient for most needs unless you want to use I-Player for your main TV viewing or download many HD movies. Other ISPs may offer better deals. Services at 80Mbps are also available at higher price levels.



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Parish Magazine (Dinton)

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Police Station (Waddesdon)

PC Dean Kingham - 101

Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall

Valerie Partington - 01296 747495

Village Hall Bookings (Dinton)

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Hotline against Fly Tipping

0845 330 1856

Parish Good Neighbours Scheme

Jo Troup - 01296 747735

Helen Wild - 01296 748629

Non-emergency Ambulance: 111

RSPCA - Emergency Action 0867 73006



**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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Phil Nuckley 747117

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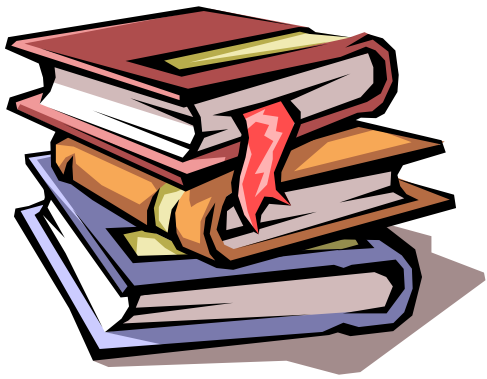
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Keith Mitchell 747018

Helen Wild 748679

Stella Young 748771

Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild



PARISH RECORD

Carole Lynch has kept the Parish Record for nearly 20 years and would now like to hand this valuable set of records over to someone else. Would you be interested?

This is a wonderful record of parish life and well worth continuing, if someone is willing to volunteer to give the time to help maintain it.

If you are interested, please contact the Clerk, Keith Gray, or any Parish Council Member (see back for details).



CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Normal day: 25th Dec: revised day Saturday 27 Dec.

Normal day: Friday 26th December: revised day Monday 29 December

Normal day Thursday 1 Jan: revised day Friday 2 Jan.

Normal day Friday 2 Jan: revised day Saturday 3rd Jan.

DIAL- A- RIDE

Aylesbury Vale Dial a Ride is an independent non-profit making organisation with charitable status providing a community transport service within the Aylesbury Vale area. The service was established in 1977 to improve the mobility of people needing the service, providing a door to door transport service for people who find it difficult to use other forms of public transport. Passengers normally comprise those who are elderly, those who are frail, physically disabled, have health problems or learning difficulties.



DIAL-A-RIDE can be contacted on:

Tel: 01296 330088

Email: enquiries@dialaride.org.uk

There is a small charge for the service.

Also, as their funding has been cut by 60% by AVDC, if you feel able to make a donation to keep this valuable service going, please telephone or email the above contacts.

DINTON PARISH FETE 2014

Well this year's fete was certainly memorable, it wasn't so much singing in the rain on Bank Holiday Monday as soaking in the rain!



Despite the conditions 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, thank goodness.

The Bletchington Silver band played excellently as usual despite being dripped on.

Then the Dinton based choir SING entertained in the tea tent and even encouraged the tea drinkers to join in. Thank goodness the two marquees provided much needed shelter.



Even though there weren't so many children present, Kathy Ghouse encouraged a good number of children to take part in the children's 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.

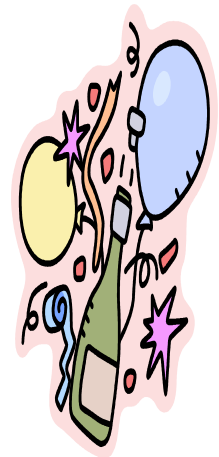
The Dakota fly past didn't make it due to bad visibility but, as the remaining Battle of Britain aircraft are so valuable, it is quite understandable. I have already applied to be included for next year's Fete with fingers firmly crossed!

Naturally, because of the weather, the takings on all the stalls were well down this year but everyone did their very best to minimise wastage and loss of the initial outlay.

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. The gazebos and marquees took a couple of weeks to dry and the soggy bunting made interesting washing on the garden line! Unfortunately the large gazebo that covered the band blew down and many of the poles were buckled beyond repair. We held a jumble sale in October to raise funds to replace it but only a few people turned up and we only made £130.

We held our Fete Celebration evening on Tuesday 21st October in Dinton Village hall at 8 p.m. A good number of people turned up to join us for a drink and find out how much (or little) of a celebration it was this year!

Amazingly we made a profit of £2,000! This was divided between Dinton Church - £500, Dinton village hall £500, Dinton Marquee fund £500, School £100, Guides £100, Beavers £50, Flower arrangers £50, Cricket club £50, Aikido £50 and a donation to R.A.F. of £100. The recipients were happy to receive their cheques and outlined what the money would be spent on.



The Dinton Parish fete is so worth while to keep the community spirit alive.

Finally "thank you" to the Committee for their loyalty and commitment for so many months of the year.

Sylvia Eaton
Chairman, Dinton Fete Committee