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## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2015

Following the encouraging result of our inaugural entry to gain "Highly Commended" in 2014 the villages of Dinton and Westlington have been entered for the Competition in June, 2015.

As the judging takes place anytime in June we need to be prepared so a litter pick was arranged to clean the village.

We hope we get a good result as a lot of work has gone into the preparation for the competition.

Contacts: Martin Usherwood 748129 and Giles Kidner 747880



## DINTON PARISH FETE

The usual preparations are in hand for this year's fete. However up to the present time we have no one to run the all important tea tent! This is such an important part of the fete and we desperately need someone, or a team to run it. Could the usual team agree to organise it between themselves this year?

I'm sure Chantal would help with guidelines. Please think about it.

The fly-past has been changed to a Dakota, but I'm sure sure it will be as welcome to the numerous fans of these delightful old planes. This year we are planning pony rides in the extension to the field, behind the hedge. Riders will be at the owner's discretion.

Keep saving broken or chipped crockery and don't forget to pot up any unwanted plants. Of course, we would be grateful for any cakes, bottles, preserves, bric-a-brac and books you are able to donate.

Please also support the raffle by selling as many tickets as possible. We look forward to welcoming you to a "dry" (weather-wise) fete this year.

*Sylvia Eaton (Chairman) Tel: 01296 748537*

# School News



May has been as busy as ever. The Junior concert has become an annual established event. This year the concert was held in the marquee on the school field and provided a magnificent showcase for the many talents of the junior children. The school ball took place on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup> May and the funds raised will go towards work on the pond next to the Junior playground. The infant children had a wonderful morning singing around Cuddington village, giving flowers to the villagers and dancing on the school playground. We were all very proud of them.

We look forward to the Junior sports day on 18<sup>th</sup> June and the Infant event on 19<sup>th</sup>. At the time of writing the weather is unseasonably wet, windy and cold so we hope for a considerable improvement by then.

The Year 6 children now know which secondary schools they will be moving on to and preparation for a smooth transition is well underway. This time of year is always greeted with mixed emotions as everyone is sorry to see them go, yet proud of their achievements and happy to witness them maturing and taking the next step in life. Year 6 pupils this year are moving on to a number of schools in Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. On 24<sup>th</sup> June, Year 6 will attend a Leavers' Service and Workshop at Christ the Servant King in High Wycombe.

The climax of the Junior year is the year 5 and 6 production which this year is based on a Shakespeare play. This will take place in the school hall on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of July and promises to be another memorable and enjoyable event.

Please take a few minutes to visit our brand new website. It is full of information about the school and our events, policies and useful documents together with lots of wonderful photographs of the children. The web address is [www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk](http://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk).

## BURMA LUNCH - Tyringham Hall

This year's lunch for the Burma Forces Welfare Association will be on Sunday 12th July in the gardens of Tyringham Hall. 300 attended last year's lunch.

The afternoon begins at 12.30pm with a pre-lunch drink of Pimms at 1.30pm.

A Burmese Curry prepared by a London based chef is served followed by Tyringham Dessert and coffee then dancing on the lawns. For £35 a ticket you can eat, drink as much as you like and dance the afternoon away.

If you would like to be included in this year's lunch phone Sherry Scott on 01844 291526 or email [philjohnsonpen@gmail.com](mailto:philjohnsonpen@gmail.com)



## WELCOME TO THE COUNCIL

At the elections on 7th May the following people were elected to the Parish Council: Martin Usherwood, Lorraine Gooch, Jon Horn & Barbara Green.

We are pleased to welcome 3 co-opted members to the Parish Council - Honor Vane, Mike Henderson and Mel Kidner. We now have a full complement of councillors.

A special "THANK YOU" to Colin Minton, John Owen and Giles Kidner who did not stand this year, but who gave their time and effort to the Parish Council over the last 4 years or more. Colin and Giles will continue to do some work with us on the Communications Strategy and Best Kept Village Competition.

## **PARISH COUNCIL — Chairman's Annual Report 2015**



It would be easy to simply repeat, with minor changes, what I said last year. However the winds of change are steadily blowing and the role of the Parish Council is altering. The effect of austerity cuts from central Government is being passed on down by County and District Councils. The closure of a polling station at Ford is one obvious example.

In trying to accommodate to these new circumstances, this last term of this Parish Council has needed vigilance, thought and effort. Achieving this has been possible because of the work of Colin Minton ( vice-Chair), Lorraine Gooch, Jon Horn, John Owen, Barbara Green, and Giles Kidner. I thus thank them profusely. Some of them will not be standing again for election in May. As ever the very able and professional advice and help of our Clerk, Keith Gray, has been much appreciated through the year. We are lucky to have his services. Our tree warden David Hobden has worked hard improving and maintaining the stock on Parish land.

Our County Councillor and District Councillors have been very supportive and active in trying to help with issues such as pothole repairs, white lining, speed restrictions, and not least planning matters. The issue of planning applications does take up a regular part of the Parish Council's time. Whilst we may give informal advice as to process we do NOT make decisions. Having considered an application we give one of three opinions : either, No objection ,or, Support with reasons, or, Object with reasons. With the planning officers recommendations an application may be heard by the Development Management Committee and we might go to speak for or against. The district planning department has suffered from manpower and reorganisation cuts and this has not helped to make our job easier. Also the lack of an overarching Aylesbury Plan has meant a need to be vigilant regarding new development sites.

This leads me on to the still outstanding issue of the Wind Turbine Planning Appeal Inquiry which finally took place in February 2015 , two years after the initial decision. We are very grateful for those who attended , spoke or displayed their support at the Inquiry: this was noted by the Inspector. We thus wait for a decision which, we are told, will be made on or before 28<sup>th</sup> July when a new Government will be in place.

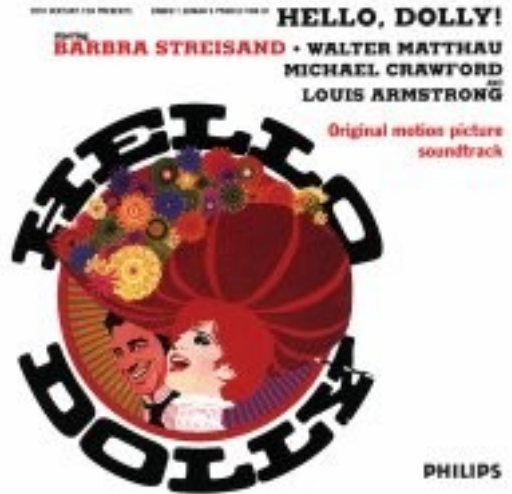
The decision to enter the Best Kept village Competition in 2014 resulted in being Highly Commended. Thus we have elected to enter again and hope to go one better. Thus the value of the recent Litter Blitz in Ford and Dinton cannot be over emphasised Thank you to all those who took part. The large piles of sacks showed how worthwhile it was. Unfortunately the A418 still is a difficulty and clearly rubbish collection by Bucks CC is not a high priority.

The Council's financial affairs are in good order due to Mike Thompson's work. We have had to increase the precept as the grant from AVDC was reduced. However we have still made several grants to local organisations. In terms of change the biggest is that from this year we have accepted a devolution of the maintenance budget from County and have entered into a partnership agreement with Aylesbury Town Council to do the roadside grass cutting and hedge cutting. . This option has been taken by many Parishes. We hope that this will work well with our own contractor to ensure good maintenance of the Parish. That development is probably the start of what I perceive to be several new initiatives of devolving down duties from County and District. Indeed it has been rumoured that social care could be considered.

We have had several working parties in the year on issues such as finance, devolved services and a communication strategy, which will make recommendations soon.

If all of this thrills or depresses you then I have to report that, at the forthcoming elections in May, there will be uncontested numbers for 5 places and thus we will need to co-opt 2 parishioners. So if you would be interested or know of someone please let me know. This is a wonderful community and will continue to thrive with your help. Finally the success of this meeting is, in no small way, achieved by Sylvia Eaton and Janet Morgan in providing the refreshments and I thank them warmly on your behalf.

Cllr Martin Usherwood (Chairman)



## Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema

Our neighbouring villagers are invited to join us for this bi-monthly treat; performances take place at The Bernard Hall, Cuddington and tea and home-made cake are served at the interval. The seats are comfortable and the welcome friendly.

Admission by ticket, which includes tea and homemade cake at the interval, £5/£4conc are available from Liz Davies 01844 299 150.

'Arthur' (99mins) starring Dudley Moore, Liza Minelli, John Gielgud on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm) **Tickets available from 1<sup>st</sup> July**

'Hello Dolly' (145mins) starring Barbara Streisand, Walter Matthau, Michael Crawford on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm) **Tickets available from 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**Parking:** To avoid problems for the school minibus, could you please park in the Playing Field car park at the end of Bernard Close. This will leave space for disabled drivers to park near to the Hall.

Drop-off for disabled passengers can be made outside the Hall before going to park.

## Sunshine Club Garden Party Fashion Show & Sale

Please join us at a Garden Party Fashion Show and Sale (at affordable prices) at Tyringham Hall, Cuddington on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm.

There will be 'summer shelter' from sun or rain!  
Tickets to include cream tea and lots of fun - £5 from Liz Davies 01844 299 150.

Proceeds to Cuddington, Chearsley & Nether Winchendon Sunshine Club



**BEREAVEMENT**  
David Butt, Dinton 17th May, 2015.

Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.



# HADDENHAM MEDICAL CENTRE

The surgery will be closed for Protected Learning Time 2015 on the following dates starting from 12.30pm onwards:

Thursday 18th June  
Tuesday 14th July  
Wednesday 9th September  
Thursday 15th October  
Wednesday 11th November

The Care Quality Commission reported the surgery to be “Good in all Categories” in its assessment carried out in February 2015.

There were a few minor issues.

The full report is on the Patient Participation Group web site.



**HELP  
WANTED**

## TRUSTEE NEEDED FOR HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A Trustee is needed for the library. Someone with experience in Communications.

You will join the Board of Trustees to help promote the work of the community library, which includes this parish in its community. If you have an interest in helping the library and have good communication skills, are IT literate and have a willingness to attend Bi-Monthly Trustee Meetings, we would love to hear from you. A full job description is available. For further information contact Lorraine Gooch on 01296 747655 or [larrainegooch@dinton.org](mailto:larrainegooch@dinton.org)

## MOBILE LIBRARY DATES 2015

**New Road, Dinton on the following dates:**

June 15th, July 13th, August 10th, September 7th, October 5th,  
November 2nd and November 30th.

**9.15am to 9.40am**



## PLAYGROUND PLAQUES

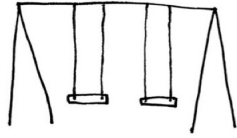
Would you like to have a plaque with your child's or grandchild's name on it in the younger children's playground in Dinton?

If yes, please contact Jon Horn (see details on back page).

They cost £12 per plaque and the money goes towards the maintenance of the playground.

It's nice to see that we are now having plaques made for the children of the children whose names were originally placed there.





don't forget to play

## CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

We would like to remind all visitors that dogs are banned from entering the children's playground. If you need to tether your dog outside, please use the posts and not the stakes that have the plaques mounted on them.

**THANK YOU!**



## AYLESBURY RAMBLERS

Hello again from Aylesbury Ramblers.

Summer is upon us and an ideal time to get out into the countryside during the 4 months, June to September.

If your Parish has an event or Fete that they would like us to attend, complete with large display boards and free walk maps, then please let us know and we will try to accommodate you.

Our website is full of information and walk guides, which is worth a look and provides details of our activities.

[WWW.AYLESBURY-RAMBLERS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.AYLESBURY-RAMBLERS.ORG.UK)

## HADDENHAM SCREEN

TUESDAY 23rd June at 7.15pm "The Theory of Everything" (15)  
with Eddie Redmayne.

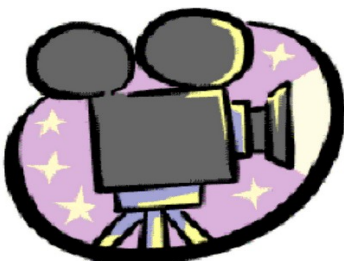
This film will be preceded by a talk by local musician Mark Chivers who played on the film's soundtrack.

The talk will commence at 7.15pm and the film will start at 8pm

**TICKETS in ADVANCE**

Haddenham Screen operates in association with Haddenham Community Library. The library provides the box office from which the film tickets and membership may be purchased in advance during the library opening hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays (am).

Profits from Haddenham Screen are given to Haddenham Community Library.



**THERE WILL BE NO FILMS DURING JULY AND AUGUST**

The Season will re-start in September.





## BLACK TIE GARDEN PARTY

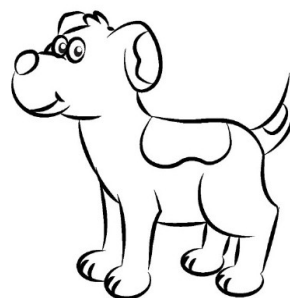
### Tyringham Hall - 17th July

On Friday 17th July there will be a "Black Tie Garden Party" again in the Gardens of Tyringham Hall, Cuddington. This garden party is to raise money for the Stoke Mandeville Scannappeal. A £50 ticket buys a pre-dinner drink, dinner and dancing. Wine can be purchased at reasonable prices. Numbers will be limited and there will be 15 round tables each seating ten people. You can buy a full table or any number of tickets. If you would like to dance until dawn, ring Sherry Scott on 01844 291526 or Gordon Rogers on 01844 208530 or email [philjohnsonpen@gmail.com](mailto:philjohnsonpen@gmail.com) or [grogers@psa-online.com](mailto:grogers@psa-online.com)

## IRRESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERS

There are a number of irresponsible dog owners who are allowing their dogs to foul the Parish Field and not cleaning up.

Please can you use the dog bins provided. The field is for the enjoyment of all residents so **please be responsible!**



## DINTON VILLAGE HALL

The hall continues to be regularly used. We unfortunately had to replace the gas boiler as the instalment of the previous one was not satisfactory and dripping water ruined the electrics. Some fund raising will be necessary to meet the costs of a new boiler.

Ruth Chelmick has planted up the window boxes which David Rutterford has kindly attached to the front of the hall. I'm sure they will be greatly appreciated by the public and the Best Kept Village judges!

**Hall Bookings: Ruth Chelmick - 01296 747381**

## DINTON CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket season is now well under way at Dinton CC and we've had a pretty good start to the season with two wins and a defeat from our first three games. This leaves us third in Home Counties Premier division 2 and optimistic about the rest of our campaign.

Stand out performers so far have been the captain Alister Gibbins, who scored an excellent 97 not out on Saturday, and new comer Saif Zaib who at only 17 years old has already scored one half century and taken 9 wickets.

You can stay up-to-date with our progress, or find out when we're next playing at home by visiting our website ([www.dintoncc.co.uk](http://www.dintoncc.co.uk)).

You'll find find scorecards and match reports from all of our games there, as well as a full fixture list.

Off the field, we have recently announced the dates for two of our most popular annual events: the Juniors Academy Week and the Grand Picnic Ball. Academy Week this year will be from 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July, and the Picnic Ball on the evening Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July. More details on both events are available either from our website ([www.dintoncc.co.uk](http://www.dintoncc.co.uk)), or by emailing us at [secretary@dintoncc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@dintoncc.co.uk).



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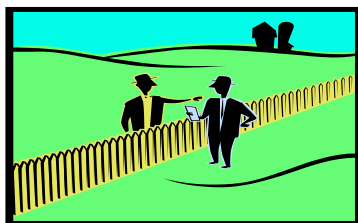
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## **PARISH GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME**

**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**

### **GIBRALTAR**

Barbara Green 748529

### **FORD:**

Marilyn Pipe 747336

Phil Nuckley 747117

Mary Hobden 748476

### **UPTON:**

Jo & David Troup 747735

Chloe Lambert 748221

### **DINTON:**

Lorraine Gooch 747655

Carol Lynch 748392

Honor Vane 748177

Valma Thompson 748561

Sylvia Eaton 748537

Keith Mitchell 747018

Helen Wild 748679

Stella Young 748771

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

## **Useful Numbers**

### **Bell Ringing Tower Captain**

Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

### **Church of England Minister**

Rev'd Peter Rich: 01296 748068

### **Church Wardens**

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Jean Moore - 01296 748063

### **Churchyard Working Party**

Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679

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### **Haddenham Health Club**

0844 477 8575

### **Girl Guides (Sue Napier)**

01296 748554

### **1st 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

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