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# THE BIGG ISSUE

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## DINTON PARISH COMMITTEE

Sylvia and the Fete Committee would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped setting up and manning stalls on such another miserable day, but also to the brave people who turned up despite the conditions. The Battle of Britain Dakota took off at RAF Coningsby but had to turn back due to low cloud and poor visibility. In the light of recent events it was a wise decision to make.

Obviously the outcome will probably be similar to last year but it is just possible we may have made a little bit more, still it is all worthwhile. Next year we are going to try running the Fete on Bank Holiday Sunday. Everyone works so hard on the two days setting up and running stalls and then putting everything away, then having to set up the next morning to go to work. By having it on the Sunday it will take the pressure off packing everything away when we are all tired and enable us to take our time on the Monday.

*Sylvia Eaton (Chairman) Tel: 01296 748537*

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Dinton scored a high mark and has been awarded a Certificate of Merit in recognition of that achievement. Well done to all those who worked really hard to achieve this standard. The marks for overall appearance are a real credit to parishioners.



**Marks gained were as follows:** Graveyard: 7/10 (due to building work going on), Playing Field: 8/10, Children's Play Area: 4/5, Areas of Nature Conservation: 4/5, Village Hall 8/10, General Environmental Features: 13/15 (hedges, verges etc), Area around Pub & Restaurant: 4/5,

Bus Shelters: 3/5, Notice Boards: 4/5, War memorial: 4/5, Community Activity: 8/9, Overall Appearance: 9/10 (Lack of litter, litter bins etc).

The judges would have liked to have seen more signage to areas such as play areas and the cricket club; something to think about for the future.

## School News

Everyone at the school is looking forward to the challenges and excitement of the new academic year. Once again, the reception class was oversubscribed and the new class of 26 pupils is made up mostly of children from within the school catchment. Other years are also full or nearly full and the future is encouraging. The Junior Site welcomes a new teacher who previously spent time there during her teaching studies. We are also delighted to have two new teaching assistants on the team. One of our teaching assistants from last year has left the school to begin training to be a secondary school teacher.

During the summer one of our parents, Mr Brogan, has been working hard managing the pond adjacent to the playground, and the spinney next to the playing field. When completed the pond area will be cleared, tidied and fenced to create a safe area for the children to investigate, explore and observe wildlife. The spinney will now be a useable space for outdoor play and education.

On the Infant Site one of the teaching assistants is now training to be a teacher while remaining in the school. We are delighted that she will be able to further her career while still working with our children. Another exciting development on the Infant Site is that the children can look forward to spending time outdoors using the new mud kitchen.

On both sites the summer break has been the ideal time, as usual, to carry out routine maintenance to classrooms so as not to disturb the children's learning during the term time. Once again the school ran a highly successful summer holiday activity club on the Junior Site. It is pleasing to see the site being used by our pupils outside the normal school day.

The school website is [www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk](http://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk). Latest news and school information can be found here.



## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015



SERVICES:	10:00 AM	STONE MEMORIAL GATE
	10:25 AM	BISHOPSTONE
	10:50 AM	DINTON
	12:15 PM	FORD



## THAMES WATER

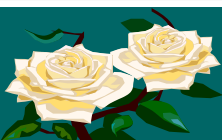
Thames Water have been visiting houses in the Parish following a number of problems with blockages to the sewerage system.

They request that:

TOILET: no toilet wipes apart from loo paper or nappies

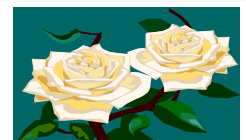
SINK AND DISHWASHER: No fat: please wipe out pans on kitchen paper and put in the waste bin. Running the fat in hot water simply means that the fat recondenses in the drain and blocks it.

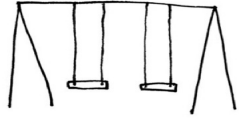
**Wind Turbine Application:** We are still waiting for a decision on the planning application for a wind turbine at Lower Waldrige Farm, Ford.



## BEREAVEMENT

Christopher Andrew Webster, Dinton 23rd June, 2015.  
Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time.





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!**

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE CHARITY SHOP

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE NEW SHOP OPENING  
SOON IN HADDENHAM**



We are looking for volunteer Shop Assistants and a volunteer Assistant Manager/Key Holder

Can you spare a few hours each week to help us?

Contact: Tracey O'Hara, Voluntary Services Manager, Florence Nightingale Hospice,  
Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mandeville Road, HP21 8AL

Telephone: 01296 332600 or email: [traceyohara@fnhospice.org.uk](mailto:traceyohara@fnhospice.org.uk)



## SUPERFAST BROADBAND in the PARISH

4 BT Cabinets connected to the Stone Exchange have been upgraded to handle Superfast Broadband. There are still 9 cabinets to the Stone exchange which have not been upgraded and users connected to them are still getting a very poor internet service.

BT and Connected Counties (the Bucks organisation responsible for allocating local broadband subsidies) are unable, at present, to give any schedule as to when the remaining cabinets will be upgraded. If you are connected to the Stone Exchange and not getting Superfast Broadband please let me know at [barrylynch@dinton.info](mailto:barrylynch@dinton.info) giving your telephone number and current speeds you are receiving (you can check this using [www.speedtest.net](http://www.speedtest.net)). I will use the information to put further pressure on Connected Counties.



## POT HOLES

**Please report all potholes to Buckinghamshire County Council**

If you consider pot holes to be dangerous or an emergency, please call Transport for Bucks on 01296 382416 (9am-5.30pm Mon-Thurs and 9am-5pm Friday) or 01296 486630 (out of hours and weekends service)

## HADDENHAM MEDICAL CENTRE

The PPG has now raised close to £6,000 from its 200 Club monthly draw and some generous donations from patients. In its continuing programme to purchase equipment for the practice, which is not available under NHS funding, it will shortly be purchasing a Dermatoscope to check skin lesions and aid diagnosis.

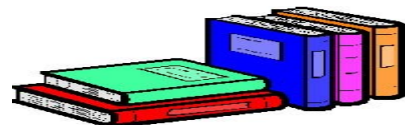
The next meeting of the PPG will be on September 16th at 7pm at the Haddenham Medical Centre.

If you are interested in receiving information from the PPG or joining the group contact either Keith Milmer ([Chairman@theppg.org](mailto:Chairman@theppg.org)) or Barry Lynch ([barrylynch@dinton.info](mailto:barrylynch@dinton.info)).



# HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

[www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk](http://www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk)



Last year the library had 38,638 visits, 30,711 books issued and 2,366 reservations placed. This Parish is part of the community being served by the library and we hope you will come along if you haven't already been or continue coming if you have.

The library has some special events running from September; do come and see us and find out more:



## **STARTING A BUSINESS RUN BY THE ROTARY CLUB: 7pm**

Sept. 23rd Basic Book keeping

Sept. 30th Profit and Loss, Balance Sheets and Cash Flow

Oct. 7th Taxation and VAT.



## **CAREER GUIDANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: 3:30pm – 4.30pm**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> for 4 weeks (CV's; Mock interviews)

## **BOOK LAUNCH: 26<sup>th</sup> September 11:00am**

Margaret Watkins "Lost and Found" Children's book

## **REGULAR ACTIVITIES**

Knit and Natter:	Tuesdays 10-12:00
Spinning:	Thursdays 10-12:00
Story Time:	Tuesdays 2:30pm (Pre-school)
Lego Club and Craft Club:	Saturdays 10:30-12:00



## **MOBILE LIBRARY DATES 2015**

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

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.

## **CONCERNS OVER LITTER BIN USE**

The Parish Council has received reports of some people filling the litter bins with household rubbish and recycling instead of using their own bins. The same bins are being filled with empty wine and spirit bottles as well as used food cans. This is causing flies and maggots in the litter bins and it is not a pleasant job for someone to empty and clear up.

The bins affected are the bus stop bins on the A418 near Gibraltar and further along the road. We are also finding empty wine bottles in the playground bins and these are filling the bins up quickly.



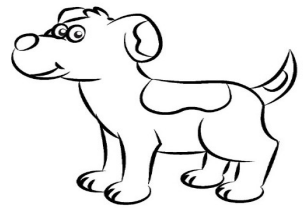
## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DEVOLVED SERVICES & PARISH MAINTENANCE

The Parish Council is now responsible for all grass cutting within the parish. We joined a cluster group with Aylesbury Town Council and their maintenance team carry out the grass cutting, any hedge cutting, as well as some general maintenance work regarding footpaths. It's all working very well and we have also maintained the services of Matt from MRA Garden Services who cuts the grass in the centre of Dinton as well as the play areas. We are also responsible for the bus shelters on the A418 as well as the Parish Field, which is enjoyed by so many people. The field is often used for parking by people getting married at the Church and this stops the local roads getting clogged up by too many cars. We also carry out a lot of work looking after the Spinney and we are grateful for the help of our volunteers.



## 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

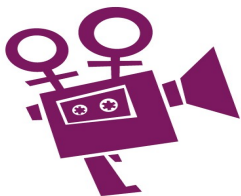
There will be a Village Hall Quiz on 17th October at 8pm. Usual cost of £5 per head, tables of up to 8 and bring your own drinks and nibbles.

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

## HADDENHAM SCREEN

### HADDENHAM SCREEN WINTER PROGRAMME: HADDENHAM YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> September	“The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel”(PG)
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	“Chinatown”(15)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> October	“The Lunchbox”(PG)
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> October	“Woman in Gold”(12)
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> November	“Testament of Youth”(12)
20 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Haddenham & District Film Festival
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> December	“Certified Copy”(12)
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> December	“Spooks: The Greater Good” (15)



Haddenham Screen shows start at 8.00pm, doors open 7.30pm

Tickets in advance:

£5.00 (£4.00 for members) from Haddenham Community Library  
or visit [www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk](http://www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk)



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## **COUNCILLORS**

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Chairman

**Lorraine Gooch**  
Vice-Chairman

**Jon Horn**

**Barbara Green**

**Mel Kidner**

**Honor Vane**

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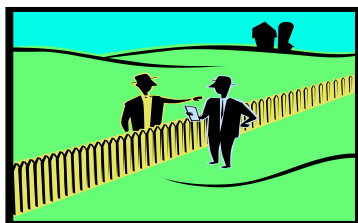
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## **PARISH GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME**

**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**

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](mailto:cuddingtonoffice@cds.bucks.sch.uk)

### **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

### **Village Hall Bookings (Dinton)**

Ruth Chelmick - 01296 747381

### **Hotline against Fly Tipping**

0845 330 1856

### **Dinton Cricket Club**

Peter Ludlow 01296 747254

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## DINTON CRICKET CLUB



With two weeks to go we're now reaching the bitter end of the 2015 Cricket season and it's hard to avoid the reality that it's been a bit of a disappointing one at Oxford Road.

After once again being crowned Bucks Champions in the National Village Cup, we fell at the next hurdle to Hertfordshire champions Langleybury in the first of the National Rounds. In the league meanwhile, we've flattered to deceive. Starting the season strongly with three wins from our first four games, we've struggled ever since and now find ourselves adrift at the bottom of the Home Counties Premier League confronting the possibility of relegation and our five year stay in the competition coming to an end.

On the bright side, the Dinton CC Junior section is bucking national trends and going from strength to strength. Youngsters are joining the club in their droves to take advantage of our facilities and coaching expertise and results have been mighty impressive. Our U9's, U10's and U11's, under the expert management of Matt Dodds and Kelvin Ripley, all successfully negotiated unbeaten seasons and, as you might imagine, won their respective age group divisions in the process. The U10's also succeeded in winning the prestigious Whitehead Cup, beating off strong competition from the biggest Cricket clubs in the area including Tring Park, High Wycombe, West Herts.

Off the field Dinton continues to move forward. In 2015 the club's committee successfully secured more sponsorship for the club than ever before and we have work scheduled to begin on a new terrace for the front of the pavilion. Despite our on-field troubles therefore, we're looking forward to 2016 and beyond with as much optimism as ever.

Lastly, we'd like to thank everyone involved with the club: players, committee, supporters and the village for their continued support and commitment. We look forward to seeing you at Oxford Road in the near future [secretary@dintoncc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@dintoncc.co.uk).

## DINTON BEER FESTIVAL

The Dinton Beer Festival Committee, comprising Dick, Steve and Terry, spent some time planning the event, with three main aims in mind i.e. to involve the community in the event to be held in the garden of the Seven Stars pub which is owned by some sixty five mainly village shareholders, to promote and publicise the pub and most importantly, to raise money for a worthy village cause. We wanted the event to be successful but also to be on a small scale. A Saturday afternoon in August was agreed upon that would not clash with other local events and we then sought out sponsors for some of the beer and cider. The Vale Brewery was most helpful in giving us advice and practical help along the way. We publicized the event in Chloe's column of the Bucks Herald, in the local news section of Swan Supping and by emailing news of the event to various databases, including Steph's customers, Diana's quiz contacts and the Vale Brewery database. Terry also advertised it on Facebook and linked it to other Facebook pages including the Haddenham Beer Festival page.

On the day we were extremely lucky with the weather, a cloudless sky and temperature in the high twenties. We had erected a beer tent which served ten different ales, three local, five from the shires and two from specialised breweries in London. We also had a Pimms and cider tent and Steph ran a separate barbecue throughout the afternoon. Thanks go to the Towersey Morris men and the band who played blue grass music, keeping the crowd entertained.

The event was a success, with about 150 people turning up and during the six hours between noon and six o'clock we managed to get rid of most of the beer, cider and Pimms. We could not have run the event without the unstinting help from so many villagers, from setting up the tents and the barrels, to selling vouchers, serving throughout the hot afternoon and then clearing up after. A special thanks must also go to The Haddenham Beer Festival who helped us with our purchase of glasses and our printing. Finally we are expecting to realise well in excess of £1000 which will go to a worthy village cause and when the final figures are known we will publish these details in The Bigg Issue. Judged on this inaugural success we anticipate the event will become a regular feature in the Dinton calendar. We are hoping to make a donation towards a community project..



## Walk Programme 15 October to January 16th

News, plans, information and participation with Aylesbury Ramblers

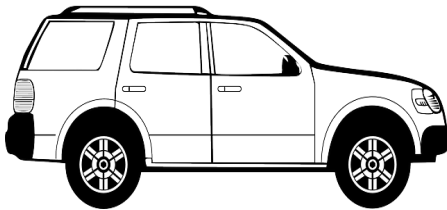
We have another great programme of walks organised from October through to the end of January next year. Guests are welcome as well as members. Thank you to all the walk leaders who do so much to take us to the best places in Bucks and thereabouts.

To keep our world unique heritage of public rights of way the best action is to walk them, with us, with other friends or in quiet solitude. We encourage this, not only by our walk programme but also by the path clearing work once a month on Tuesdays (all shown on the programme).

A study by researchers at the University of East Anglia found that walking in groups was particularly beneficial. For further information look at our website [www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk](http://www.aylesbury-ramblers.org.uk)

For a full list of the activities, please visit the website or contact:  
Stephen O'Shea at [secretary.aylesburyramblers@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.aylesburyramblers@gmail.com) .

## SPEED LIMIT REVIEW C56 Cuddington Road



The Parish Council has been working with Cuddington Parish Council and local residents to look at the speed limit on the Cuddington Road. Buckinghamshire County Council and Transport for Bucks were asked to carry out a speed review and the two parish councils and local residents will be discussing the outcome of that review.

The C56 road runs from the Dinton crossroads, on the A418, through Cuddington and Chearsley and eventually to Long Crendon. This section of the road traverses both Dinton with Ford and Upton Parish and Cuddington Parish on the stretch between the crossroads and the 30mph limit on entering Cuddington. Within Cuddington Parish, there are 10 properties accessed from the road and an additional 2 farm accesses and within Dinton 11 houses accessed from the road.

The A418 has a 50mph speed, whilst the C56 is subject only to the National Speed Limit of 60mph for a single carriageway road. The road is quite narrow but is made more dangerous by having a number of fairly sharp, blind bends. These bends are the site of frequent accidents, where cars leave the road, particularly in winter conditions. Two of the dangerous bends are rendered more dangerous by having minor roads on the apex of the bends. Additionally, the road is the preferred route for many cyclists and horse riders, who will not use the A418. Also a section of the public footpath route runs along the road.

The frequency of the vehicle activated sign, at Cuddington entrance, coming into operation, would indicate that villages are entering the village at excessive speed, even after rounding a sharp bend in the road.

The Parish Councils of Dinton with Ford and Upton and Cuddington wish to make a joint application for funding for a speed limit review of this section of road. The desired outcome would be the imposition of a 40mph limit to improve the safety of the road, and the moving out of the 30mph limit to the actual village boundary and before the bend into Cuddington village.





