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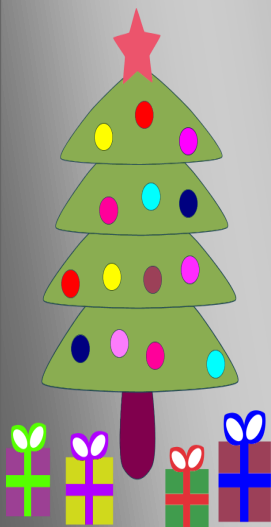
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# THE BIGG ISSUE

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF DINTON with FORD & UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS 2015



**WE WISH YOU  
A MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**



## CAROL SINGING



Join us for Christmas Eve Carol  
Singing in Dinton

Mince Pies and Mulled Wine afterwards

Meet outside the Seven Stars at 6pm

Please bring a torch

Children must be accompanied

Lasts about an hour

Proceeds to the Florence Nightingale Hospice  
Contact Debbie or Martin 748437

## CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTIONS

### Normal Collection

Friday 25 Dec  
Tuesday 29 Dec  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Thursday 31 Dec  
Friday 1 Jan

### Revised Collection

Tuesday 29 Dec  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Thursday 31 Dec  
Saturday 2 Jan  
Monday 4 Jan



**THAMES WATER - Blockages:** We apologise if anyone thought we were stating that nappies can be flushed down the toilet, only toilet paper should be flushed down the toilet. Please wipe out fat from pans on kitchen paper and put in the waste bin; running the fat in hot water means the fat recondenses in the drain and blocks it.



## School News

Once again we approach the end of another busy Autumn Term. The Christmas Holidays are just round the corner and we have packed so much excitement and learning into the time since we returned to school in September. The whole school is getting used to the new National Curriculum with new levels for assessment and a different way of measuring children's progress.

Parents were offered the chance to attend a workshop on 'Assessment Developments' at the end of November to help them understand the new system.

The value for this half-term is Trust. The children have explored the following bible passage:

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.' John 14:1.

The school has held three very successful open events for parents who are interested in applying for a place for their children in September 2016. All sessions were very well attended and we are looking forward to a healthy number of applicants. Years 1 and 2 have visited Warwick Castle and years 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to watch the thought provoking documentary 'He named me Malala' about the Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai.

A cake sale on the Junior Site raised an amazing £230 for refugees, and the money raised was donated to 'Save the Children'. A mufti day for Children in Need was well supported as ever, with everyone paying a pound for the chance to come to school dressed in clothes of their own choosing and the infants brought teddy bears to join the fun. The infant School Council also organised a cake sale and the children raised an amazing £265.65. There are numerous events taking place in the run up to Christmas, including the Infant Nativity in Cuddington on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December and the Junior Carol Service at Dinton Church on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

All residents are very welcome to join us at the Carol Service which begins at 7pm. After a well-earned rest over the Christmas holiday, the Year 6 children on the junior site are looking forward to First Aid training in January. This is an important and useful addition to their education even though it doesn't form part of the compulsory national curriculum.

If you want to keep up to date with developments at the school, have a look at the website <http://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk/> where the latest newsletters and information can be found.



### VALE OF AYLESBURY LOCAL PLAN

Aylesbury Vale District Council have been consulting on options and issues for housing in the Vale up to 2033. The document, which can be accessed via Aylesbury Vale District Council website, has potentially major implications for Dinton, Ford and Upton as sites are offered for development with up to 20 homes per village. While the consultation ended at the end of the first week in December, it is still important to make your views known to your District Councillors. The Parish Council will keep parishioners up to date with the progress of the plan and the implications for our Parish.

### WIND TURBINE APPEAL

On 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015, the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government informed us that the Appeal against refusal of the wind turbine at Ford had been turned down. This is obviously good news as the reason given was that, in line with recent Government policy, the local community were opposed to the turbine. The appellant had 6 weeks from 15<sup>th</sup> October in which to go to the High Court if he wished to challenge the decision. The Parish Council will keep residents informed of any further news on this matter.



## HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We are open over a lot of the Christmas Holidays;  
see [haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org](http://haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org) for opening hours.

### REGULAR EVENTS: COME AND JOIN US

Computer Basics: come in and book an appointment

Tablet Taster Sessions: come in and book an appointment

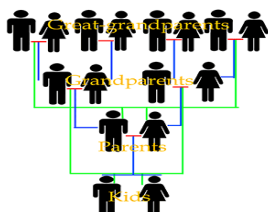
Children's crafts: Saturdays 10.30am-12pm

Knit & Natter: Tuesdays 10am – 12pm

Lego Club: Saturdays 10am – 12pm

Spinning Group: Thursdays 10am – 12pm

Storytime: Tuesdays 2.30pm



### ANCESTRY COURSE

A free course to help you trace your family tree.

14<sup>th</sup> January; 11<sup>th</sup> February

(limited places so booking advisable)

### VALE LOTTERY

Haddenham Community library and other charities have signed up to receive 50% of all Vale Lottery sales from supporters who sign up to their page. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize. To register as supporters and for the lottery visit [www.valelottery.co.uk](http://www.valelottery.co.uk)



**The Haddenham Medical Centre PPG is launching the 2016 200 Club Lottery to raise funds for additional equipment for the Medical Centre not available through NHS funding. APPLY NOW ONLINE! You can win prizes every month of 2016 with a draw of £50, £25, and £10.**



In 2015 the PPG 200 Club draw, together with some generous donations raised over £5,000 and was able to fund the purchase of 2 pieces of useful equipment. A Dopplex machine for checking circulation in the arms and legs to identify peripheral artery disease and a Dermatoscope to aid diagnosis of skin lesions.

In 2016 we are targeting to raise enough to buy the following additional equipment to improve facilities at the Medical Centre:

1. A New ECG machine
2. An Air Conditioning unit for the Minor Operations Room
3. A second TV in reception to improve information display

**We need to raise another £5,000 to fund these items. Please help us by joining PPG 200 Club 2016 or renewing your existing membership for 2016**

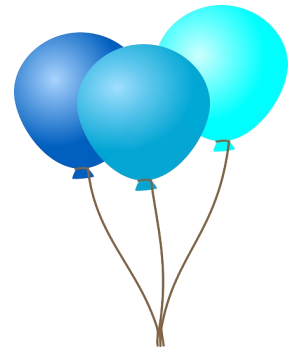
## DINTON PARISH FETE

A glass of wine was enjoyed by about 50 people at the Fete Celebration Evening in October.

Despite the second wet fete day we still managed to make a profit. We mainly have to thank the approximate 1000 brave people who turned up to support us. The raffle is always a great attraction, along with the wonderful teas displayed beautifully this year in the very attractive marquee that was purchased by the Marquee Fund boys. The section of the new marquee that covered the band looked great and they said that they had never played in such a classy tent! Thanks to the lovely pop-up gazebos we have purchased over recent years, most stalls had welcome cover. The committee are very grateful for the wonderful helpers who, yet again, battled the elements and still managed a smiling welcome.

So, despite the terrible conditions on the day we were very happy to be able to hand out cheques to representatives of:

Marquee fund - £500	Village Hall - £500
FOCDS - £200	Guides - £150
Church meeting room - £250	Cricket Club - £250
Flower arrangers - £250	Beavers - £100
Ford Village Society - £200	RAF BBM Flight - £100



Each representative explained how they intended to use the money on their various projects.

This year we had a couple of new attractions. There was a dog fancy dress competition which was well supported by enthusiastic owners who created amazing fancy dresses for their patient dogs. We also had pony rides on two lovely, patient ponies. The children really enjoyed riding and petting the two which were kindly brought along by their generous owners.

Also, despite the rain, a group of children from Aylesbury Rugby Club gave a very entertaining display of Tag Rugby. We hope to see them again.

The Battle of Britain Memorial flight Dakota did take off from RAF Conningsby but had to turn back because of low cloud. These flights are always such a welcome sight so it was a shame we missed it again because of bad weather.

As you probably know we are holding the fete on Bank Holiday SUNDAY next year. This will enable us to have a more relaxed evening, with possibly an extended fete bar-b-q and then take our time on the Monday dismantling and returning all the equipment to the sheds, before returning to work on the Tuesday. We hope it works well but we will never know if we don't try.

Finally may I say a huge Thank You to the committee members who give up their time to plan and run this very successful Parish Fete. However, we are very sad that Geoff Smith has decided to retire from running the raffle. He will be very sadly missed so we must find someone to replace him. Please think about taking it on, with Geoff's help, for next year. Please phone me if you can help.

On behalf of the committee, thanks for all the support we receive from so many people in this friendly Parish.

Sylvia Eaton, Chairman, Dinton Parish Fete.



### Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema

After a successful first year of the Matinee Cinema, Cuddington Sunshine Club will be continuing their programme in 2016, kicking off on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January with *Show Boat* starring Kathryn Grayson, Howard Keel and Ava Gardner. This 'Sunshine experience' can be recommended, especially on a cold January day! We invite you to come and enjoy your favourite musicals in a friendly atmosphere with comfortable upholstered chairs.

The tea and homemade cake served at the interval is included in the £5 (£4conc) entry.

Performances are at The Bernard Hall, Cuddington at 1.30pm with doors opening at 1pm.  
(Please park in the Playing Field Car Park in Bernard Close after dropping off your passengers)  
*Show Boat* tickets will be available from 1<sup>st</sup> January from Liz on 01844 299150.





## 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.

## HADDENHAM SCREEN

Local films showing at

**Haddenham Youth & Community Centre**

**January – March 2016 Season**



**Tuesday 12 January**

**Tuesday 26 January**

**Tuesday 9 February**

**Tuesday 23 February**

**Tuesday 8 March**

**Tuesday 22 March**

**FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD (12A)**

**WHAT WE DID ON OUR HOLIDAY (12A)**

**SUITE FRANCAISE (15)**

**MARNIE (15)**

**SELMA (12A)**

**FLIGHT OF THE RED BALLOON (PG)**

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)

## DINTON VILLAGE HALL

The Dinton village hall continues to be regularly used by several clubs and organisations. It is important that this village amenity is kept in good order and running repairs are carried out throughout the year by willing members of the committee.

The new boiler seems to be working well, although thankfully the mild Autumn has meant that we haven't had to put it to much of a test to see if the £2,500 was well spent. We were lucky to receive £500 from the fete proceeds and have just gratefully received £1,400 from the Beer Festival towards the cost of the boiler. Sincere thanks go to the gentlemen who organised the very successful event in the summer. Hopefully they will repeat the festival next year and another organisation will benefit from their generosity.

The quiz planned for October had to be cancelled. So many of our usual players were busy with other events. However, we are hoping for better luck with the quiz planned for 20th February 2016. So make a note to keep that date free, please.

Finally we would like to thank Ruth Chelmick for planting up the new window boxes so beautifully.

Sylvia Eaton, Chairman, Dinton Village Hall Management Committee.

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



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**Lorraine Gooch**

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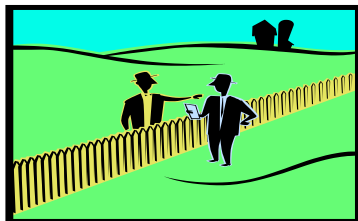
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## **PARISH GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME**

**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**

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### **Dinton Cricket Club**

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