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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

12th April - 7.30pm - Dinton Village Hall

The Parish Council warmly invites all parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 12th April, 2016. This is an opportunity to catch up with parish news. The Chairman of the Parish Council will give his annual report on what has been happening in the parish over the last 12 months. We are endeavouring to seek a guest speaker and refreshments will be provided.

PARISH LITTERBLITZ & CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Dinton, Gibraltar & Upton

A community litterblitz is being organised to take place on SATURDAY 19th MARCH. Please come along and help us "Clean for the Queen".



Meet outside Dinton Village Hall at 10am. All equipment provided but please bring your own sturdy gloves.

THIS IS PART OF THE GREAT BRITISH LITTER BLITZ TO CELEBRATE THE 90th BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH.

THANK YOU to all those parishioners in FORD who carried out their litterblitz on 5th March.



HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II 90th BIRTHDAY GRAND TEA PARTY



The Parish Council will be holding a tea party, to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, on Sunday 12th June at 3pm—Westlington Green, Dinton

**ALL PARISHIONERS,
CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN
ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE EVENT**

School News



You may have noticed a big change in the pond area next to the Junior Site on School Lane. The project has taken several years from original inspiration to design, planning, fundraising and development. The school took over the care of the pond area following the fire in 2011 and subsequent building work. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Vane for making this possible.

We could see the educational potential in having such a resource directly available to the children. Outdoor learning, the development of eco-awareness and direct access to resources for the teaching of biology was important to the school leadership team.

The first priority was to make the site safe and secure while it was developed over time. As ever it was important to follow the correct procedures and ensure the relevant permissions were in place.

The children planned and shared their ideas through the School Council. These ideas were sketched up and turned into artists impressions to help with fundraising.

The Annual School Ball raises valuable funds for the school and the event last summer focussed on fundraising for this project, as well as the outdoor learning area at the Infant Site in Cuddington.

Mr Brogan has been very active in the development of the site; consulting on the environmental aspects as well as obtaining coordinated permissions to remove dying and dangerous trees. The initial work included removing foliage and tree litter and generally clearing out the area. One side has been left to develop naturally to maintain the pond habitat as well as the existing 'bug hotel' from a previous school project.

Fencing has been relocated and enhanced to maintain a secure and safe site with gate access.

Stage one of the decking will soon be completed. This will provide a group working area large enough for a whole class to use, as well as allowing safe access to the pond. An internal fence has also been added to provide further security for the children.

The next exciting stage will involve the addition of a hide, which will provide a view of the pond for observing wildlife. There will also be extra seating in the playground. The final element will provide stepping stone access to the bug hotel and the far side of the pond. This will give the children the opportunity to explore the fascinating habitat up close.

Thanks to all who have made this possible through their hard work, creativity, generosity and vision.

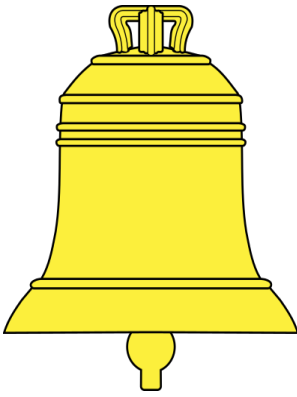
The lasting impact of the project will be to enhance the outdoor learning environment for the pupils of the school over many years.



PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT & BUDGET - 2016/17

The financial affairs of the Parish Council are based on the levels of services we provide as well as being responsible for any administrative and employment as well as other local authority work at the First Tier Level which is where parish councils sit. The County and District Councils are reducing and changing services, reorganising their work force to ensure they work within their budgets. All County

and District Council grants have been severely cut by central government and there is pressure on Dinton, with Ford & Upton Parish Council, as well as all parish councils, to take on various services and functions currently carried out by the county council. We have already taken on a number of services, previously carried out by Bucks County Council, under the "Devolved Services Agreement". We did this because if we hadn't then they would either have not continued, or would have been reduced to a lower standard. We are working in partnership with Aylesbury Town Council, who now carry out a number of services for us such as grass cutting, footpath management, hedge cutting etc. You will have noticed the extra works being carried out across the parish - this is the result of us taking control of our own parish. We now have to make provision for these new and extra responsibilities handed down to parish councils, by central government. Many parish councils across the county are raising their precepts to be able to carry out not only their current responsibilities but also to raise money to carry out their new responsibilities and also further future devolved services and functions that will, ultimately, fall onto parish councils. Our precept (budget) has been increased for the forthcoming year to cover the expected and unexpected costs.



BELLRINGERS NEEDED

Dinton's Church bells may soon fall silent, which would be a great pity because bells have rung out over Britain's towns, villages and countryside for hundreds of years.

There is nothing wrong with the bells, in fact they are in excellent condition, having had a major restoration in 2000.

The problem is that we don't have enough bell-ringers.

Our existing small group of ringers is becoming slowly depleted, partly as a result of age and infirmity. The Church has 6 bells, so we need a minimum of 6 ringers, and ideally a pool of 8 or 9.

We only have 4 regular ringers so we need new bell-ringers.

Anyone can learn to ring, male or female, from about age 13 upwards, and you do not need to be at all musical. Bell-ringing is a hugely enjoyable and rewarding pastime which can give years of pleasure once you have learnt the basics.

If you would like to see what it's all about, just come along on practice night, Thursdays at Dinton Church at 7.45pm. Please telephone me in advance on 01296 748679.

Andrew Wild, Tower Captain



NEW BENEFICE of WYCHERT VALE

The ecclesiastical Parish of Stone, Dinton and Hartwell will form, from March 2016, the new Benefice of Wychert Vale along with Haddenham, Aston Mullins, Kingsey and Cuddington and a new full-time Assistant Priest will be appointed. The new benefice will be inaugurated by the Bishop of Buckingham in Cuddington Church at 6.30pm on Sunday, 20th March, 2016

BUS PASSES

A reminder that concessionary fares passes need renewing every 5 years.

To renew your bus pass visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/travelinfo or call 01296 873011

To apply for a bus pass for the first time visit www.buckscc.gov.uk/travelinfo or call 08455 212521



PARISH MAINTENANCE

Under the Bucks County and Parish Council Devolved Services Agreement, Aylesbury Town Council maintenance team carry out various maintenance works across the parish. We are so pleased with the quality of work that the team provides for us. The grass cutting is of a higher quality and is cut regularly. All grass cutting would not be carried out to this standard if we did not take responsibility for this work in the parish. The recent work, which we are so pleased to see, is the

cleaning and maintenance of a number of our footpaths. A very **BIG THANK YOU** to Steve Webb and his colleagues on Aylesbury Town Council Maintenance Team for the excellent work they do for Dinton, Ford and Upton Parish Council. Regular maintenance work continues, which was never carried out before, under the Devolved Services Agreement. This has been a positive step for the parish.





SUNSHINE CLUB MATINEE CINEMA

The Bernard Hall, Cuddington
(doors open at 1pm - film starts at 1.30pm)

'Guys & Dolls'

Monday 21st March

starring Marlon Brando, Frank Sinatra and Jean
Simmons



'Funny Girl'

Monday 16th May

starring Barbra Streisand, Omar Sharif and Kay Medford.

Come and enjoy the big screen, with comfortable upholstered seats and delicious homemade cakes.
Although tickets may be available on the door, booking is recommended - £5 or £4 concession
(including tea and cake) from Liz on 01844 299150.



HADDENHAM COMMUNITY VEHICLE

A community vehicle has been purchased through donations which can take two wheelchairs and is available for those in this parish who have any condition that makes travel in an ordinary vehicle difficult to access. The vehicle has 20 volunteer drivers.

You do not have to be a patient of Haddenham Health Centre to use this service.
To book the vehicle, telephone Sue Brigham (Co-ordinator) on 07495 366779 or
email haddenhamcv@gmail.com

RETIREMENT OF THE REVEREND PETER RICH

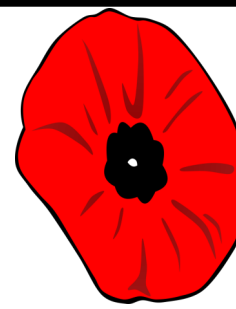
The Reverend Peter Rich retired at the end of January 2016, having taken a temporary role for 5 years as Priest in Charge of St. John the Baptist, Stone and St. Peter & St. Paul, Dinton. During the five years Peter, and his wife Angela, made a significant contribution to village life in this parish and in Stone. They will be greatly missed. Their new address will be 8 Broadmarsh Close, Grove, Wantage OX12 0NH.



POPPY APPEAL - NOVEMBER 2015

A magnificent total of £2,398 was raised from the
collections in this district.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the collections.



HADDENHAM MEDICAL CENTRE

Haddenham Medical Centre PPG has launched its 2016 200 Club Lottery. It is not too late to join for £25 and you can win prizes every month with a draw of £50, £25, and £10.

The first priority this year is to buy a new ECG machine for the Medical Centre.

It only takes only a couple of minutes to join online: www.dinton.info/ppg.php or contact Lesley Coles, 52 Stokes End, Haddenham, HP17 8DX. For further information telephone: 07711 832898 / email: lesleycoles.uk@googlemail.com



Superfast Broadband

Most of the parish phone lines are connected to the Stone BT exchange. Out of the 13 BT distribution cabinets connected to the exchange only 4 have been upgraded to superfast broadband leaving many residents with very poor broadband connection speeds. The second phase of subsidised funding to upgrade rural broadband in Buckinghamshire is being modelled by BT Openreach and the rollout plan is promised for publication in March/April.

There is no guarantee that the remaining cabinets on the Stone exchange will be included in this rollout. We have to be prepared to take action if we do not get the upgrade as it will mean that BT will not be supplying superfast broadband to the remainder of the parish in the foreseeable future. Comments to: barrylynch@dinton.info.

HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Bounce and Rhyme runs every Friday from 9.30am to 10am Term Time Only. A free and fun session of action rhymes and singing for under five year olds.

Storytime: Tuesdays at 2.30pm

Tablet Taster Sessions on Fridays, appointment based



Tel: 08452 303232

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LIBRARY



OPENING HOURS:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9am to 5pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday & Friday: 9am to 5pm, Saturday: 9.30am to 1pm, Sunday: Closed,

FOR ALL SERVICES & FACILITIES: www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk

DOG REGISTRATION ACT

For all information on the regulations, and reasons, for the dog registration act please see the Government's YOU.GOV website.

From the beginning of April 2016 all dogs over the age of 8 weeks and certified working dogs with docked tails over the age of 12 weeks must be microchipped and registered on an authorised database. Owners who do not comply will be fined, after a warning, £500.



Cuddington and Dinton C of E Primary School support Stoke Mandeville's Spinal Research fundraising campaign, *Wheels at Work*

In the week running up to half term, teachers and pupils at Cuddington and Dinton C of E primary School showed their support for Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research by taking turns to spend a day in a wheelchair, as part of the charity's *Wheels at Work* fundraising campaign. The charity's mission is to improve the quality of life for people living with spinal cord injury and the campaign gives individuals the opportunity to get a small insight into the challenges of wheelchair users.

After taking part in an interactive assembly and learning about spinal cord injury, the pupils and teachers began their *Wheels at Work* week using wheelchairs kindly provided by local specialists, Gerald Simonds who are partners in the campaign. Empathy is at the heart of this challenge, so the children gained a huge amount by taking the time to think about daily life for the 40,000 people living with spinal cord injury in the UK. They also found some creative ways to raise money on the day, such as having a mufti day, and taking home their own collection boxes for loose change.

SMSR Fundraising Manager, Charlotte Minoprio, said: "We are thrilled to see Cuddington and Dinton C of E school taking part in *Wheels at Work* again and raising money and awareness for the charity. Our research focuses on preventing and alleviating the medical complications of spinal cord injury, as well as improving the social and psychological well-being for people living with paralysis."

Deputy Head, Matt Tomson said "The children have really got behind this campaign. The lessons they learnt about disability and empathy will stay with them forever and I urge other schools to take part and get involved." To take part, please visit www.lifeafterparalysis.com/wheelsatwork or call Charlotte on 01296 315 794. Donations can be made securely online at www.justgiving.com/smsr.

Founded in 2006, **Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research** is a national charity (Reg. Charity No. 1116574) that carries out research into improving the quality of life after paralysis for the 40,000 people living with spinal cord injury in the UK today. Our aim is to enable people with paralysis to be active members of society and enjoy decades of independent life. For information on research projects, please visit our website.

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Mobility Specialists **Gerald Simonds** is generously donating its time and wheelchair loans for *Wheels at Work*, and is the key element of the logistics and success of *Wheels at Work*.

Gerald Simonds, Emily Tomson, Marketing Team Leader 01296 380239 - Emily@gerald-simonds.co.uk

Cuddington and Dinton C of E Primary School: Mr Matt Tomson (Deputy Head) Junior Site, School Lane, Dinton, HP17 8UZ
01844 291206

HADDENHAM SCREEN

Haddenham Youth & Community Centre: April - July 2016

Tuesday 12 April	THE LADY IN THE VAN (12A)
Tuesday 26 April	SUFFRAGETTE (12A)
Tuesday 10 May	BROOKLYN (12A)
Tuesday 24 May	TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD (PG)
Tuesday 14 June	BRIDGE OF SPIES (12A)
Tuesday 28 June	UNTOUCHABLE (15)
Tuesday 12 July	THE BIG SHORT (15)
Tuesday 26 July	BILL (PG) – this film starts at 7.00pm

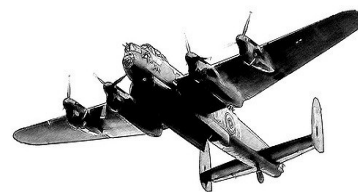


Haddenham Screen shows start at 8.00pm, doors open 7.30pm

Tickets in advance: £5.00 (£4.00 for members) from Haddenham Community Library
or visit www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk

DINTON PARISH FETE

The first meeting for this year's fete has taken place. As well as changing the day to August Bank Holiday Sunday, we are considering changing some of the usual stalls, such as no books and no bric-a-brac this year. However, we are replacing those stalls with second-hand children's clothes. Otherwise the fete will be in its usual format.



There is also a plan to carry on beyond the official close of the fete for locals to stay and enjoy a tug-of-war, bar-b-q, drinks and possibly music for as long as people want to stay on the field.

There is some very good news, John King has volunteered to take on the raffle. This is always such a huge success and vital insurance against bad weather. As unfortunately we know, having suffered bad weather for two years now but hopefully the sun will shine on us this year.

We have heard from the R.A.F. that we have been allocated a Lancaster fly-past. These fly-pasts are such a big draw for many people and hopefully, this year, the plane will be able to take off from R.A.F. Coningsby.

Don't forget to start saving broken and chipped crockery, making preserves and potting up plants, as these stalls are a great favourite every year. We look forward to seeing you all in August, hopefully in sunshine!

Sylvia Eaton, Chairman - Dinton Fete Committee.



DINTON VILLAGE HALL

The village hall continues to be used on a regular basis, which is the reason we must continue to maintain the building to our best ability. Some of the minor repairs are willingly carried out by two gentlemen on the committee. To aid the maintenance budget we held a quiz on 20th February. Unfortunately, due to his recent accident, Alan was unable to be the quiz master. However the 50 people who attended were very supportive of me on my first attempt at using the microphone and trying very hard not to give the answers out when I was reading the questions. Despite my inexperience we managed to raise £302, after expenses, which is great. The A.G.M. meeting will be held on 24th May at 8 pm in the village hall. Everyone is welcome.

Sylvia Eaton (Chairman - Dinton Village Hall Committee)

DINTON CRICKET CLUB

At this time of year most people's thoughts are probably focussed on when this winter's going to end and whether that snow they keep forecasting will ever arrive! At the Cricket Club however, our thoughts are rarely far away from Cricket and what the season has in store. Following the departure of our 1st XI Captain last year, we're pleased to have been able to recruit Adam Mould to take the reins. Adam is an experienced Cricketer and Captain at this level, having captained Bledlow Village in this division, as well as playing for Horspath at a standard a couple of divisions above. Good luck to Adam with the forthcoming season, with the full support of the club and the village behind him, we're looking forward to a successful year. Our fixture list has now been announced and is available on our website here: http://dinton.play-cricket.com/website/web_pages/68. This includes the draw for the ever popular National Village Cup, which this year sees us drawn away at Coleshill in the first round on 15th May. Senior Winter nets and training are due to begin in the next few weeks with the full details being advertised shortly, so keep an eye on the website (<http://dinton.play-cricket.com/>) or social media for updates. In the meantime, the Juniors are well into their Winter training with weekly sessions taking place at Waddesdon School. The sessions have been so well attended that we have had to extend the timings by an hour just to fit everyone in! This sort of commitment from the children, their families and our coaches bodes well for the future of Dinton CC and for Cricket in general. Off the field, the club have been excited to become a fundraising partner of The Vale Lottery, with a percentage of ticket sales being passed on to the club. The Vale Lottery, if you haven't heard of it, launched at the end of last year - more details are available here: <https://www.valelottery.co.uk/support/dinton-cricket-club> Looking forward to seeing you all at the club at some point over the Summer and to a successful season.





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GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

Transport to the Doctors, Hospital, 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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Mary Hobden 748476

UPTON:
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Chloe Lambert 748221

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Sylvia Eaton 748537
Carol Lynch 748392
Keith Mitchell 747018
Honor Vane 748177
Helen Wild 748679
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Church of England Minister
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Parish Magazine (Dinton)

Mike Thompson - 01296 748561

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PC Dean Kingham - 101

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Village Hall Bookings (Dinton)
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