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CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT

When preparing this report I inevitably looked at what I said a year ago and asked myself what had been achieved. The answer was "more than I thought".

As a result of the May elections the membership of the Council changed. I must therefore thank the members for their contributions; Lorraine Gooch (Vice –Chair), Jon Horn, Barbara Green, Honor Vane, Mel Kidner, Mike Henderson and Mike Thompson (Financial officer). For a new councillor it is always a little daunting to get to grips with the role but all have done so with enthusiasm and diligence, particularly those who were co-opted. That we needed to do so is a sad reflection of the fact that there was a lack of parishioners willing to stand. Whilst some time and energy is required it is a role that gives increasing satisfaction. Also we are so well supported by Keith Gray, our Clerk. We are very fortunate to have someone of his experience and expertise; I certainly couldn't fulfil my job without him.

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PARISH FETE

Plans are well in hand now for this year's Bank Holiday Sunday Fete on 28th August. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us this year. The raffle this year is slightly different as we will have just 3 prizes on the main raffle tickets. We are offering a lunch for 2 at Le Manoir with a chauffeur driven car each way. The second prize is £500 and the third prize is car washing and valetting for a year. Other prizes will be raffled separately on the day.

One new stall will be the sale of nearly new children's clothes. So if you have anything your child has grown out of, please let us know.

With usual stalls and arena games we of course will have the fabulous tea tent, beer tent and bar-b-q etc. So, don't forget to save bottles for the tombola stall, books (good quality only, please), preserves, plants and any broken or chipped crockery

Don't forget to let us have a letter requesting a share of profits if your club or organisation has any projects planned. We look forward to your continuing support again this year and if you have anything to offer, any member of the committee would love to hear from you.



CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT cont'd

It is also important to thank David Hobden, our tree warden, who works hard with Jon Horn to maintain the trees and shrubbery on Parish land. Our thanks also go to our County Councillor, Paul Irwin, and our District Councillors, Judy Brandis and Brian Foster, who support us in our deliberations and ensure road repairs get done.

The biggest event of the year was probably that after two and a half years, a public inquiry, a general election and a change of Government the Ford wind turbine application was refused by the Minister of State in October despite the Planning Inspector recommending approval. We all thought he was a nice caring and understanding person!

There have of course been many other planning applications to consider and the vast majority have not attracted disfavour. A very few get to the Development Management committee at AVDC. Recently the proposal for 13 houses at the top of New Road was refused. That we were reacting to such a proposal is a reflection of the lack of an Aylesbury Vale plan which won't be in place until 2017 and hence developers are ever looking for sites in order to meet the housing numbers expected. With this in mind and believing that we should think as to how the Parish evolves in the future we will in the next month start a process of consultation with the community; to be proactive not reactive. This MAY lead to developing a Neighbourhood plan but that is a long and convoluted process which, as experienced by other local parishes, doesn't guarantee anything.

The devolved budget arrangements are working well with Aylesbury Town council and I thank Steve Webb and his team for their help and hard work. We are currently waiting to hear what is contemplated by County and District for us to provide in these economically challenged times. There is a rumour that Alms-houses might return. Volunteers have been in evidence including Litter picks which collected horrifying amounts of rubbish. Thank you to the many who turned out and helped in this year of the Queen's 90th Birthday. Please remember that in June we are hosting a free tea party on Westlington Green as part of the celebrations. What we are not doing this year is entering the Best Kept Village competition as we felt the judges' comments in 2015 were almost at complete odds with those expressed in 2014 despite peoples' efforts.

There have been working parties of the council to consider our finances and our communication strategy. The former recommended a rise in the precept to allow for increasing running costs. To achieve a transparency in our business we have developed a new website and this is now live complete with a new logo. I also can report that with Cuddington Parish council we are slowly progressing a scheme to get the whole of the Cuddington road have a 50 mph speed restriction.

Finally, we do very much need to hear from parishioners of their likes and dislikes and their thoughts for the future. We do thank you for support in the past year. I must finish by saying thank you to Sylvia Eaton and Janet Morgan for laying on the refreshments and helping make this meeting a success.



FUTURE PARISH PLAN

On Tuesday 24th May the first meeting of people from representative community groups and organisations in the Parish met with Parish Councillors to start an explorative process in thinking about the Parish in the future. This may lead on to a wider consultation, with further meetings and invitations to others to participate, with a view to having a Neighbourhood Plan.

The latter is hard work and a long process. The meeting was fruitful and provided a range of thoughts which will be discussed by the Parish Council. We will keep the Parish informed of any further developments.

AYLESBURY VALE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There is an opportunity to find out more about the Draft Local Plan at Haddenham Village Hall on Monday 11th July 11am to 8pm. Other venues and dates are on www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/local-plan which is also the location to log feedback on the Plan.



School News



The Annual School Summer Ball was held on the Junior Site playing field on 14th May. At the time of writing the total amount raised was not known, however the evening was as successful as ever. The event forms an important part of fundraising for the school. Parents, staff and the wider school community work together to raise funds for large projects such as the pond, wildlife area and library. There is a tremendous amount of hard work put in by the organisers, and the school is always immensely grateful for the extra money raised. Thanks to all who organised the amazing evening, thanks to those who attended and also to the sponsors and donors without whom the event would not be possible.

Due to the continued success of the Holiday Clubs which have been running for almost a year now, there will be a summer Holiday Club during the first two weeks in August. These are run by school staff and are very popular with parents and pupils.

If you walk past the Junior Site in School Lane you will see the amazing transformation of the pond next to the school. The work on building the hide and platform is now complete and the children have enjoyed exploring the environment. Year 4 were the first class to use the area for a lesson and they were able to combine maths as well as science skills, at the same time as having fun in the fresh air. Year 6 pupils are ready to move on to their secondary schools. A great deal of transition preparation is done to ensure that the pupils are ready to take the next exciting step in their lives. The children are moving on to many secondary schools within the local area, and we are soon to welcome our new Foundation children for their first school visit. One of the most exciting activities of the year is the France trip for Year 5 and 6 pupils. The experience of spending a week away from home, taking part in so many outdoor activities, is the highlight of Junior School for many. This trip takes place in late June.

As ever if you would like to keep up to date with news about the school have a look at our website <http://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk/>



SPEED LIMIT FOR CUDDINGTON ROAD (C56)

In conjunction with Cuddington Parish Council an application for funding to create a 50mph limit between the Dinton crossroads and Cuddington has been successful. The legal process required before erecting the appropriate signs will start very soon. The road has a dubious safety record and this should help to achieve consistency of speed limits with the A418.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN DINTON PARISH FIELD

Unfortunately weather has taken its toll on the younger children's swings in the Children's Playground and they have had to have been removed as they were unsafe. It is hoped to find the funds to replace the swings as soon as possible depending on raising the funds through grants and other means. If you know of any source of funds that might help us, please let the Parish Council know.



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE GARDEN TRUST Research and Recording of Dinton Hall

The Trust has just published the results of their research into Dinton Hall on their web site which was started in June 2015. To view go to www.bucksgardenstrust.org.uk and click on Research and Recording.



SING COMMUNITY CHOIR

Meets in Cuddington and Dinton Junior School, Dinton

All welcome; no auditions; no sightreading; no solos.

MONDAY EVENINGS IN TERM TIME 7.45PM-9.30PM

£7.00 PER SESSION.

Just turn up or email roger@sing.co.uk if you need more information

VILLAGE HALL

The hall is still regularly used during the week and we continue to look at ways we can improve the look and use of the building. We are looking at the possibility of getting grants to help us plan improvements.

One plan in hand is to open up the left hand side of the grassed area to car parking. We have been investigating plastic safety mesh to go over the grass as that will help cars parking even in wet weather, but keep the grassy appearance at the front of the hall. We would have to have a dropped kerb in front of the double wooden gates, which would leave a break in the present long line of parked cars and provide a passing place for through traffic. If regular users parked some of their cars off the road that would also benefit anyone with heavy equipment and during the winter a light could be installed for safety and enable cars to be located on very dark nights in the winter. At present a torch is a necessity!

We plan to hold a quiz night on October 8th at 8 p.m. in Dinton Village Hall. Usual price of entry and conditions.

HADDENHAM SCREEN

28TH June Untouchable (15) 8pm doors open 7.30pm

12th July The Big Short (15) 8pm doors open 7.30pm

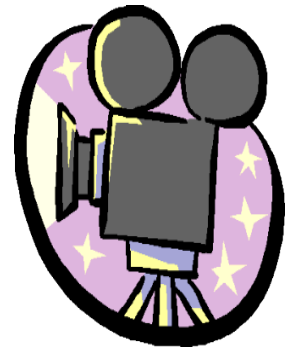
26th July Bill (PG) Starts at 7.00pm Children welcome

£5 non-members; £4.00 members; tickets available from Haddenham

Community Library or on line or at the door. www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk

At its AGM Haddenham Screen was able to announce that in its first year of operating it had been able to donate £2,500 to Haddenham Community Library.

Congratulations to the committee on this achievement.



THE MARQUEE CLUB PRESENTS "BALL AT THE HALL" IN THE GROUNDS OF DINTON HALL

25th June 2016 7.30pm – 1.00am

Black tie, 3 course meal & welcome drink; £70 per ticket. Funds raised will be donated to Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity.

For more details contact mccreasindinton@gmail.com Tel: 07894120716

HADDENHAM MEDICAL CENTRE CLOSURES

The Medical Centre will be closed from 12.30pm on the following dates:

16th June

12th July

13th September

12th October

17th November



HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY



ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW EVENT

An Evening with Paul Atterbury from BBC1's Antiques Road Show
Friday 7th October: 7pm £20.00 including refreshments.

Tickets from the library.

All proceeds to YOUR community library

REGULAR EVENTS: ALL WELCOME

Storytime: Tuesdays 2.30pm

Bounce and Rhyme: Friday 9.30am-10.00pm term time only

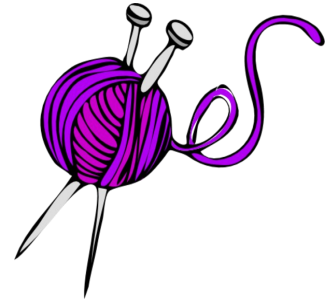
Computer Basics and Tablet Taster Sessions: appointment based

Children's Crafts: Saturdays 10.30am-12pm

Knit and Natter: Tuesdays 10am-12pm

Lego Club: Saturdays 10am-13pm

Spinning Group Thursdays 10.00am-12pm



Tel: 0845 2303232

staff@haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk
www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk

BIN COLLECTION DAY IS CHANGING

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) New Bin Collection Schedule starts from 7th June.

This means that your bin day may change and letters should have arrived from AVDC explaining how the change may affect you.

The first new collection will be your green rubbish bin

Check out the AVDC website for up-to-date news:
www.aylesburyvale.gov.uk/recycle

FOR ALL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT AVDC on 01296 585510



HADDENHAM COMMUNITY VEHICLE (HCV) update – Now free!

As reported in the the previous Village News, the Haddenham Community Vehicle (HCV) is now fully operational, providing the *Enabling Travel for All* transport service for disabled passengers in the community. Those having limited mobility need no longer be stuck at home.

Thanks to the generosity of local donors, the committee are now able to provide a free service within the local area. Day-to-day running costs will be met from these donations, although users might like to make a voluntary donation.

The defined local area is broadly that served by the Haddenham Medical Centre, which includes Scotsgrove, Chearsley, Hartwell and Longwick. Users living outside this area will be charged a fare based on 70p per vehicle mile. To find out more about the HCV, or to make a booking, please contact the coordinator, Sue Brigham, on 07495 366779 or email haddenhamcv@gmail.com. Similarly, contact Sue if you are interested in joining our team of trained volunteer drivers.



Dinton Organ Restoration Fund

Teddy Bear Jump afternoon of 26th June

Flanders and Swann Revisited!

By Michael Lunts on Saturday 9th July

Both at SS Peter and Paul, Dinton.

For almost 130 years, the organ has served generations of parish congregations for regular services, special events, weddings and funerals. It was built in 1886 by Hill & Son and purchased for £380. William Hill & Son was one of the main organ builders in England during the 19th century.

William Hill was born in Spilsby, Lincolnshire in 1789 and married the daughter of an organ-builder Thomas Elliot, the company was known as Elliot &

Hill until Elliot died in 1832. On Elliot's death in 1832, William Hill inherited the firm. In 1928 the organ was cleaned and overhauled at a cost of £28. In 1932 an electric blower was fitted at a cost of £45. Around 1973 the organ was moved from its original position in the Chancel to the West End of the church and was restored by Leighton Organs. In 2012 arrangements were made to cover and protect the organ from the building works scheduled to take place at the west end of the church. This provided an opportunity to request a written report on the condition of the organ.

Extracts from the report...

The inside of the organ is extremely dirty and this is having an adverse effect not only on the sound but the ability to play it.

The main items in the organ i.e. sound boards, bellows and pipework all appear on visual inspection to be in good order however the exposed pipework of the Great organ is very dirty and the action from the keys to the sound boards are now badly worn and out of adjustment.

Recommendations:

Removal of all the pipework from the Great soundboard (approximately 300 pipes) and clean thoroughly inside and out.

Cleaning of rack boards, sound board and easy to access adjacent areas also to be cleaned.

Stop actions checked for excessive free play and adjusted.

Adjust the Great and Swell to Great actions to give correct depth of touch.

Ensure that couplers are pulling through fully.

As a point of interest and for insurance purposes to build a new organ of similar size and quality would cost in the region of £280,000 at today's prices.

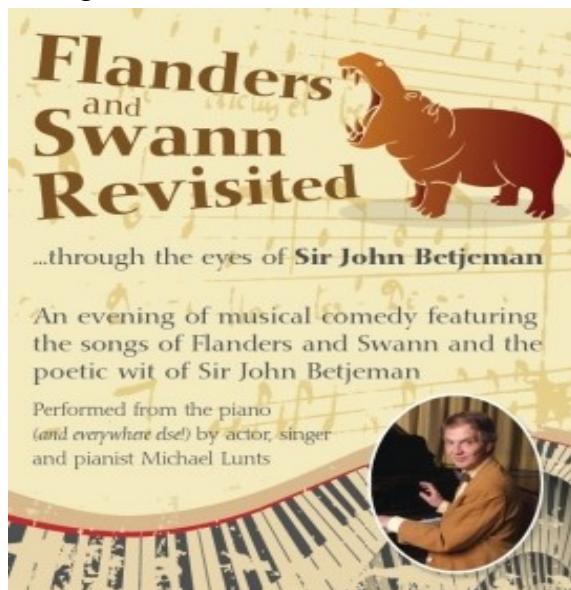
Andrew Stevens, Pipe Organ Tuning and Maintenance

I have been playing the organ in the parish since the late 1980s and have made arrangements for it to be tuned twice yearly. From time to time it has required emergency repairs, i.e. mice invasion destroying some of the leather work, the cord snapping on the guillotine mechanism, and an increasing number of ciphers or cyphers (continuous sounding of a note not played, due to a mechanical defect) suddenly affecting the overall sound.

Although the organ has been patched and repaired a number of times, Andrew Stevens' report has prompted the decision that a major overhaul of the organ should now be undertaken to ensure the glorious sound of this historic organ can be heard by generations to come.

If you are interested in supporting the restoration of Dinton organ please speak to me, a churchwarden or a member of the PCC.

Chris Ashbridge



VALE OF AYLESBURY LOCAL PLAN (VALP)

Aylesbury Vale District Council are working on a new development strategy for the area .

The VALP will include the overall strategy for the district, site allocations and development management policies.

Timetable

- scoping consultation, April-May 2014
- issues and options consultation, October-December 2015
- draft plan consultation, summer 2016
- proposed submission consultation – start 2017
- submission of the plan – March 2017
- examination – spring 2017
- adoption – summer 2017
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The Council's Local Development Scheme is currently being updated to reflect the above and other more detailed and procedural content.

A new LDS will be available shortly. The Council remains committed to also producing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).





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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.

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
Sylvia Eaton 748537
Carol Lynch 748392
Keith Mitchell 747018
Honor Vane 748177
Helen Wild 748679
Valma Thompson 748561
Stella Young 748771

Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild

Bell Ringing Tower Captain

Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

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Margot Hodson 01844 291244

Church

Valma Thompson 01296 748561

Jean Moore - 01296 748063

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Parish Office - 01844 291244

Churchyard Working Party

Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679

Cuddington & Dinton School

01844 291206

cuddingtonoffice@cds.bucks.sch.uk

Haddenham Community Library

0845-2303232

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

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