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POT HOLE Reporting 01296 382416

Transportforbucks.net/report-it-pothole.aspx

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:

Mary & David Hobden 748476

UPTON:

Jo & David Troup 747735

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Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild

HADDENHAM COMMUNITY VEHICLE (HCV)

The Community Vehicle (HCV) is for all who are disabled or have walking or mobility problems. The service is FREE although donations are welcome. The vehicle is for anyone in the parish who has a transport need.

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.

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SPRING, 2017



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 11th April, 2017
Dinton Village Hall 7.30pm

All parishioners are invited to hear reports from Thames Valley Police, County and District Councillors and other representatives from organisations and groups in the parish. Refreshments will be provided.

Our Guest Speaker will be Richard Wilson (Lord Wilson of Dinton) a past resident of the parish, who some of you will know and remember. He will share with us his reflections on political and academic life in his usual entertaining and informative way.

LITTER BLITZ

HELP US TO KEEP OUR PARISH CLEAN. PLEASE VOLUNTEER & JOIN US:

FORD: 18th March at 10.30am.
Meet at the War Memorial

REST OF PARISH: 25th March at 10.00am.
Meet at Dinton Village Hall

High Viz jackets and litter pickers will be provided - please bring your own gloves and dress appropriately.



DINTON SPRING OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 30th April, 2017 from 2pm to 6pm

There will be 4 gardens open to the public as part of the NGS Open Garden Scheme in aid of Cancer and Parkinson's Disease charities.

Admission is £4 for adults and children are free.

Four very different gardens will be full of colourful spring flowers, blossom and sprouting vegetables.

The Norman church will be open with a children's treasure trail and cream teas will be served in Dinton Village Hall.

For more information please visit the NGS website or contact Catherine Brogan at catherinebrogan@me.com or 07970 622604.



DOG BINS

We have had problems with our dog bins not being emptied. If you see that a bin is full then please report it immediately to Aylesbury Vale District Council on 01296 585858. The bin number is on the front of the dog bin.

It is an offence not to pick up dog mess in public spaces. This includes the Parish Field, the walk to school route and other public areas. Please report anyone you see not picking up. Children play in the Parish Field and need safeguarding. Most dog owners are responsible but it is the few who are not who give all dog owners a bad name. A new bin has now been installed in Westlington Lane.



DINTON VILLAGE HALL

A dropped kerb has now been installed and a new fence has been erected to protect the children, also webbing over the grass is now down. Although the fete gave us £500 towards the cost of the work, it has still cost well over £2,000. The space now provided is not huge but will enable several cars to park off road and during times, like the quiz night, when everyone leaves at the same time. Double parking could also be a possibility.

Maintenance works continue on the hall to keep it in the best possible condition. The old red chairs have been given to Ford Village Society, who have given us a donation of £50, which is gratefully accepted. In a joint effort with some residents of Ford, the red chairs were removed from the stage and then the new 100 padded chairs, which had been stored elsewhere, were transported to the village hall.

There will be a **quiz on 18th March at 8pm at £5 per head**. Bring your own refreshments. To book a table of up to 8 people please contact Sylvia Eaton on 01296 748537.

There is also a **Coffee Morning and a Bring & Buy Sale on Saturday 22nd April from 10am to 12pm at Greendale, Westlington Green** in aid of the depleted village hall maintenance fund.

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting is on 16th May, 2017 at 8pm in Dinton Village Hall.

CAROL SINGING—December 2016

Well done to all those who turned out on Christmas Eve. £280 was raised for Florence Nightingale Hospice.

Thank you to the Seven Stars pub for providing mulled wine afterwards.



POPPY COLLECTION—November 2016

Over £2,500 was collected in Stone and Dinton, with Ford and Upton parishes. Can you help with the collection in November 2017?

We need more volunteers to continue this charitable work.

Please contact David Pickup on 01296 748170



BEREAVEMENTS

December, 2016: Patrick Phillips: Upton

Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time



PARISH INTERESTS What's Happening Outside the Parish?



Haddenham Screen is a local community cinema based at the Youth and Community Centre in Woodways, Haddenham. The large screen and modern audio-visual projection equipment provides for a good local cinema experience.

Film times: 7.30pm for 8pm start

COCO BEFORE CHANEL (12) Tuesday 28th March
JUNGLE BOOK Saturday 1st April
THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN Tuesday 11th April



The library will celebrate its 5th year as a Community Library in November, 2017. A number of events are planned to celebrate this special year as well our regular activities. Visit the library online at www.haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk for details of regular and special events and group meetings.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday: 9.30am - 1.00pm



SIMPLY WALK IN STONE & HADDENHAM

Come suited and booted for whatever the weather, for a 90 minute walk, in the countryside on alternate Wednesdays throughout the year from:

METHODIST CHAPEL, March 1st, 15th & 29th
Eythrope Road, Stone
VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK, March 8th & 22nd
Churchway, Haddenham

We meet at 10.30am. It's friendly, fun and free and we sometimes enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee afterwards.

Contact: Fiona Broadbent on 01491 475367 or www.buckscc.gov.uk/simply-walk

Simply Walk is part of a countywide programme of free, volunteer-led walks, which aims to help people get outdoors and be more active. We organise over 75 led walks to suit most abilities.

The walks are all sociable and you don't need any special equipment to join in, just comfortable shoes.

CUDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB

The tennis club has vacancies for both adult and junior players. For more details, please contact Stella Young on 01296 748771





PLAYGROUND - Parish Field

Thanks to our sponsors, the older children's swings have now been replaced as well as the young children's swings. The next work is to resurface the rubber matting, which will cost around £8,000. If you can help us by giving a donation please contact the Parish Clerk, Keith Gray (see contact page for details).

PLAYGROUND PLAQUES

To purchase a plaque: Contact Cllr Jon Horn on 01296 748297 or jonhorn@dinton.org

PARISH SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the Parish Survey. We are pleased to have had 131 responses, which is about 1/3 of the households and businesses in the parish. This is a great response rate, particularly over the busy Christmas period. We are currently analysing the responses, which look as though they will provide a fascinating insight into the issues affecting residents of the parish. The information will also help us concentrate our thoughts on the probable content of a Neighbourhood Plan.

For complete transparency we will circulate a summary of the findings as well as organise a presentation to anyone who wishes to attend.



MEETING VENUE TO HIRE

Are you planning a meeting, a concert, a coffee morning or any other similar event? Dinton Church (100 + people), its Meeting Room (16 people) and kitchen is available for hire. There is disabled access and toilet facilities. Please contact Jean Moore 01296 748603 or Valma Thompson 01296 748561



PLANNING NEWS - We have been informed that AVDC have, again, refused planning permission for the proposed new homes on New Road, Dinton.

POT HOLES - Report all potholes to County Council

To register pot holes please telephone 01296 382416 or visit Bucks County Council website: Transportforbucks.net/report-it-pothole.aspx



DINTON FETE - 27th August, 2017

Planning the fete has already started and this year we must ensure there are entertainments in the arena. One suggestion is that we run a dog show. Helpers and a judge have been found. Hopefully we will hear from the RAF in March that we have been successful in our bid to have a Battle of Britain Memorial Fly-Past, which actually takes place this year



CUDDINGTON & DINTON School News

At the beginning of February we were delighted to welcome Mrs Milly Soames DL to the school in her role of High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire. We invited her, not just because she lives in Cuddington, but it was just another chance for children to find out a bit more about important activities in the county.

Milly was shown round the Infant site by Headteacher, Mrs Price and the Junior site by Deputy Headteacher, Mr Tomson. Milly was really impressed to see how well the school was doing and what changes had taken place over the years since she had last been in the school.

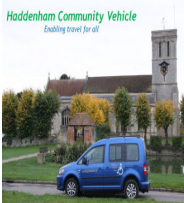
She was able to see all the children in their classrooms and tell them a bit about what she did as High Sheriff. On the Junior site she met the School Council who asked questions and Milly explained that one of the key things she wanted to do as High Sheriff was to give support and encouragement to the various organisations that look after us – police, fire brigade, prisons and many others working in law and local government.



The day after the school was visited by an adviser who we had invited in from the Diocese to take part in an evaluative review day. The day was approached as an official inspection would be and explored the strengths of the school and progress since our last Ofsted visit. We are delighted that our standards and outcomes are stronger than ever and many new outstanding features were found to be embedded in our practise - thank you to all the children and staff for their continued hard work.

It doesn't seem long ago that Breakfast Clubs were introduced on both Infant and Junior sites and these are already proving very popular. We are now in the process of introducing After School Clubs and, at this stage, the demand is such that this is just on the Infant site. Governors and the Management team are very keen to encourage and support this facility and we are hopeful that the Junior site can start one in September.

For those who may need or want to contact us via email please note that our address has just changed! From now on all emails will now end '@cds.school'. Therefore, for example, the office email will be office@cds.school, Mrs Price will be head@cds.school and Mr Tomson will be deputy@cds.school



HADDENHAM COMMUNITY VEHICLE

The vehicle provides transport for the surrounding villages of Stone, Hartwell, Bishopstone, Ford, Dinton, Aston Sandford, Cuddington, Chearsley and Long Crendon. The transport is FREE and is booked by contacting SUE BRIGHAM on 07495 366779 or haddenhamcv@gmail.com

The service is for those who are wheelchair bound or who have difficulty walking. Transport is by wheelchair but if you have difficulty walking and are not wheelchair bound, the volunteer will bring a wheelchair to your house for your use. Please inform the co-ordinator when booking.

If the vehicle is booked and you live in the parish, then telephone the co-ordinators of the Parish Good Neighbours Scheme for help. See back page for contact details.