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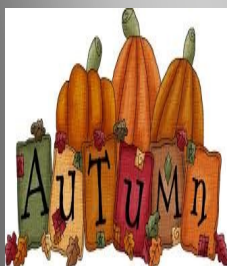
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY—12th November

Wreath Laying

Stone War Memorial Gates 10.00 am

Bishopstone War Memorial 10.25 am

Dinton War Memorial 10.50 am

Ford War Memorial 12.15 pm



Church Service: St Peter & St Paul, Dinton at 10.50 am

Please check local notice boards in case of any changes.



DINTON VILLAGE HALL

We are still keeping the hall as well as we can. We have a plan to at least replace the worktops and cooker hob, or possibly the whole kitchen if we can raise the necessary funds.

It appears to cost about £5,000 to do the complete replacement.

We are holding a **quiz night on Saturday 28th October** at 8 pm. in the village hall.

The cost, as usual, is £5 a head for a table of up to 8 people and you should bring your own drinks and snacks. All proceeds to go to the Maintenance fund. We look forward to seeing you on 28th October.

Sylvia Eaton (Village Hall Committee)



SPEEDING IN FORD

Speed Checks have been carried out in Ford Village and will continue in the future.

Out of 200 vehicles, 18 were stopped going over the 30mph limit and warnings were given but no tickets were issued as they were not over the threshold to issue a ticket.

Councillors requested that the next checks be carried out during the times 7am-9am and to check the MVAS information.



DINTON FETE - 27th August, 2017

Well what a good weekend, weather-wise! Despite the slightly lower numbers attending, hopefully it was a successful day for everyone who came to spend their money or helped to run the stalls. I've since learned that many people preferred to stay in their garden with a cool drink, which is a shame. We can't win as it's either too hot or too wet.

Sylvia and the committee would like to thank everybody who helped in any way but particularly the wonderful help we received setting up, manning stalls and clearing away so efficiently and returning everything to the fete sheds. The fete couldn't carry on without your help.

The Spitfire fly past was greatly appreciated this year as we haven't had one for several years because of bad weather or engine failure. Also this year many of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight planes are grounded because of a problem with their engines. An application for next year has already been submitted to the RAF. Many of the raffle prizes were won by local people, which is very satisfying.

It is likely that the profit margin may not be as high as we would wish due to lower numbers and increased charges for everything we have to hire etc.

The children's wheelbarrow races seemed a great success as was the Dog Show. I understand that in the final category there were 45 dogs in the arena!

We still need more people on the committee and we would welcome anyone volunteering.

We start meeting about once a month, in February, and it is a very sociable evening!

We will be holding a Celebration Evening, when we give out cheques to those who have applied for a portion of the profits, on Tuesday 24th October at 7.30.

Once again thank you all for supporting us and we look forward to seeing you next Bank Holiday Sunday.

WORKING FOR THE PARISH

Parish Councillors have been working with various stakeholders, for sometime, to address the concerns of residents. Matters relating to pot hole repair, traffic increase on village roads as well as speeding and significant verge damage have all been raised at meetings and site visits. Highway officers and local county and district councillors have all been approached to request, strongly, that these matters be resolved quickly.

Parish Councillors attend the Local Area Forum meetings as well as other stakeholder meetings arranged by the county and district councils. We are also keeping a close eye on proposed development for the parish as well as speaking at planning appeals and dealing with a lot of planning applications.



PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

We still have a position for a parish councillor.

If you are interested in applying for this position please contact either the Chairman of the Parish Council (Martin Usherwood) or the Clerk to the Council (Keith Gray).

We can have a chat with you on the role and the work of the parish council to see if this is what you would like to be involved in for your community.



CUDDINGTON & DINTON - School News

This has been a very successful and busy Summer Term! Well done to all the children who took part in the Haddenham Round Table Photographic Competition. Daisy Potts came 4th in her age group, with Zara Hadley coming 1st.

We hope to have the exhibition visiting our school in September- so watch this space!

This year we had a combined all-school sports day on the Junior site. The children really enjoyed the experience of spending the day together. It was great to see them cheering each other on and supporting each other in the mini games in the morning. We appreciate that the event wasn't without its problems and we have listened to feedback and are exploring alternatives for organisation and parking for future occasions.

The Tony Hadley event was a huge success and many thanks to all those attending and supporting it – the concert raised an amazing £11,000.

I really thought we wouldn't top that event however the year 5 & 6 production was amazing. It was as good, if not better, than any West End musical I have seen - the children were consummate professionals with superb comic timing and we raised £900 in ticket and bar sales! Our transition days were very successful, after finding their feet the year 2 pupils settled well into their year 3 roles for two days. In speaking to them, they felt reassured and couldn't wait to come back in September.

The year 6 pupils have returned from visiting their secondary schools. As ever we are sending them far and wide - John Colet, Lord Williams, Aylesbury High School, Waddesdon, Princes Risborough, Ashfold, Aylesbury Grammar, Sir Henry Floyd and one to a secondary school in Manchester. We wish them every success in their new schools.

Rev Dr Phil Groves led the worship at the Leavers Service with the year 6 children receiving a bible presented by Chris Blumer (Governor). I'm sure all that were there will agree that it was a very moving service enhanced by the year 6 final song and prayer. This group of children are very dear to me as we started together at the school seven years ago; my hope for them is that they achieve more than they believe they are capable of and hope that they will go into the world as a shining light for all that is good.

But we have also been saying goodbye, not just to our year 6 leavers, but three members of staff. We are very sorry to be losing Mr Tomson, Mrs Baker and Mrs Price who are all going on to new posts. We are grateful to all of them and Mr Tomson's 8 years as both Assistant and Deputy Headteacher have been hugely significant in helping the new combined school to develop so successfully over the two sites.

We recently had an incident of fly tipping on the Junior field, despite the gates being locked. If anyone should see anything suspicious please contact the police. Thank you.

And finally please note only the following email address should be used to contact the school office - office@cds.school any previous ones will no longer be forwarded.

MARQUEE GROUP NEWS



Dinton Golf Day

The Marquee Club hosted its inaugural Golf Day in March at Magnolia Park GC. Twenty six entered the competition and enjoyed a crisp Spring day followed by curry at the Bottle and Glass and presentations.

The bandit of Biggs Lane, Fraser Stewart, won the attractive trophy made by Blaise from a Dinton Horse Chestnut !!

The “Autumn Open” will be held at Studley Wood on Friday, 29th September with post match tales and presentations being held at The Seven Stars.

All are welcome regardless of ability !!

Dinton Annual Conker Championship 2017

This years championship will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 14th October. This will be the third competition and is a keenly contested event for all children and adults in the Parish.

There is a bar available and conkers are provided on the night. Contact mccreasindinton@gmail.com or look at our Facebook page for further information.



Picnic Ball 2017

Thank you to everyone who attended the Picnic ball on Friday 25th August.



130 people attended and partied to midnight in the Marquee helped along by a live band. Proceeds for the evening will go towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the village.

There were some great table designs and themes with particular note to the Merry’s and their “Back to the Fuschia” theme and to Tara White Jones and her appropriately timed “Indian Summer”.

The Marquee Club is made up of volunteers from the Parish who put up the Marquee for a variety of events in the village, we are always looking for new members to come and join us, put up a tent, raise some community funds and enjoy a few beers.

Check out our website and if you want to make a booking, contact us on kemalhouse@gmail.com



THE LIFE OF MAJOR SHAUN MICHAEL BROGAN MC MA (Oxon)

Major Shaun Michael Brogan MC MA (Oxon), (73), died peacefully on 9th July 2017 at Westlington Farm Dinton, the home he loved and cherished. He was surrounded by his family, his wife Catherine, his two sons Blaise and Kit and their wives and six grandchildren.

Shaun was born 24th May 1944 to Major William Garrett and Jean Pendleton Brogan. His father was under lock and key in preparation for the D-day landings to prevent knowledge of the attack falling into enemy hands. He had to ask for special permission to visit his newly born son before joining the attack. Following World War II Shaun moved to Germany with his family as part of the occupied forces and spent his early childhood there roaming the countryside and learning to swim and ski.

After Germany, they moved to Leicestershire where he attended Ratcliffe College with his two younger brothers, Piers and Simon. Shaun excelled at sports such as boxing, rugby and swimming; he also received the sword of honour with the Combined Cadet Force. Having not been a particularly academic pupil he knuckled down for the final year to win a scholarship to America. He won this scholarship to Harvard School in Hollywood, California for a year. Here, he was known as 'Irish' and joined the American football team, being the first foreign student to make the team. He won most improved player of the year, not hard given it was his first year in the sport! He had an amazing year being welcomed into the homes of many of his classmates. He made many lifelong friends before returning to England to join the British Army.

Shaun entered the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Royal Anglian Regiment. After three years in the battalion he asked his commanding officer for leave to volunteer for selection. This left him with some time before the next round of selection and so he ran a dive school in Malta with his friend Chris Keeble and his brother Piers visited for a time.

Shaun then applied for Special Air Service Regiment selection in 1969. On this course he met Tony Ling and Peter Phelan, who both made it through selection with him and have been lifelong friends. During his time in the Special Air Service he served in Oman during the Dhofar war. He was wounded on operations and was awarded the Military Cross for gallantry.

His citation reads "Shaun was a determined man; once he had decided on his objective he would not be shifted. To achieve his aim he deployed a combination of charm and tenacity." They wanted me to read from his citation for his Military Cross:

'.... he led an operation on 17th January, 1972 to ensure a firm base in enemy controlled territory. He planned the operation, which involved 100 irregulars and his troop supported by the Sultan's Air Force. Besides the usual planning problems, he had to overcome objections and resistance of the irregulars, motivate them to do the operation, accede to some of their demands and maintain secrecy. At dawn the force landed on an unmanned Landing Zone and moved swiftly through difficult country towards its objective. Shortly afterwards the force came under heavy fire, the irregulars took cover and would not continue. Captain Brogan went forward under fire and by determination and personality persuaded the irregulars to advance again. Having fought through this contact some time later the force was stopped by heavy enemy fire and the irregulars again said they would not continue. Again Captain Brogan got them moving forward by a display of energy, bravery and determination.

A little time later the rear-guard came under sustained fire.

Captain Brogan immediately returned to their position, directed the return fire and in so doing killed the local area commander of the enemy. Eventually the objective was reached after seven hours of continuous movement and fighting. This was due to the highest qualities of leadership shown by Captain Brogan.

Captain Brogan has, over a lengthy period of sustained operations, displayed outstanding qualities of leadership, initiative, planning and bravery. His example has produced results beyond all expectations and has been an inspiration to all ranks under his command.'

Whilst in the SAS Sean Connery retired from the role as James Bond and the men in Shaun's troop all encouraged him to put himself forward to be the next Bond, he made it to the short list but was on operations during the screen testing!

Shaun was keen to study the big questions of life that he had grappled with during his time in the army. For example, the war in Oman was a Marxist rebellion against a dictator but the New Sultan promised reform. Who should the UK be supporting and why? So he walked the streets of Oxford and asked if he could have a place to read Politics, Philosophy, and Economics . Lincoln College agreed and he spent three happy years studying and enjoying student life. During this period he commanded a reserve unit in the Special Air Service. It was while he was doing a paramedics course, for the SAS, in the Radcliffe Infirmary that he met Catherine, who was an emergency doctor at the time. He invited her out for a drink, regaling her with stories about his travels to far off and exotic places. Catherine had also done her fair share of travelling and when Shaun discovered that she had also spent time with a very remote tribe in Kenya, the Turkana tribe, he knew that she was the only woman for him. They were married within the year in Lincoln College Oxford and moved to Oman as part of the 'winning the peace' through reconstruction and medical programmes following the Dhofar war. During this time Shaun also commanded the Sultan Special Forces (SSF).

Shaun and Catherine bought Westlington Farm at auction in 1978, whilst they were in Oman. They returned to the UK in 1979 with Blaise aged 10 months and in 1980 their second son Kit was born whilst they were living in a caravan in the garden as the house was condemned for human habitation.

Shaun renovated the house and worked for a London security firm specialising in anti-kidnapping and close protection work. During this time, he worked as the bodyguard for the Duchess of Westminster as well as training bodyguards and negotiating the release of several hostages.

In 1985 Shaun and family returned to Oman to work for the Ministry of Health leading the Immunisation, Prevention of Blindness and Mother and Child health programmes.

These programmes involved travelling around the country and enthusing staff in hospitals and clinics as well as working with community and religious leaders to prevent disease and promote healthy lifestyles. Countless lives were saved by his teams. Shaun also enjoyed the beautiful country having a wonderful time diving, snorkelling, sailing, abseiling and raising his young boys with a 'you can do anything' attitude.

In 1990, they moved back to their house in Dinton, which they had been renovating and Shaun began a new career in NHS management, where he rose to become the chief executive for The Vale of Aylesbury Primary Care Trust before finally retiring on medical grounds with Parkinson's Disease in 2004. Since then he has been able to spend time with his growing family and took great pleasure from watching his grandchildren play around the house and garden.



Shaun was great fun to be with and one of life's living Legends to all those who knew him, packing more into his life than most would have thought possible. He was an inspiration to all those around him and he will be sorely missed by all.



TRAFFIC INCREASE, POT HOLES & GRASS VERGE DAMAGE

A site meeting took place with Parish Councillors, County Councillor Irwin and Bucks County Council (Transport for Bucks) Highways Officers. The parish council have continually raised concerns about increase in traffic causing road damage and severe damage/erosion to the grass verges near the church.

There are concerns that the church wall may be affected if nothing is done to correct and limit the damage. Discussion also centred on the parking problems near the school and the anti-social parking causing problems in that area.

The parish council were requested to contribute to possible future works and this is being discussed bearing in mind that this is the responsibility of Bucks County Council, not the parish council. Concerns over the dead tree on private land near Upton Road has also not been addressed and this is safety concern especially since a large branch broke off and landed in the road.

The Parish Clerk has contacted County Councillor Paul Irwin and discussed the matter of the church bank/verge and what works are required to stop further damage and address any safety concerns.

Community
Safety



DINTON CHURCH

The Way Forward.

Dinton Church will soon be gaining greater autonomy as to the way in which it is run. This means that the residents of Dinton, Ford, Westlington, Gibraltar and Upton will be able to have more say in the running of the Church.

How would you like to see this historic building in the heart of the Parish being used in the future, for both religious and non-religious events?

Our Church, thanks to the generosity of Parishioners, now has a small meeting room, kitchen and toilets, but the future of the building/church depends upon the support and involvement of residents.

Please come to the Church on Saturday 14th October between 3.00 and 5.30pm, enjoy a cup of tea and cake and give us your views.

We do value your comments, so if you are unable to come but have comments to make, please contact Churchwardens - Rosemary Jackson 01296 748655 or Andrew Wild 01296 748679.

Save the Date : On Saturday 2nd December, between 2.30 and 4.30 pm, come to Dinton Church and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies, or tea and cakes, at the Grand Christmas Hamper draw with Christmas activities including dressing the Crib, singing of Carols etc.

HIRING THE PARISH FIELD

What are the procedures?

The parish field was purchased by the parish council in order to acquire a site for use by residents of the parish. The field is legally owned by the parish council and it is the parish council who is responsible for its upkeep and all the regulations connected with land ownership, public access, health & safety etc. The field is not an event arena but a field deemed for use by the local community/parish residents. To book the parish field, and in order for the parish council to be covered by correct insurance, it is a requirement that all those wishing to use the field complete a form.

The Clerk to the Council (Keith Gray) will consider whether your event is appropriate to be held there on receiving your application. It may also be necessary for the Clerk to cancel your hire or restrict the use of the field for parking vehicles due to weather or other conditions making the field unsuitable for parking, private or community use. Please note that your application must be received by the Clerk one month before the hire date. A refundable deposit of £250.00 is required with every application. The field will be checked after your hire to ensure it is left in a good condition. We advise that you check the hire agreement terms relating to the hire of the field and the deposit.

We try to be as accommodating as we can and we also allow the field to be used by the church as a car park when they have weddings - this is to stop vehicles being parked on village roads and impacting on local residents. To discuss the use and hire, of the field, you can speak to any parish councillor or contact the Clerk, who is responsible for issuing the form and ensuring the field is adequate for your proposed use.



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.

Tickets £5 and all profits go to the Library.

Tuesday 12th September	Viceroy's House (12)
Tuesday 26th September	The Salesman (12)
Tuesday 10th October	Hidden Figures (PG)
Tuesday 24th October	Alice doesn't live here Anymore (15)
Tuesday 14th November	Miss Sloane (PG)
Tuesday 28th November	Baby Driver (15)
Wednesday 20th December	Beauty and the Beast (PG)

Start at 8.00 doors open 7.30 p.m



Haddenham
Community
Library

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 as 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 9.00am- 5.00pm, Thursday 9.00am– 5.00pm
Friday 9.00am - 5.00pm, Saturday 9.30am - 1.00pm

PROPOSED PLANNING - Will it affect You?

There are a number of proposals for new homes across the Vale of Aylesbury and these can have an impact on the wider community in respect of increase in traffic and other ways.

Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council are involved in the appeals for proposed homes in Dinton and also for Stone (which will cross over the parish boundary and impact on our parish).

It's important that all residents are engaged in what is happening and being proposed and we would encourage all residents to view the Aylesbury Vale District Council Planning website to view the proposed planning applications and appeal information.

View Planning Applications: <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications>

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Margot Hodson 01844 291244

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Rev'd Phil Groves 01844 291244

Church Wardens

Rosemary Jackson 01296 748655

Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

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

Dinton Village Hall Bookings

Diane Trigg - 01296 748361

Haddenham Community Library

0845-2303232

Parish Magazine (Dinton)

Mike Thompson - 01296 748561

Police Station (Waddesdon)

PC Dean Kingham - 101

Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall

Valerie Partington - 01296 747495

Hotline against Fly Tipping

0845 330 1856

Akido

Anthony Pinchbeck - 01296 747853

Cubs & Beavers

Emily Gray - 07746 973805

Dinton Cricket Club

Peter Ludlow 01296 747254

chairman@dintoncc.co.uk

POT HOLE Reporting 01296 382416

<http://www.transportforbucks.net/Report-it-pothole.aspx>

FOOTPATH PROBLEMS: [http://](http://www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-prow.aspx)

www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-prow.aspx

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

<https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/search-planning-licensing-applications>

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

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Childerhouse

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.