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



Merry Christmas!

DINTON ANNUAL BEER FESTIVAL

The third Dinton Annual Beer Festival was held this year in the gardens of the Seven Stars community owned pub in Dinton on Saturday 19th August. The weather was fine and dry and a large crowd enjoyed the afternoon sampling the twelve varieties of real ales on offer, together with a range of ciders and the Pimm's tent.

Entertainment was provided by the colourful Owlswick Morris Dancers, accompanied by their barn owl mascot Ellie and during the afternoon live American Old Time music was provided by the band. Steph ran a separate barbecue throughout the afternoon.

A big thank you goes to all those who supported us on the day, the many village volunteers who helped set up and run the event and of

course the very generous sponsors, without whom the day wouldn't happen.

This year the festival raised the sum of £1400 which will be split equally with £700 going to the Village Hall Committee as a contribution to a much needed refurbishment of the Village Hall kitchen and £700 going towards the purchase of a community owned defibrillator.





The Celebration Evening was a very pleasant affair with a good turn out of people enjoying the refreshments provided..

The main purpose of the evening was to hand out cheques to people who had requested our help with a project from the profits from this year's fete.

The recipients were :-

Defibrillator - Andy McCrea	£200	Village Hall - Alan Weston	£1000
FOCDS – Mrs Kim Price	£500	Church Organ – Jean Moore	£200
Church Notice Board – Andrew Wild	£700	Cricket Club – George Piggott	£500
Flowers - Sylvia Eaton	£250	RAF—BBMF Benevolent Fund	£150
Ford Village Society - Sarah Ellis	£170		

A representative from each outlined how they hoped to spend the money. Andy McCrea gave a very enlightening explanation of the future positioning and use of a defibrillator which is to be sited at the 7 Stars

He is planning an evening of practice on CPR and use of the defibrillator if anyone needs help. Someone raised the point about how hard to press on chests of elderly people. Andy caused much laughter by suggesting that “if someone was already dead it would be an ideal time to practice!” One person hoped it wouldn't be her! On a more serious note It was stressed that we need more committee members. We think some people feel it is too onerous for them to undertake, but in fact we only meet once a month starting in February. Yes, more meetings may need to be held nearer the date of the fete. We meet, usually, in the pub, and it is a very sociable evening. Please volunteer if you want the fete to carry on.



Planning is already under way for next August Bank Holiday Sunday's fete and we look forward to seeing everybody there.

HIRING THE PARISH FIELD - What are the procedures?

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.

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 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.



School News - Chairman of Governors

It's not often I am lost for words, but the response to the Ofsted Parent view was one of those rare occasions. I am not allowed to read your response but Mr David Harris, our inspector was able to summarise the views expressed by the parent body and I was overwhelmed by you kind words and thoughts.

Relationships between parents and school often get a bad press; if I was able to, I would love to shout about how well supported the school is by the parents and Governors. So thank you so much on behalf of the staff and myself. We expect to receive the official letter from Ofsted in 15 days, once received we will make it available to you. It has come to our notice that a child on the Infant site has not been getting to the toilet in time. We have spoken to all the Year 1 children and explained that if they have an accident that they need to let an adult know. Our reason for bringing this to your attention is that if you have noticed that it could be your child please can you let us know so that we can support the right children. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Winter Uniform: Shirts and ties instead of polo shirts and no summer dresses. I appreciate buttons are difficult for the younger children but there will be an adult on hand when they are getting changed for PE.

Learn & Master Clubs: There are still outstanding payments for Football and Cricket clubs on the Gateway system for some parents. Please can you check your Gateway account and pay any outstanding balances, if these remain unpaid when we return to school Mrs Price will be contacting you directly.

Morning & Night Owls: There will be an email out shortly regarding how to book for the Morning and Night Owls for the next half term (Autumn 2). As a reference please find the link below to the new booking process. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZF5ZHM7>.

Second Hand Uniform Sale: Thank you to all of you that bought clothing- we raised £290.50 from the second hand uniform sale.

Christmas Surprise Shop: Christmas Surprise shop (7 December at Juniors and 8 December at Infants) so if you see any 2 for 1 offers or have something appropriate in your present drawer (in good condition please) we will be asking for donations from mid November. Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. Friends4CADs

See more information by visiting the school website.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING IN DINTON

At the end of September I stumbled upon a Dinton coffee morning in aid of Macmillan cancer research. I was enroute from my home in Italy to family in the UK and by chance my journey took me near Dinton. I decided to stop in the village and look for the much loved cottage where my parents had lived when they were first married in the early 1960's. It was an emotional journey as my father is no longer with us.

Having never been to Dinton (my parents moved before I was born) I photographed two cottages that looked familiar from my memory of the painting that had hung in our family home. Using WhatsApp, within seconds of sending the image I had confirmation from my brother, who incidentally was born in the cottage, that the house

on the left, Ostler's cottage, was ours. It was a special moment for all of us, especially my Mother who came in on the 'chat'.

Then I explored your beautiful village and came across the coffee morning. I was welcomed into Angela's home and to a feast of British cakes. Everyone was extremely warm to me and a poignant moment came when Trish and Honor introduced me to Gwen Woodford. She remembered my parents and my father Michael Baker, from more than half a century earlier when he was a young vet with Anderson and Bugg.

Thank you to the ladies of Dinton who made my visit to the village so special. My Mother and I are hoping to visit the village fete next year.

Jane Lazzeri





Christmas Celebrations at Dinton Church
Saturday, December 2nd From 2.30pm, Draw 4.00pm

Come for tea and cakes; mulled wine and mince pies.
Meet up with friends.
Sing favourite Christmas Carols;
Christmas activities for the children;
Photo display of the weddings in church during 2017.

Luxury Christmas Hamper - Tickets £5
Christmas Celebrations Draw 4.00pm

Win the contents of a
Luxury Christmas Hamper

Champagne, Wine, Local Starveall Turkey, Quinta De La Rosa Vintage Port, Dinton Folly Wine, Christmas Pudding and Christmas Cake, Pate, Mince Pies, Chocolates, Tea, Coffee, Christmas Crackers

Second prize: Contents of a Small Hamper of Christmas Goodies,
Ham, Wine, Port, Christmas Pudding & Cake, Chocolates,
Crackers

Third prize. Small Basket of Christmas Goodies

Proceeds to General Church Funds



The Ministers and Church Wardens
wish you all a Peaceful and Happy Christmas



Carol Service
Sunday, December 10th 6pm

Christmas Eve Midnight Service
Sunday, December 24th 11.30pm

New Year's Eve Holy Communion
Sunday December 31st 10.30 am
Joint Benefice Service



WARNING:
SPEED CAMERA in FORD

Haddenham Parish Council have purchased a speed camera which they are going to lend to other local Parishes and as a result it will be used in Ford sometime towards the end of this year.

If it is proved to be successful it will be used in other areas of the Parish in the future as well. Please tell your family, friends and neighbours to stick to the 30 mph limit in the Parish as it will be used on a random basis and we don't want the Police to knock on your door.

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.

Wednesday 20th December
Beauty and the Beast (PG)



Haddenham Community Library

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

Dinton Churchyard

A very big **thank you** to everyone who has helped to keep Dinton Churchyard tidy this year - not just the Saturday working party, but also all those who come at other times to tend graves, strim and cut the grass and help with other general maintenance tasks.

We have received many compliments from visitors about how well maintained and attractive the churchyard is.

The Saturday working party consists of a small band of just 6 people, and we are always looking for more helpers.

The working parties will resume again in April 2018.

If you are interested in helping to maintain the Churchyard, or for further information, please contact the Churchwardens:

Andrew Wild 748679 or Rosemary Jackson 748655.



Dinton Open Golf Championship

A twenty-one-man rabble gathered at Studley Wood Golf Club on Friday 29th September for the renewal of the twice-yearly competition to establish The Dinton Open Golf Champion. The event was used as a further fund-raising opportunity towards the Dinton Village Defibrillator Project.



STUDLEY WOOD
• GOLF CLUB •

The golf course was in splendid condition set among the rolling Oxfordshire countryside with all manner of wildlife scampering about creating a scene of wondrous autumn colour and nature. The competitors by comparison were more alcoholic than bucolic as they attempted to shake off the previous night's excesses before swinging wildly on the Tee. Reigning champion, Fraser Stewart, recent star of BBC Breakfast Time and Radio's 4 and 5, look fit enough as the morning drizzle rolled off his ample parting but having been docked 2 shots on his handicap a repeat victory was judged as slim.

The competitors waited with some trepidation for the appearance of 'ringer' Pete Green, a three handicap, unknown quantity, and mate of 'Dandy' Dan, who himself lacked nothing in confidence although as it proved sadly lacking in ability.

The draw was made and O'Driscoll, Merry and Taylor marched to the first Tee to get proceedings underway. Three double bogeys later suggested the winner may not be coming from this group. Seven three balls attempted to get their Yellow Ball home for the team event while the Open Champion was decided in an individual Stableford format playing off full handicap. Clubhouse mutterings that John King's 36 handicap was far too generous (he has been seen taking private coaching in recent weeks) were misguided as his balls felt the autumn cold of the many lakes on the course. It's a brave man that takes a swim this time of year!

The Par 3 eighth hole encouraged players to get as close to the pin as they could with their drive with a magnificent prize for the nearest. For most a 'nearest the green' would have been more appropriate but 'ringer' Green guided his missile to within 5 feet of the pin as mutterings from other competitors confirmed their darkest thoughts!

The magnificent 18th hole featured the Longest Drive competition with the proviso that the drive must finish on the fairway to count. Most competitors could not even see the fairway let alone hit it but Terry Loughlin, no doubt aided by Storm Ophelia, conjured up a 280 metre 'special' to scoop the honour. As teams completed their rounds, scorecards handed in and excuses spewed forth from the lips of most, beer began to flow freely and rumour spread that indeed 'ringer' Green had played a faultless round. 'The Committee' finally announced the scores and indeed 'The Pro' had prevailed with an impressive 38 Stableford score to lift the magnificent 'Crossed Golf Club' trophy that so many aspired to. Three teams managed to get their Yellow Ball home with Frank Kelleher's team having the highest points score to lift the prize of several bottles of wine. This result is still subject to a 'Committee Enquiry' as unconfirmed reports of a pot of yellow paint found later in Frank's golf bag are investigated. After the championship the competitors retired to The Seven Stars Dinton for a fish and chip supper and more fun. There were suggestions that most of the golfers should actually retire from the game or we should take the Defibrillator with us for the next renewal of the event!

£200 pounds was raised towards the Defibrillator and a great night was had by all as Steph, landlady of The Seven Stars, laid on a great feast.

So, it is now down to Pete Green, as defending champion, to organize the next renewal in the spring of 2018.

Any would be golfers or drinkers are welcome to join the Dinton Golf Society and take part in future events. It would be great to see some ladies join the society, most of the competitors had to make their own cup of tea before Tee-off.

Thanks to all who took part and gave so generously to the Defibrillator cause
Steve Merry 26/10/2017.



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Parish Office - 01844 291244

Churchyard Working Party

Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679

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01844 291206

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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

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Akido

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

FOOTPATH PROBLEMS: <http://www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-prow.aspx>

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

<https://www.aylesburyvaldc.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

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 Bringham, on 07495 366779 or email haddenhamcv@gmail.com. Similarly, contact Sue if you are interested in joining our team of trained volunteer drivers.