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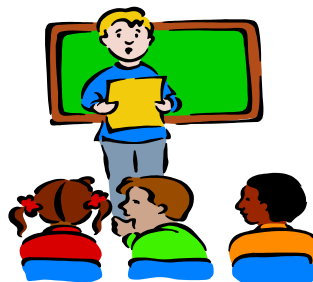
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Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 14th April

The Parish Council warmly invites all parishioners to the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 14th April 2015 in Dinton Village Hall at 7.30pm.



GUEST SPEAKER: Dr Mark Howcutt, Senior Partner, Haddenham Health Centre. His topic will be 'General Practice, is there a future?'

Other community speakers will include, the Police, District and County Councillors and other representatives from organisations and groups in the parish. Refreshments and tea/coffee will be provided.



PARISH LITTERBLITZ 21st & 28th MARCH

The Annual Litter Blitz in the parish will take place on 21st March in Ford (meeting at Crossroads at 10.30am) and on 28th March in Dinton, Upton and Gibraltar (meeting at 10am at Village Hall, Dinton).

Equipment provided but bring your own rubber gloves, please.

HELP MAKE OUR PARISH, LITTER FREE

CAROL SINGING IN DINTON

Sarah and Trevor Hopwood would like to thank all the singers, collectors and the Seven Stars Pub for contribution to the carol singing in Dinton on Christmas Eve. A total of £210 was raised for the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity.

Many thanks to all those who donated for their kind generosity.



School News



As ever the spring term has been packed with activities and excitement. Mrs Price returned to work full time after the Christmas break, fully recovered and full of enthusiasm. The pupils, parents and Governors are extremely grateful to Mr Tomson and the staff for maintaining such high standards during Mrs Price's absence. The school now has a new hot lunch provider – all meals are made fresh daily in the kitchens of Haddenham St Mary's School, using fresh local ingredients and, in the future, using vegetables from the school's own gardens. The quality and taste is

impressive.

The year 3 and 4 pupils had an amazingly informative and fun sleepover at the National Space Centre at the end of January. This has now become an established event in the school calendar, much anticipated and enjoyed by all.

By the time you read this, the school choir will have performed in the Voice in a Million concert at Wembley Arena on March 11th, along with thousands of other singers from schools around the country. Mrs Baker and the choir have spent many hours rehearsing for this fantastic event.

The Junior children have enjoyed a whole year of the new school hall and are making the most of the space and the opportunities provided. The work on the Infant Site is now almost complete. The final stages of the refurbishment include a new office for the Head Teacher and work is now well underway. Mrs Price is looking forward to having a space where she can work and meet visitors in private.

Everyone connected with Cuddington and Dinton C of E School was thrilled to achieve the fifth highest results of all 214 primary schools in Buckinghamshire based on pupil progress. 100% of Year 6 pupils, based at the Junior Site in Dinton, made expected or better than expected progress in Reading, Writing and Maths. Mrs Price and the team were delighted to receive a letter of congratulations from The Rt Hon John Bercow to celebrate the excellent performance.

NEW ORGANISORS NEEDED FOR CAROL SINGING

Christmas Eve 2015. Trevor and Sarah will no longer be able to organise the carol singing. Would you be willing to take over the organisation? It would be a shame for this wonderful event to finish at least 30 years of running as an event. As you can see from the total collected, it is a wonderful event both for those participating and also for the Florence Nightingale Hospice. Not totally sure about the people being sung to!

Carol singers come from the whole parish, so please consider helping even if you don't live in Dinton.



FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HOSPICE — 6 or 13 mile

**Ladies Sponsored Walk in Aylesbury on
SATURDAY 11th JULY, 2015 throughout
the night.**

**GLO4FLO — for more information or to
register: www.gemstonewalk.co.uk**



ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS!

Apart from the General Election on 7th May, 2015 there will also be Parish Council Elections when all the parish council positions have to be open for appointment.

If you feel the parish would benefit from your expertise, enthusiasm and desire to be involved then please consider standing in the forthcoming election.

Further information can be obtained by speaking to Keith Gray, Parish Clerk, or to one of the present Councillors.

The Parish Needs You

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMES & LOCATION

New Road, Dinton Village from 9.15am to 9.40am on March 23rd, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 13th, August 10th, September 7th, October 5th and November 2 and 30th.

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY



HADDENHAM HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

Saturday open: morning Sat 21st March by appointment only.

Closed for training on 25th March, 14th April, 13th May. Check times with Surgery
Haddenham Surgery is 01844 293300.

New Film Club Planned

Plans are afoot to launch a new club showing films regularly at the Haddenham Youth & Community Centre.

“Haddenham Screen” aims to show films twice per month ranging from new releases to well-known classics. It will provide a low cost alternative to travelling to Aylesbury or Oxford (eg £5 with discounts for members), and an opportunity to see films that you may have missed or always wanted to see again.

The club is being established in association with Haddenham Community Library who will provide the box office and will benefit financially. You will also be able to reserve tickets online and to purchase them on the door. A membership scheme will be introduced with benefits for members.

“Haddenham Screen” will open its doors after Easter. Its season will run from September to June, and there are discussions in progress with the Community Library to show children’s films during the school holidays. Look out for announcements of the opening film and the first programme from April to June through the Bucks Herald neighbourhood column, Haddenham.net and the Parish notice board. The Haddenham Youth and Community Centre can accommodate an audience of up to 100 and is equipped with a large screen and modern projection and audio systems.

Enquiries: 01844 291613

Wychert Benefice

Discussions are currently taking place about the formation of this new Benefice consisting of Haddenham, Cuddington, Aston Sandford, Kingsey, Stone and Dinton Churches. The new Benefice would be likely to start in 2016, when the current vicar of Stone and Dinton church finally takes a well deserved retirement.

We will update parishioners as soon as we know more information.



DINTON VILLAGE FETE

31st August, 2015

We have now started planning for this year's fete.

Both Pat Horn and Diana Merry have sadly decided to leave the committee for personal reasons and they will be missed at our meetings. If any young person would like to join us to bring fresh ideas, we would be delighted to hear from them. The Fete Accounts have been audited and Pat Horn must be thanked for her years of hard work.

David Jackson has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer and John King has volunteered to help plan the site and oversee the setting up of the fete.

Unfortunately Chantal Heath is unable to run the tea tent this year due to a move to Sussex. It is possible that some young people may get involved with the regular team this year. The tea tent is such a well known, and loved, part of the afternoon and Chantal will be missed for her organisational skills.

We are delighted that the Cricket Club will help with the car parking again, and hopefully in drier conditions.

The R.A.F. will notify us at the end of March if we have been successful in our bid for a Battle of Britain Memorial fly past this year and hopefully the planes will be able to take off without adverse weather conditions.

So, see you all on the 31st August - without umbrellas we hope! Sylvia Eaton (Chairman) *Tel: 01296 748537*

DINTON VILLAGE HALL



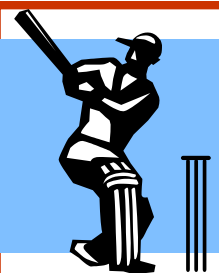
The village hall bookings remain good, particularly with regular users and the occasional party. Last year we spent £5,785.49 on damp proofing, fire resistant curtains and stage carpeting. It is important to keep the hall up to a good standard and maintain this valuable village community property. We have decided to keep the cost of hiring the same for a further year.

Ruth Chelmick suggests that we add window boxes to the front two windows to improve the look of the outside, particularly if we take part in the Best Kept Village competition. She has kindly agreed to plant and maintain them.

A Quiz Night is planned for Saturday 9th May. Doors will open at 7.30 for an 8 pm start and the cost is £5 per head. As usual, bring your own drinks and nibbles. If you would like to book a table for up to 8 persons, please telephone me on 01296 748537

Our AGM will be 8 p.m. on 28th April in Dinton Village hall. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Village Hall Bookings: Ruth Chelmick - 01296 747381



DINTON CRICKET CLUB

It may not feel like Cricket weather out there at the moment but there's still plenty going on at Dinton CC as all the preparations take place for the new season.

Most notably perhaps, the draw for the first round of The National Village Cup took place earlier in the month. We've have been dawn at home vs Twyford and the game will take place **on Sun 17th May**. We hope for a good turn to watch our 2015 cup run get under way! We're still awaiting the final list of league fixtures from The Home

Counties League; however this will appear on our website (dintoncc.co.uk) as soon as it's available.

Junior Winter Training begun in earnest 14th January at Waddesdon School and will be running **until 25th March**. The Seniors, meanwhile begin their winter sessions **1st March** at Aylesbury Grammar School. Anyone interested playing for Dinton this year - regardless of age or ability - is welcome to attend. Please contact Alister Gibbins (captain@dintoncc.co.uk) for information about the Seniors, or Mike Sutliff (juniors@dintoncc.co.uk) for details on the Juniors.

Lastly, we're very pleased to welcome Brian Sanders to the Village. Brian has flown all the way over from Australia to represent Dinton this season as our overseas player. He's a very talented Cricketer and regularly plays alongside Australian Test bowler Ryan Harris for his team at home in Brisbane. Please be sure to wish Brian well and help him settle in if you should run into him over the next few months."

Best wishes, Pete Baker

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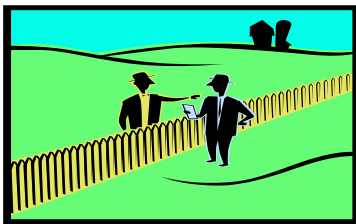
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PARISH GOOD NEIGH- BOURS SCHEME

Help we can give: Transport to the Doctors, Hospital, Dentists, 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

UPTON:

Jo & David Troup 747735

Chloe Lambert 748221

DINTON:

Lorraine Gooch 747655

Carol Lynch 748392

Honor Vane 748177

Valma Thompson 748 561

FORD:

Marilyn Pipe 747336

Mary Hobden 748476

Phil Nuckley 747117

Sylvia Eaton 748 537

Keith Mitchell 747018

Helen Wild 748679

Stella Young 748771

Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild

Useful Numbers

Bell Ringing Tower Captain
Andrew Wild - 01296 748679
Church of England Minister
Rev'd Peter Rich: 01296 748068
Church Wardens
Raymond Medhurst - 07793 541456
Jean Moore - 01296 748063
Churchyard Working Party
Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679
Cuddington & Dinton School
01844 291206
cuddingtonoffice@cds.bucks.sch.uk
Dinton Cricket Club
Jonathan Morgan—07843 265962
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
Hotline against Fly Tipping
0845 330 1856
Parish Good Neighbours Scheme
Jo Troup - 01296 727735
Helen Wild - 01296 748679
Non emergency ambulance 111

WIN a PRIZE AND Help to get medical equipment for Haddenham, Dinton and Stone area.

The Haddenham Patient Participation Group's **200 Club** is raising money to buy much needed medical equipment for the Haddenham Medical Centre.

The most urgent needed is for a **Doppler Machine** which quickly measures blood flow in the legs and arms so as to aid assessment of limb circulation. **Membership to the 200 Club** costs £25 for a year's subscription and gives entry to a monthly draw with prizes of £50, £25 and £10. Get an application form at www.dinton.info/pdfs/appform.pdf or call Lesley Coles on 01844 290188.



WIND TURBINE

This protracted process began in 2013 subsequent to AVDC's decision to refuse planning consent for the construction of a single 101metre high wind turbine at Lower Waldrige Farm ,Ford. After a couple of postponements an open Public Inquiry was held at AVDC's offices on 13 to 21st January 2015.

The appellant and those opposing were formally represented. Several parishioners made representations to the Inspector, watched by a good following of local objectors. The time and effort of those involved was much appreciated.

The Inquiry process was completed with site visits on 18th and 19th Feb by the Inspector accompanied by the various parties. After this the Inspector writes his report with recommendations which is then sent to the Minister of State, Mr Eric Pickles MP. His decision is thus awaited and we have been informed that the Secretary of State will issue his decision(s) on or before 28th July, 2015



CUDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

This local, friendly club has a club morning on a Wednesday and a club night on either a Wednesday/Thursday evening. Courts are floodlight, so tennis is possible all year round. A coach is available for all ages and levels. Members take part in the draw for Wimbledon tickets. We also have club house facilities with a bar. Good value for money with subscriptions some of the lowest in the area.

WHY NOT JOIN NOW. FAMILIES ARE PARTICULARLY WELCOME.

For further details contact Stella Young on 01296 748 771 or stellayoung@talktalk.net



Bereavements Our thoughts are with their families at this difficult time
Hilda Vanbergen (Dinton), Pearl Vanbergen (Dinton) & Gordon Ludlow (previously of Ford)



HADDENHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Did you know that you can use the computers in the library for free for one hour? Printing and photocopying is also available.

Did you know that we now run a lego club and a knitting class for children as well as an arts and crafts session. All of these are free, so bring your children along on a Saturday morning.

For pre-school children **Storytime** is now every Tuesday in term time at 2.30pm. Children can also dress up in the library and act out their favourite characters!

For adults we run **Knit and natter** every Tuesday, **Spinning** every Thursday and **computer sessions** every Friday. Please book your computer session. Help with tablets is also available.

For up to date information on the library and its activities go to haddenhamcommunitylibrary.org.uk

Follow us on **Twitter and Facebook@hadcomlibrary**

OPENING HOURS: TUES: 9-5PM; THURS: 9-5PM; FRID: 9.30-5PM; SAT:9.30-1PM

SCAM MAIL

You can now report SCAM Mail on 03456113413 or email scam.mail@royalmail.com



BARN DANCE & PIG ROAST

Dust off your cowboy boots and dig out your denim.

There is going to be a barn dance to raise money for the Dinton Marquee Fund .

This is the first event to be held in the new village marquee, and will take place on Saturday 11th April, 2015 at 7pm on the Parish Field.

Tickets are £20 which covers a night with a live band and caller, and a pig roast will all the trimmings. Please contact Jo Robinson for tickets on 01296 748113

PLAYGROUND PLAQUES Would you like to have a plaque with your child's name or grandchild's name on it in the younger children's playground in Dinton? If yes, please contact Jon Horn (see details on info page). The cost is £12.00 per plaque and the money goes towards the maintenance of the playground. It's nice to see that we are now having plaques made for the children of the children whose names were originally placed there.

The Parish Fire Engine

Just to remind our parishioners that the parish fire engine is stored on our behalf at Milton Keynes Museum., which has a large transport collection. In 2012 the fire engine was reunited with its wonderful brass lamps. If you are passing that way or want a great day out with children its worth popping in.

Telephone: 01908316222

enquiries@mkmuseum.org.uk





DINTON CHURCH KITCHEN AND TOILET PROJECT

The church is currently closed for these building works which it is hoped will be completed by Easter when it is hoped the church will re-open. A formal opening event will also be held and details of this will be announced in due course.

When the church re-opens it will have new toilets, kitchen and meeting room in the base of the tower. The team who have led the project have done a fantastic job to raise the money needed for this ambitious project which really enhances the facilities in this beautiful church.

Donations are still welcome for some peripheral items (eg kitchen equipment and improved storage). If you wish to make a donation contact Valma Thompson on 01296 748561



Sunshine Club Matinee Cinema

Cuddington, Chearsley and Nether Winchendon Sunshine Club, with the help of a grant from the Buckinghamshire Community Foundation 'Prevention Matters' and terrific co-operation from The Cuddington Picture House, has launched an exciting new venture – Matinee Cinema! Villagers from Cuddington and neighbouring villages are invited to this bi-monthly treat; performances take place at The Bernard Hall, Cuddington and tea and home-made cake are served at the interval.

We will be showing films you have loved and will be delighted to see again!
The seats are comfortable and the welcome friendly.

The popularity of our January pilot showing has prompted us to arrange a booking system. Tickets, which include tea and homemade cake at the interval, are priced £5/£4conc and are available from Liz Davies 01844 299 150.

'The King & I' (133mins) starring Yul Brynner, Deborah Kerr and Rita Moreno on Monday 23rd March at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm). **Tickets available from 1st March**

'High Society' (111mins) starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra on Monday 18th May at 1.30pm (doors open 1pm). **Tickets available from 1st May**

If you find parking tricky outside the Hall, there is plenty of space at the Playing Field Club car park at the end of Bernard Close.