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## PARISH COUNCILLORS NEEDED

There are 2 positions available and if you are interested in knowing what a parish councillor does, please contact the Clerk to the Council.

You could also speak to one of the current parish councillors to gain an understanding of the role.

If you are interested – send a letter of application explaining who you are and what your background is, or you could send your CV to Mr Keith Gray, Clerk to the Parish Council (details on back page).

## FAREWELL TO COUNCILLORS

We said farewell to two councillors recently, as they decided to resign, after many years service from the parish council.

We wish Lorraine Gooch and Barbara Green all the very best and thank them both for their commitment not only in the role of Parish Councillor, but in the work of the local



## Vale of Aylesbury Local Plan

The Government's Housing White Paper was finally published in February. As expected, it contained a number of proposals for increasing house building as the number of new homes being built continues to fall short of the Government's housing target.

**Please visit Aylesbury Vale District Council website for all information on the local plan.** It has an impact on our parish!

# ngs gardens open for charity

The NGS Dinton Open Gardens day on 30th April was a great success with about 600 people visiting the village during the afternoon.

We heard lots of positive comments about all the gardens, the beautiful village and the delicious teas. The plant sale was also popular.

We raised £2,556 for the National Garden Scheme in aid of Cancer and Parkinsons Disease. Many thanks to everyone involved for making the day work so well

There will be another NGS Dinton Open Gardens day on June 25th 2017. Admission to the gardens is £5 for adults and children are free.

Three of the gardens will be different and two will be the same, but will look different in the Summer. The Norman Church will be open again and delicious teas available from the village hall.

More information is available on the NGS website:



## **DINTON VILLAGE HALL**

We continue to maintain the hall to the best of our ability. A Spring quiz brought in £300 and a coffee morning and bring and buy sale raised £170.

We now have a new booking clerk – Diane Trigg (telephone number 748361) and she would welcome bookings for weekend parties. We are very grateful for the work Ruth Chelmick has done over the past years and she will be missed by us but hopefully will enjoy her retirement. As pre-school haven't got sufficient numbers to carry on with Friday sessions, we are now able to offer the hall for hire during Fridays up to about 5.30, if anyone is interested.

We are planning an Autumn quiz on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October, so make a note in your diary now!



## **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

Dinton with Ford & Upton Parish Council was pleased to award Mrs Lorraine Gooch with a Certificate of Appreciation for the many years service she has given to the parish and community of Dinton, Ford & Upton.

Lorraine receiving a cheque on behalf of Haddenham Community Library. Lorraine is a Trustee and regular volunteer in the Library.



## **PLAYGROUND - New Equipment**

You will see that some additional works have taken place in the playground with much needed new equipment and resurfacing works.  
A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all those who donated both personally and from community groups.

## **PLAYGROUND PLAQUES**

To purchase a plaque: Contact Cllr Jon Horn on 01296 748297 or [jonhorn@dinton.org](mailto:jonhorn@dinton.org)

**PARISH SURVEY** A lot of energy and time has been spent in developing and conducting the Parish Survey, with the results delivered to every household in the Parish. The results based on a 30% response are interesting and informative whilst showing there are variances of opinion. Cllr Mike Henderson has been managing this piece of work for the parish council and we will be arranging a further public meeting to communicate the results.

Comments are always welcome and will be taken into account when we contemplate development of a Neighbourhood Plan. Such a plan is probably needed as some development will need to be accommodated. We also await the much needed Aylesbury Vale Local Plan as the Parish will change, develop and reflect the changing demographics of Parishioners.



## **DINTON FETE - 27th August, 2017**

Planning is ongoing for this year's Fete on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30 – 4.30. We are planning the return of the bric-a-brac stall and possibly some nearly new children's clothing.

We have yet to decide on the 3 main raffle prizes but we already have about 6 donated prizes. We will be having a dog show with 4 categories (dog the judge would most like to take home – most obedient dog at sitting and 'staying' - dog with the 'waggiest' tail and best dog in show). Rosettes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be awarded. Entry on the day. We are also considering junior wheelbarrow races, possibly against adults.

It is not too soon to start saving bric-a-brac, bottles, toys, preserves, plants, chipped crockery and also plan to make cakes.

If any parish organisation or club has a project in mind, please let us have a letter so we can consider the division of profits after the fete. For example, the Cricket Club want to encourage the many girls who wish to play cricket, so they need more equipment.

Hopefully the Lancaster bomber will fly over to the delight of everyone.

We seem to be very short of people to help set up, run stalls or clear away after.

If you can help at all, even for only an hour or two, please contact me on 01296 748537 or email [sae@totalise.co.uk](mailto:sae@totalise.co.uk).

**Without more help this event will not be successful and may even come to an end.**

We look forward to seeing you on the Bank Holiday weekend.

Sylvia Eaton (Chairman)



## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

**Cllr Martin Usherwood  
(Chairman of the Council)**

### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The past year has, for the Parish Council, been one of keeping aware of central initiatives and being up to date with local events against a climate of restricted budgets and devolved services.

My role as Chairman would not be possible without the support of the councillors and officers. For some this may be their last year of service and for others a landmark of long years of being a councillor; Jon Horn completed 20 years in October. Thus, my hearty thanks go to the council members; Lorraine Gooch as Vice Chair, Jon Horn, Barbara Green, Honor Vane, Mel Kidner and Mike Henderson for all their input and help. Also to Mike Thompson as our Financial Officer for keeping a close watch on our finances as costs increase. My special thanks to Keith Gray as our Clerk without whom we would be in danger of deviating into difficulties at all levels. It is amazing how well he fulfils his role whilst doing his other duties. Our District Councillors, Judy Brandis and Brian Foster have kept us informed and acted on our behalf throughout the year as has Paul Irwin as our County Councillor; he is up for re-election in May.

A lot of energy and time has been spent in developing and conducting the Parish Survey, with the results delivered to every household in the Parish. The results based on a 30% response are interesting and informative whilst showing there are variances of opinion. My special thanks go to Mike Henderson for his expertise, time and energy as the lead person. Comments are all welcome and will be taken into account when we contemplate development of a Neighbourhood Plan. Such a plan is probably needed as some development will need to be accommodated even without the Aylesbury Vale Plan which is eagerly awaited anytime now. The Parish will change and develop and reflect the changing demographics of Parishioners. For example, we are presently waiting to hear the outcome of an application to build 175 houses at the junction of our Parish and Stone on the A418; 46 houses will be in this parish. This emphasises the need for Parishioners to comment to Aylesbury Vale DC when planning applications are made as their opinions are taken into account.

There have been some happy and some disappointing events in the year. The spinney and Parish field are looking in very good shape due to the hard work of our Tree Warden, David Hobden and Jon Horn, The playground has been refreshed with new swings and new surfacing. The great expense has in part been met by generous grants from the Fete, Dinton Beer Festival, The Community Chest, Haddenham Beer Festival and other groups and benefactors. We are very grateful to them all.

The June Tea Party for the Queen's 90th birthday was a lovely occasion and demonstrated all the best values of the Parish.



Sadly, we decided not to have a Bonfire Night event in light of concerns about insurance requirements, safety, and excessive potential numbers attending. We recognize that this will be a missed event.

On a positive note, we should record that Dinton now has a flourishing vineyard and a very enjoyable Beer Festival.

The devolved services agreement with Aylesbury Town Council is providing an excellent service for Parish maintenance, grass cutting and keeping the villages looking tidy and thanks go to Steve Webb and his team. Unrelated is the fact that the number of Dog Bins have been increased to cater for the large number of dogs, including those with professional dog walkers some of whom have been noted to allow fouling of the Parish Field. New notices have been put to remind owners and walkers of their responsibilities to clear up dog mess.



The litter picks in Ford and Dinton produced depressingly large amounts of rubbish, so we are grateful to the volunteers who helped. Also to those who keep a watching brief as to the state of footpaths and stiles.

The forthcoming year looks to be a busy one with changes in the governance of Buckinghamshire in a single tier, work starting on HS2 and the resulting traffic effects and a final Aylesbury Vale plan. These and other issues will keep us occupied and we will need your help.



Finally I thank Sylvia Eaton and Janet Morgan for helping to make this evening a success and to everyone for coming.

#### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING GUEST SPEAKER**

We were pleased to welcome back, as our guest speaker for the evening, a dear friend and past resident of the parish - Lord Wilson of Dinton

### **Simply Walk in Stone & Haddenham**

**Come** suited & booted for whatever the weather for a 90 minute walk in the countryside

On alternate Wednesdays – throughout the year from:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road - **STONE** - June 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>

Village Hall car park, Churchway – **HADDENHAM** - June 14<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

We meet in the morning for 10.30. It's friendly, fun and **free** and if we get back feeling a bit thirsty there's a nice cup of coffee or tea.

**Walking for Health with Simply Walk** Contact Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367 or visit [www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk)





## **CUDDINGTON & DINTON - School News**

Last term the Junior choir sang at the Albert Hall - what a performance! They were amazing and it was an honour to be there and part of the whole experience! An enormous thank you to Miss Mitchell and Mrs Baker who have worked so hard with them and to Mrs Mitchell who led the children in the concert.

In this final week of the term the children had been thinking about the meaning of Easter. The Easter Celebration event in St Peter and St Paul in Dinton was very contemplative for the Junior children. They visited different areas within the church and were led by volunteers and clergy to think about specific aspects of the Easter story - it was a very moving experience for the adults and the children were very thoughtful in their responses. As ever, they behaved impeccably. In the afternoon the Infants came to the Junior site and had an Easter party, again hosted by volunteers and clergy. We were overwhelmed by the support and time given to the children on the day from all involved. As part of our on-going programme to support parents, we have been running a series of workshops and evening sessions. These have proved most popular and useful. Similarly as part of our ongoing programme of 'open events', we invited parents to our first ever 'open lesson' on both sites in March; again this proved to be very successful. Our after school clubs continue to flourish and we still have places left on both sites. Another change this year is that, following discussions with parents and staff, this year's Sports Day will be a joint event for both Infant and Junior children together on the Junior playing field. This will be a really wonderful opportunity for us to get together as a whole school!

## **DINTON CHURCH - Our Church for our villages COFFEE MORNING 15<sup>th</sup> JULY**

Our church is beautiful. It manages to combine both grandeur and welcome. Thanks to you we also have great facilities. We want your church to be used and to be at the heart of a welcoming, friendly community who meet to celebrate life and support one another.

From September, we are looking to refocus our worshipping life so we have a service in our church every Sunday and at all the major festivals.

We are expecting a mix of services from traditional to modern with one service a month aimed specifically at families and friends. We would like to talk you through the plans and listen to your hopes so we can better respond to the spiritual needs of our villages.

**PLEASE COME to a COFFEE, CAKES AND CONSULTATION MORNING in  
DINTON CHURCH on SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY from 10.30 - 12 noon  
Everyone is very welcome whether or not a church goer**

The proposed service schedule each month is as follows: -

First Sunday	9 am	Holy Communion BCP
Second Sunday	6 pm	Evensong
Third Sunday	10 am	Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday	4pm	All Age Worship

This is open to discussion and change.

Revd Phil Groves – Vicar – 01296 748390

## 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.

**LION**  
**TONI ERDMAN**  
**SWALLOWS & AMAZONS**

**27th June at 8pm**  
**11th July at 8pm**  
**25th July at 6.30pm**



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](http://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



### 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 [haddenham@gmail.com](mailto:haddenham@gmail.com)

The service is for those 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.

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.

### TRUSTEES REQUIRED

The Board of Trustees of Haddenham Community Library is seeking to recruit new Trustees.

We are looking for people to join us who are passionate about the library, have good communication skills and are IT literate. You must be able to attend the bi-monthly Trustee and Management meetings as well as contribute to on-going developmental work .

If you are interested in taking the matter further then please contact the Chair of the Board of Trustees, Stephen Sharp on [stephsharp@aol.com](mailto:stephsharp@aol.com) or you can telephone him on 01844 290897.



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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:**

<b>GIBRALTAR</b>		<b>FORD:</b>
Barbara Green	748529	Mary & David 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
Alan Weston	748287	Roland & Margaret	748360
		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 Brigham, on 07495 366779 or email [haddenhamcv@gmail.com](mailto:haddenhamcv@gmail.com). Similarly, contact Sue if you are interested

**Bell Ringing Tower Captain**

Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

**Church of England Minister**

Margot Hodson 01844 291244

**Vicar Associate**

Dr 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](mailto: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**

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