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THE  
**SEVEN  
STARS**  
DINTON

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Meet us at 6pm at the Seven Stars on Christmas Eve and there will be mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. We'll be collecting for Florence Nightingale hospice. Contact: Susan 01296 749059 or [hellosusanearl@gmail.com](mailto:hellosusanearl@gmail.com)





**DINTON CHURCH  
CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

15<sup>th</sup> December 4pm  
Carol Service

22<sup>nd</sup> December 4pm  
Children's Messy Church

25<sup>th</sup> December 10am  
Christmas Holy Communion

*That the Clerk be instructed to write  
the County Surveyor, suggesting that the  
grass bank adjoining the steps to the letter  
box in the Church Wall on the Dinton Ford  
Road should be cut back, as at this  
junction of the road a lorry and cart are  
unable to pass one another when proceeding  
in the opposite directions*

**NOTHING REALLY CHANGES:**

Extract from the Parish Council Minutes of 1937. The minutes are all hand written and go up to the present day. This made us laugh—the Clerk of the Parish Council is still writing to the County Council asking for road works to be carried out in these areas of the Parish. Interesting items in the old sets of minutes.





## **NEW COMMUNITY EVENTS TEAM LAUNCHES WITH CHEESE AND WINE EVENING**

The new Community Events Team, formed as an outcome of the Community Led Plan, held a very successful first event in Dinton Village Hall.

The Cheese and Wine evening was attended by over 80 people and Steve Merry welcomed everyone and gave a run-down of future events.

Want to get involved?

Contact **Steve Merry, Chairman - Community Events Team**

[stephentmerry@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stephentmerry@yahoo.co.uk)

**Tel: 07850 049587**



## **HIGHWAY MATTERS - YOU MUST USE THIS SERVICE TO REPORT ALL FAULTS—roads, pavements, lights etc**

**Tel: 01296 382416 Email: <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>**  
**FixMyStreet Bucks** allows people to make reports to the County Council. It is for reporting things which are broken, damaged or dumped, and need fixing, or clearing.



### **Dinton Village Hall:**

**Suitable for parties and all types of get-togethers.**

For all enquiries for the Village Hall please contact the Bookings Secretary:

**Diana Trigg, Biggs Cave, Biggs Lane, Dinton, HP17 8UH 01296 748361**

## **DINTON PLAYGROUND PLAQUES - Children's Name Plaques**

If you would like to mark the birth, or other event, of your children/grandchildren, you can purchase a plaque to be installed in the playground in the Parish Field, Dinton.

The plaques cost £15 each

Please contact Cllr Jon Horn on **01296 748297** or [\*\*jonhorn@dinton.org\*\*](mailto:jonhorn@dinton.org)





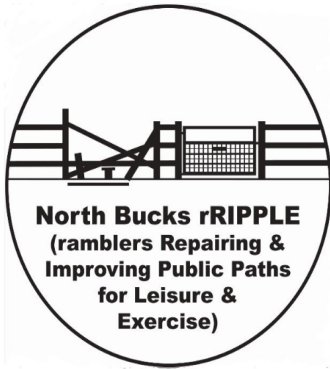
The Parish Council welcome back the Dinton Hermit Pub after having closed in 2013. It is now all new and will operate again as a local business in Ford village.

The new pub and restaurant is owned and managed by Paul Mitchell, managing director and founder of Moogies Ltd. Other pubs owned by this business are The Black Boy in Oving, The Eight Bells in Long Crendon and the Russell Arms in Butlers Cross.

The bar and restaurant areas have a new vaulted ceiling as well as additional seating and every care has been taken to maintain the original features of the building. The new pub opened on 30th November 2019.

There are plans for a large garden to be able to eat and drink outside and in 2020 they will be refurbishing the accommodation with a total of 11 bedrooms offering bed and breakfast.

**01296 312 877    [hello@thedintonhermit.co.uk](mailto:hello@thedintonhermit.co.uk)**



### **Donate a Gate**

The parish council has made a grant of £385 to the North Bucks rRIPPLE (ramblers Repairing and Improving Public Paths for Leisure and Exercise). Bucks County Council prefer to see stiles replaced with gates or kissing gates. We have donated the money so that galvanised steel gates can replace two stiles in the parish. The Donate a Gate scheme has already paid £12,000 to Bucks County Council to purchase gates and a further £1,800 to Centrewire (who make the gates) for a delivery of gates.

The North Bucks rRIPPLE have already installed close to 200 gates with the 50th and 100th both being DaGs from Aylesbury Ramblers.

For more information contact:

**Bill Piers on 01844 290923 or 07799 110128 or [williamjsbpiers@gmail.com](mailto:williamjsbpiers@gmail.com)**



### **NEW DOG BIN—Water Lane, Ford**

We have had problems with people not picking up after their dogs as well as those not disposing of the dog bags in the correct way. Whilst it is legal to put dog bags in public litter bins it's not acceptable to dispose of your dog bag in people's personal green waste bins. The purchase, installation and emptying of dog bins comes from the parish council precept (the council tax portion raised by the parish council to administer the parish and pay for certain services).

A new dog bin, with installation, costs around £350 per bin. The annual emptying charge depends on the frequency of the emptying and for our bins last year it was approx. £444.00 for the bins across the parish.



## **SIMPLY WALK STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON**

Come suited and booted, for whatever the weather, for an hour or so walk in the countryside on Wednesday mornings throughout the year from:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road –

### **STONE**

Wednesday: December 4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> January 15<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup>  
February 12<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road –

### **HADDENHAM**

Wednesday: December 11<sup>th</sup> - January 8<sup>th</sup> - February 5<sup>th</sup>

Seven Stars PH, New Road –

### **DINTON**

Wednesday: January 22<sup>nd</sup> – February 19<sup>th</sup>



# Simply Walk



We meet in the morning for 10.30. It's friendly, fun and **free**

### **Dinton Walks 1st Anniversary**

**October was Dinton walks 1st Anniversary.  
We celebrated with cake.**

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

**About Simply Walks:** Walking is a great way to get out and about and meet new people while improving your health and wellbeing. Simply Walkers are out in all weathers, smiling, talking and enjoying each others company. Our volunteer-led walks run all year, with over 700 walkers who join us on one of over 80 walks across the county every week.

## **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.





## CUDDINGTON & DINTON

### School News



We were sorry to say good-bye to Mrs Huxley who retired at the end of term and who had given over 20 years to the school. She will be popping in in September to help train our new Bursar. Mrs Huxley has been on such a journey with the school and the whole environment is better because of her financial knowledge and support. Mrs Stevenson has also left

us after many years of service to the school. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils (both present and former) and we wish her much happiness as she takes a well-deserved rest from education.

Whilst the school was closed during the summer holidays there has been lots of activity on both sites; the tree area on the Junior site has been cleared of rubbish and now forms a natural shelter area for use by the children at playtime - thank you to Mark Reed and his team who spent a day as volunteers to undertake the task. The trees in the outdoor learning area on the infant site have been crowned which makes the space more usable. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Macbeth and South Bucks Tree surgeons.

Our whole school Harvest Festival was on 30th September. The infant and Junior children celebrated Harvest together in Cuddington Church. We had many generous gifts which were sent in for our Harvest Festival. All of the food stuff was taken by church members to the Vineyard food bank and we raised enough to help purchase a cow as part of the "Send a Cow" appeal.

Preparations and briefings are now well underway for next years' Year 5/6 France Residential in June - all very exciting!

We are delighted to announce our school has been awarded a 'Gilt' Primary Science quality Mark (PSQM) thanks to the hard work of our staff and pupils- especially Mrs Bowman, our science coordinator. This prestigious award ensures effective leadership of science, enabling us to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. It encourages teacher autonomy and innovation, while at the same time offering a clear framework for development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning. By achieving the PSQM we have demonstrated commitment and expertise in science teaching and leadership at Cuddington and Dinton School.

We are really pleased to be able to promote Messy Church here in Dinton and also when it occurs in Chearsley; please continue to look out for the next occasion and support it whenever you can.

Parents Evenings continue to be a really important and successful part of our activities and communications and F4CADS would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes and biscuits to our stall at the Cuddington firework display. There are some fantastic bakers out there and we received a great selection of cakes and bakes. Your support meant that we were able to raise £145 for the school.

We commemorated Armistice Day on Monday 11th November at 11am for the Juniors at Dinton War memorial and at 2.30pm on the Infant site at Cuddington War memorial. Children laid wreaths from our schools and said prayers to remember the soldiers in the past, and presently, who are sacrificing their lives for our freedom. Thank you to Annabelle who laid a wreath in Chearsley, Charlotte who laid a wreath in Nether Winchendon and Scott who laid a wreath at the war memorial in Ford.

A first ever event occurred this week, when our recently formed girls football team played their first match against Ashmead School. Our girls battled hard against a very professional team, but unfortunately lost the match. Mrs Brogan and Mr Messenger were particularly impressed with the team's positive attitude and fearless tackling. Our new netball team also played their first match of the season against Haddenham Junior school. Although they were eventually defeated, the team jumped, pivoted and shot their way through a challenging match. Well done to all players and good luck in the next matches!

Forging our way into the new decade, we are excited to announce we have taken delivery of a 3D printer. This is on loan to our school until Christmas. The Junior children have been designing 3D key rings which will hopefully be available for them to bring home by the end of term. All children will be learning about the possibilities of 3D printing and how this may affect their future lives.

**Kim Price, Headteacher**

## PARISH INTERESTS

### What's happening outside the Parish?



**Tuesday 17 December**  
**YESTERDAY (12A)**

**Local films showing at**  
**Haddenham Youth & Community Centre**



Haddenham Screen shows start at 8.00pm, doors open 7.30pm, unless otherwise shown. Tickets in advance: £5.00 (£4.00 for members/children) from Haddenham Community Library or visit [www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk](http://www.haddenhamscreen.org.uk)



#### **OPENING HOURS:**

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



#### **NEXTDOOR—What is it?**

Nextdoor is an easy way to stay connected, wherever you are.

Nextdoor is the best way to stay informed about what's going on in your neighbourhood - whether it's finding a last-minute babysitter, planning a local event or sharing safety tips. There are so many ways our neighbours can help us, we just need an easier way to connect with them. Check out the NEXTDOOR app and information can be found on the internet - just GOOGLE it and see. You can sign-up to join and find out what's going on near you.





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Andrew Wild - 01296 748679

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01844 291244

## Vicar Associate

Dr Phil Groves 01844 291244

## Church Wardens

Rosemary Jackson 01296 748655

Neil Chudley - 07788 923493

## Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Parish Office - 01844 291244

## Churchyard Working Party

Andrew & Helen Wild - 01296 748679

## Cuddington & Dinton School

01844 291206

Headteacher: - head@cds.school

Office - office@cds.school

## 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/PCSO Sue Jones—101

## Pre-School, Dinton Village Hall

Valerie Partington - 07917 044132

## Hotline against Fly Tipping

0845 330 1856

## Akido

Anthony Pinchbeck - 01296 747853

## Cubs & Beavers

Emily Gray - 07746 973805

## Dinton Cricket Club

chairman@dintoncc.co.uk

## Pot Hole Reporting

01296 382416

<https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>

## Planning Applications:

<https://www.aylesburyvaldec.gov.uk/searchplanning-licensing-applications>

## Footpath Problems

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

## GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEME

Transport to doctors, hospital, opticians, collection of prescriptions, help with getting out of the house in bad weather and shopping in the case of illness.



### GIBRALTAR

Barbara Green 748529

### FORD:

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

**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](mailto:haddenhamcv@gmail.com). Similarly, contact Sue if you are interested in joining our team of trained volunteer drivers.