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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - DINTON with FORD & UPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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The Parish Council wishes everyone  
A Very Happy Christmas and New Year  
All the Very Best for 2023



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

### Seven Stars

**Christmas Eve Carol Singing** - starting at 5pm on Westlington Green then at 6pm outside the Seven Stars pub with mulled wine and mince pies inside the pub at 6.45pm.

**We hope as many people as possible can join us at the Carol Singing**

**PLANNING  
PERMISSION  
APPROVED**

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

### FIND OUT IF YOU NEED PLANNING PERMISSION

A new online self-service planning tool has been launched that enables any one in Buckinghamshire to check if an idea they have for a project is likely to be allowed under national permitted development rights or whether it may require planning permission. The service is part of a national pilot by the Department for Levelling Up, Communities and Housing (DLUCH) to improve submitting and processing planning applications.

The new service works by doing a high-level check of the project against legislation and Geographic Information System (GIS) data to see if the project may fall under 'permitted development'. The service also warns if other types of consent, such as prior approval, tree consent or listed building consent may additionally be required.

This new service is available to use now on Buckinghamshire Council's website:  
<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/check-if-you-need-planning-permission/>

There is also an option to use a new online application service to allow homeowners and planning professionals to apply for a lawful development certificate as an alternative to using existing planning application submission tools.

Both services ask applicants questions specific to their project, meaning that users don't need to be planning experts to start researching the changes they can make to their homes.

**The self-service planning tool is free to use and can be accessed on the Bucks Council website**

In addition to these two self-serve public-facing tools, the planning team at Buckinghamshire Council is also testing a new back-office system to make the lawful development assessment process more efficient and transparent for both applicants and planning officers.



#### **Dinton Village Hall:**

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

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

**Honor Vane, Summers Cottage, Dinton, HP17 8UG - 01296 748177**

#### **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.

Please contact Nick Cottman for the price of the plaques

Cllr Nick Cottman **07762 159530** - [nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com](mailto:nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com)



## WHICH PAVEMENT & WHO FIXES IT?

If you have a problem with a footpath/pavement, you need to register the problem with Buckinghamshire Council Fix-my-Street reporting system — 01296 382416 or [www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk) If your problem is with a Public Footpath crossing a farmers or other landowner land or a Bridleway then please contact Buckinghamshire Council Rights of Way Team.



### They prefer you to use their website for reporting problems.

This includes: broken stiles, overgrown vegetation or fallen trees, damaged or dangerous path surfaces, damaged or dangerous bridges, damaged or missing signposts and waymarks. Landowners are required to keep rights of way open and useable; this includes providing and maintaining stiles

## SIMPLY WALK STONE, HADDENHAM & DINTON

Come suited & booted for whatever the weather  
To **Simply Walk** for an hour or so in the countryside.  
Just come to our walks throughout the year from:

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road – **STONE**  
Wednesday: 14<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> December

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday: 7<sup>th</sup> December

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: 21<sup>st</sup> December

We meet in the morning for 10.30  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
Soon be busy with all things Christmassy  
Save time for a walk and - coffee or tea!



MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
Jan	11th-25th	4th	18th
Feb	8th-22nd	1st	15th
Mar	8th-22nd	1st-29th	15th

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
See you again next year!

**Walking for Health with Simply Walk**

Visit [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk) or call Fiona Broadbent on 01494 475367.

*Merry*  
**Christmas**

May the sparkle and joy of  
Christmas fill your heart  
with happiness and joy.



## **GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY – 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

“I bloody love fireworks”, as Guido Fawkes said to Mrs Fawkes on the evening of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 1605, as he set off for the Houses of Parliament. And so it was that 417 years later we gathered at the Parish Field to celebrate him being subsequently hanged (he actually jumped or fell from the gallows and broke his neck) and his lifeless body drawn and quartered and flung to all corners of the kingdom such that the wild birds could feast on his remains. Rest in peace Guido, you have given us all much pleasure over the years and perhaps, if you had attempted the same act of treason today, you would be the Celebrity in the Jungle rather than some ex-MP.

This years event, the first for several years following widespread requests throughout the parish to ‘Bring Back Guy’! took place 5<sup>th</sup> November on the Parish Field sharing the event with Dinton Cricket Club who, with the outstanding assistance of Steph, landlady par excellence of The Seven Stars (you know we all love you), provided all the facilities for catering, children’s fun, music and much merriment and bonhomie as approx. 250 people gathered to enjoy the display.

We SOLD OUT the event such was its popularity, and we trust parishioners appreciate that we are restricted on numbers in order to comply with Health and Safety rules for crowd control and as per the terms of our Insurance Cover and Parish Council guidance. Apologies to those who were unable to get last minute tickets

Thank you to the Parish Council who approved the go ahead after the Community Events Team organised the display in compliance with all the rules that must be followed. The positive feedback has been immense and despite no Bonfire (Guido says thanks for that) the display was considered by many as outstanding and as good a display as they have seen. It looks like you all had a fantastic night.

On this point a very special thank you to Will Hughes, our resident Royal Marine Commando, a veteran of the Falkland’s, and responsible for the design, execution, and sequencing of the whole display with the expert assistance of his mate Graham. They also trained a few ‘locals’ on the night who are now being put through an approved training course such that we will always have the required expertise for future events.

Many thanks to all of you who made the effort to come along on what was a night of mizzle when many may have preferred to be at home watching Strictly. Also, a big thank you to parishioners who complied with our NO PARKING request on the Upton Road, it greatly helped our stewarding on the night.

Many people gave of their time freely to assist in the running of the event and the inevitable following morning clear up. You know who you are, and your willingness to keep working within the CET to provide the community with a calendar of entertainment is outstanding. Amanda, Fiona, Debbie H, Diana, Claire, Steph, Debbie M – where would us mere men have been without you on the night?

The event was intended as a thank you to all parishioners for the continued efforts so many of you make throughout the year to make our community such a warm, friendly, and desirable place to live. While we do struggle to cover our costs of this single event, we do know that throughout the year we can recover our overall event costs and come up with some profits to plough back into future events or worthy parish causes.

The Community Events Team have since had a follow up meeting and discussed ways to make the event even more enjoyable for next year and we welcome any feedback you may have. Since the event we have had 4 new parishioners join the CET – thank you. Bye for now Guido – see you next year.

Steve Merry – Chairperson Community Events Team

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Dear Residents of Dinton, Ford and Upton,  
we need your help.

As many of you may be aware the track from Westlington Lane to the Lower Road has been recently blocked by several locked gates (Jan/Feb 2022) installed by one of the landowners.

This path has been used for decades by locals as a Footpath, Bridleway, and even on occasion (when the road out of Westlington had been blocked) as a Byway. Therefore, we are working on collecting user evidence statements for a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) to add the route as a Bridleway to the Definitive Map along the below route. Officially adding this route to the Definitive Map would provide valuable off-road access for walkers, cyclists and horse riders and would be a great asset to the community.

If you have used this route before the gates were installed, wish to preserve it for future generations and are willing to fill in a User Evidence Statement to support this application, please do get in contact with Natalie White for the relevant forms.

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## CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL NEWS

It seems a while ago since we welcomed all the new children into the school they have all settled in so well and the other children have made them very welcome.

We are most certainly back into the rhythm of school as it should be, we constantly strive to improve and are excited to have introduced a new writing model into the school that we piloted last term and is now being used consistently through the school. We welcomed all parents into school for the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions and also for an introduction to the new writing program which has been very well received.

The children were very interested in the period of mourning for the Queen. In Collective Worship on both sites, we spoke to the children about the death of the Queen. We discussed her role as a monarch and her dedication and service to the people of Great Britain and the Commonwealth. Part of the conversation was about her role as a mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother and obviously about having tea with Paddington Bear! The children were very thoughtful and understood the idea of the period of mourning. We lit a candle and shared a prayer.

Despite a very blustery start to the second half of the Autumn term we have already had lots of visitors to the school. Staff came from Quanton School to look at how we organised our teaching and curriculum. Our staff and children made them very welcome. We also had four Oxford Brookes students start their two-week phonics placement at the Infant site as well as a trainee teacher in year 6 who will be staying with us until 12<sup>th</sup> December.

We had a visit from Helen Smith, Early Years adviser from Bucks, who was delighted with the changes to the Foundation classroom and outside area. She noted the changes had made a significant difference to the learning environment and the children were thriving.

Earth Day was celebrated by staff and children with a selection of learning activities: finding out about sea turtles, creating seascapes, effects of overfishing and coral reefs. The year 1&2 children had a fantastic time at Quanton Railway Museum.

More recently the collective worship theme has been on Remembrance and the children have shown great respect for the subject. The culmination of this was the services at the war memorials in Cuddington and Dinton Churches. We were very happy to welcome Mr Caudren and Mr Clifton in their uniforms, to both occasions. It was also lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and other family members joining us. As ever, the children were superbly behaved.

We are now looking forward to the festive season with all the joy and magic it brings to the children!

Vicky Shenton, Chair of Governors

**CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL FOOD BANK**  
**We welcome all food donations which can be left at the entrance of the**  
**Junior Site between 8am and 4pm**  
**All donations of food will go to the Aylesbury Food Bank**

## St Peter and St Paul Church, Dinton

### DINTON CHURCH NEWS

There have been many changes in the church this year. We have been sharing the church with a very thriving Romanian Orthodox congregation who come from as far away as High Wycombe and Oxford. They have installed a very sophisticated sound system which has vastly improved the ability to hear.

We now have a wifi system and distance heating controls. We are seeking permission to refurbish the old Victorian privies to make them usable storage space.

The first year of the planned wild flower area at the bottom of the churchyard has been patchy. Following sowing the wildflower seeds there was no rain for 6 weeks so only a few came up. Hopefully next year a lot more seeds will germinate. We will start gardening again on the second Saturday of March which is the 11<sup>th</sup>, please come and join us.

We have had some great concerts this year thanks to Mike Trotman Promotions and also the Chiltern Concert Band. Now looking forward to next year if anyone would like a venue for a big or small event contact Rosemary Jackson 07751 393377.

We are again running the Luxury Hamper Raffle thanks to Starveall Farm Turkeys, Porta de La Rosa Port, Dinton Folly and other very generous donors. The proceeds this year will go to Macmillan Nurses and Dinton Church Fabric.

**The raffle will be drawn after the Carol Service on  
11<sup>th</sup> December.**

**There will be a celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Day at 10am.**



### **Volunteers Needed**

**We could do with your help**

If you can help your community and Village Hall Committee by carrying out any maintenance Jobs such as painting, gardening, tidying up etc.  
Please contact:

**Dick O'Driscoll (Chairman) 01296 748283  
odriscoll110@btinternet.com**



## FOOD BANK COLLECTION

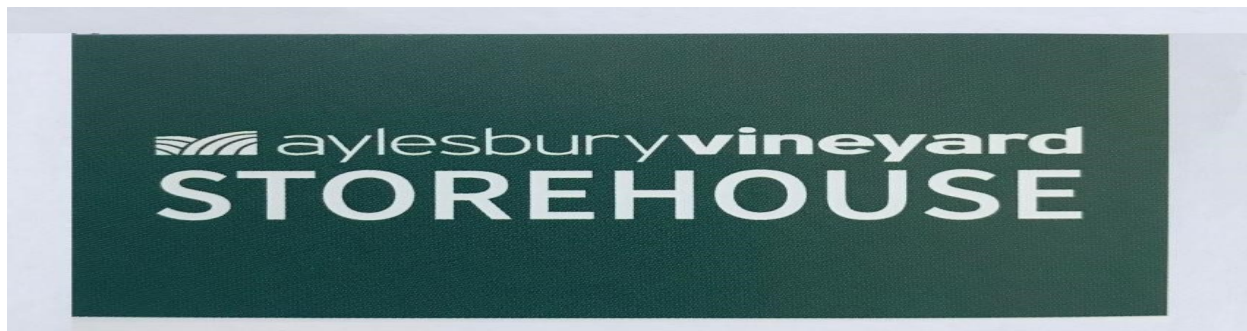
The Seven Stars in Dinton has a foodbank collection box.

The box is situated under the tall table on the patio adjacent to the entrance to the pub.



All foodstuff will be collected by the Bernwode bus on the first Saturday of each month and delivered to the Aylesbury Vineyard Church foodbank.

**Please donate any kind of tinned food or food in jars.  
You could also give toiletries or household goods.**



**Buckinghamshire Council Helping Hand** team is available to help individuals or families in need, those on low incomes and those who are experiencing a financial emergency or crisis. Let us know if: you are struggling to afford food, you cannot keep on top of your bills, you are in debt or you are struggling to pay for essential goods in your home.

**Request support from the Helping Hand team using the online form or contact us by phone on 01296 531 151.**

**Our phone lines are open:**

Monday to Thursday (9am to 5:30pm) Friday (9am to 5pm) If you're in immediate need and your request cannot wait until the next working day call 0800 999 77677.

**Parish Council:** We meet every month on the 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm. Parish Councillors are elected to make decisions for the parish and to raise a parish precept (tax) to pay for various responsibilities they have and choose to take on such as the playground, parish field, land and open spaces, the spinney, tree works and grass cutting. We are consulted on planning applications and matters affecting the parish. Residents are welcome to attend the parish council meetings and raise any matters they wish that affect the parish. We often have to engage with other stakeholders such as Buckinghamshire Council if the issue, or concerns raised, is not something we have responsibility for.





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**Cuddington & Dinton School**

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**Dinton Village Hall Bookings**

Honor Vane - 01296 748177

**Haddenham Community Library**

0845-2303232

**Parish Magazine (Dinton)**

Mike Thompson - 01296 748561

**Police Station (Waddesdon)**

Neighbourhood Team —101

**Fly Tipping:**

01296 382416 [https://](https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/)  
[www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/](https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/)

**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:**

Buckinghamshire Council 01296 395000

**Pavement Problems:** 01296 382416

[www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/)

**Public Footpaths & Bridleways** - contact

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**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.



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**Co-ordinators: Jo Troup and Helen Wild**

**HADDENHAM COMMUNITY VEHICLE (HCV)**

The HCV is for all who are disabled or have walking or mobility problems. The door to door service is free although donations are welcome. To find out more, become a volunteer or to make a booking, contact the coordinator David Hammond: 07483 806171 or email [haddenhamcv@gmail.com](mailto:haddenhamcv@gmail.com). The service is for all those having difficulty accessing public transport or private cars. Our vehicle is adapted for wheelchair users. **Trained volunteers ensure covid-safe arrangements in line with guidance and the service, including journeys to vaccination centres, operates up to 20 miles from Haddenham.**