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## **WE NEED HELP!**

The tree warden for the Parish Council is Vicki Cairns, who keeps an eye on all the trees in the parish for which the Parish Council has responsibility.

In her recent winter report she asked for volunteers who could spend a little time helping her to trim ivy off some of the trees in the spinney and to help her remove two small dead trees in the little copse between the orchard and the wildflower area.

If you think you might be able to help please email [dick.odriscoll@dintonwithfordandupton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:dick.odriscoll@dintonwithfordandupton-pc.gov.uk)



## **COMMUNITY CLEAN UP & LITTER PICK**

Come and join us for a Community Clean up and Litter Pick Please bring your own gloves and dress accordingly.

**Saturday 28th March 2026  
MEETING: 10am - Dinton Village Hall**

Please adhere to any safety advice and most of all – enjoy the community activity. The Parish Council will provide litter pickers and bin bags

**HELP US KEEP THE PARISH LOOKING ITS BEST**



## COMMUNITY EVENTS TEAM

### OUT WITH THE OLD IN WITH THE NEW

On behalf of the Community Events Team, a belated Happy New Year to all parishioners and wishing you good health, peace and happiness in 2026. For our final event of 2025 we celebrated Christmas with our 'LIGHTS ON' event in the Seven Stars garden. Families gathered around a magnificent Christmas tree, kindly donated by a generous parishioner, and sang carols as the evening air was filled with the unmistakable rich, mellow, melodic sounds of the flugelhorn, tuba and big trombone of Winchendon Brass!! The BBQ of Starveall Sausages and Burgers accompanied by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine, courtesy of Steph, was in great demand while flames from the log burners leapt high into the encroaching darkness of the evening sky, making a truly magical scene. Anticipation was high as Vicar of our Parish, Nigel Featherston, stepped forward, raised his finger to the sky and declared, 'LET THERE BE LIGHT' and, as if by magic, the tree burst into illumination and Christmas had come once more.



The celebrations continued under The Stars as teams assembled in the pub for the Christmas Quiz. Eleven teams, stacked with the brains of the parish, battled through rounds including Classic Sitcom Quotes, Christmas Cracker Jokes (Why isn't Donald Trump attending Midnight Mass? – Fake pews!!) and Guess Who?

Tickets for the raffle sold like hot cakes with a massive Starveall Turkey, Champagne, Winterfest Tickets, Rare Japanese Liquors, Whisky and Beer among the many donated prizes along with a beautiful set of illustrated children's books written by local children's author Sandra Plumb. The final result confirmed that some of the Parish brains were perhaps already enjoying the Christmas holidays as Upton Mafia collected the Parsons Nose while The Others, steered by Richard and Karen Crow, took the Golden Bauble and reign supreme over Parish Quiz land for the coming year. Such were the brilliant donations and sales during the two events that, the CET, were able to donate £1000 to our flagship charity, The Florence Nightingale Hospice, based in Aylesbury. Over the years, more than £10,000 has been donated from these Christmas events.

### Activities for 2026:

[Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February](#) – FAMILY QUIZ in the village Hall

[Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June](#) – Summer Ball in the Marquee at Dinton Cricket Club with live band, LOST IN MUSIC performing. This Black-Tie event is always a sell out so book early

[Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>](#) – Pimms, Champagne and Strawberries afternoon in the cricket club marquee with Wimbledon Tennis airing on a large screen and Dinton playing cricket

[Saturday 18th or 25th July or August 1st](#) - possible Quiz in Village Hall. Date to be confirmed

[September/October](#) - a possible CET event eg Wine & Cheese or Casino evening in Village Hall incorporating the 100 Club draw. Date TBA.

[Saturday 10th October](#) – Annual Conkers event at Dinton Cricket Club

[Saturday 7th November](#) - Fireworks Spectacular on Parish field with BBQ and Bar at Dinton Cricket Club.

[Sunday 6th December](#) – Christmas Tree 'LIGHTS ON' followed by the Christmas Quiz under the Seven Stars.

We will likely intersperse other activities during the year, and we are always open to your suggestions for future events. If there are any among you out in the parish looking to join a fun group who enjoy staging events and happy to give of their free time as a thank you for living in such a great place, then please contact any member of the CET and join one of our regular meetings under The Seven Stars. Cheers. [Steve Merry – Chairperson Community Events](#)

*Simon Mayne*

## A BRIEF ENCOUNTER

Just before Christmas, Diana and I were taking a shortcut through Dinton churchyard as we avoided the mud and ever-increasing traffic on Upton Road, when I spotted what appeared at first glance to be a 'gentleman of the road' sheltering under a buttress on the north side of the church. Long straggling grey beard, interesting hair protruding from under a hat that had seen better days and attired in something akin to the Cat Weazle school of fashion.

In the spirit of Christmas, I nodded a greeting to him whereupon he enquired, in an accent I recognised as being antipodean, if I knew where the very old graves are located in the churchyard. Just then we were joined by a lady and gentleman who emerged from the gloom of the yew trees sheltering the graves near the north wall. It turned out that the lady and Catweazle were married and were visiting from Australia and in search of ancestors. It transpired the lady was called Lilis Wade and is the great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great granddaughter of Simon Mayne, once of Dinton Hall and one of the Regicides who signed the death warrant of King Charles 1<sup>st</sup>.

Some of you may remember the Historical Treasure Hunt we ran at the time of King Charles III Coronation which was centred around the parish with much focus on the church, the hall and the history at the time of the English Civil War and execution of Charles 1<sup>st</sup>. Simon Mayne's name was prominent in that event as was John Bigg, the Dinton Hermit and believed executioner who wielded the axe at the head of Charles.

So, I was able to give Lilis and her husband a lot of information in regard to Simon Mayne and sadly tell her that the burial place of Simon remains unknown but that there is a memorial stone to him within the church of St Peter and St Paul. Unfortunately, the church was locked, and we could not get access until later, however we agreed that Lilis would return the following day and I would organise a tour of the church and other landmarks in the parish.

This we duly did and Lilis was so happy to see the history in the church, touch the stone of Simon, take photographs and accept copies of literature associated with the church and its history and documents regarding Dinton Hall. Later we toured churches in Haddenham, Thame and Cuddington and had a wonderful day tripping through the incredible history that surrounds our parish. We said goodbye at Haddenham railway station and as Lilis was returning to Australia the coming week, our brief encounter was over. Will Lilis return?

**Cheers Steve Merry**



**DINTON VILLAGE HALL**  
Charity number 1027449

Dinton Village Hall Charity is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us.

**It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.**

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dinton-village-hall-charity/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dinton-village-hall-charity/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email)

**Thank you so much!**

# FUNDRAISING

## Dinton Village Hall: Fundraising Update

Dinton Village Hall has been at the heart of our community for nearly a century, hosting everything from playgroup sessions and community events to clubs, meetings and celebrations. As many residents will know, the Hall will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2027, and the trustees are working hard to ensure it remains a thriving community hub for the next 100 years.

Over the past year, a team of village volunteers has been leading an ambitious fundraising campaign to support a major refurbishment and extension of the Hall. We are delighted to report that, thanks to the generosity of local residents and the success of our fundraising events in the community, we have raised just over **£50,000** so far. This includes donations, fundraising events, and local sponsorships, and demonstrates the strong support the Hall continues to enjoy across Dinton, Ford, Upton, Gibraltar and Westlington.

The quote for the new extension to the hall is some **£250,000** and to refurbish the existing hall will be another **£150,000** which with some contingency gives an overall project cost approaching **£450,000**, and we are now applying to a range of charitable trusts and grant funders to secure the remaining funds. It may be that we will have to phase the work depending on funding success and timing. Planning permission, detailed designs and contractor tenders are all in place, meaning we are ready to move forward as soon as funding is secured.

The proposed project will improve accessibility, upgrade heating and energy efficiency, and create flexible, modern spaces for all ages

### **Build a Legacy. Buy a Brick.**

A key part of our community fundraising is the **Build a Legacy. Buy a Brick.** campaign. Residents are invited to sponsor an engraved brick that will form part of the refurbished Hall, creating a permanent record of the people and stories that make our Parish special. Bricks can be inscribed with names, memorable dates, family messages, or short personal stories, an enduring piece of social history that future generations will be able to see and appreciate.

It is a wonderful way to celebrate family connections, mark milestones, or remember loved ones while helping to secure the Hall's future.

We will continue to keep the community updated on progress and would love your support, whether through attending fundraising events, spreading the word, buying a brick, or donating. Together, we can ensure Dinton Village Hall remains a welcoming, vibrant centre of village life for generations to come.

**Stop Press - we have received notification from HMRC that we qualify for Gift Aid so your donations can be increased by 25% assuming that you qualify for Gift Aid.**

If you would like more information, please contact Chantal Heath.  
Email: [chantal@mightyoaks](mailto:chantal@mightyoaks).  
Mobile: 07930 877321



# Moonrakers

**Celtic traditional and contemporary songs and tunes.  
Music from the UK & Ireland.**



**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April  
7.30pm  
Parish Church  
Dinton, HP17 8UG**

**£15.00 (cash or card). Book online via Eventbrite (search Moonrakers) or pay on the door (subject to availability).**

**This special concert is a joint fundraising event. By attending, you'll be supporting both the Church and the Village Hall—two historic buildings at the heart of village life.**

**Enquires: 07872 316553 [rosemaryjackson43@gmail.com](mailto:rosemaryjackson43@gmail.com)**



## Dinton Village Hall 100 Club

The Village Hall current account has a balance of £15,000 and the 100 Club fundraising account totals around £50,000 which comprises money from the 100 Club, profits from fundraising events, donations (including a very generous £1,000 recently received from a previous village resident who has fond memories of the village hall) and over £25,000 transferred into an interest savings account (this has gained £300 in interest so far). So, the total Village Hall finances are approximately £65,000. The fundraising team led by Chantal Heath are exploring options to obtain funds/grants. Don't forget to ask the 7 Stars to add £1 for every bill taken in the pub and restaurant if you agree to this.

The Community Events Team (CET) ran a very successful Family Quiz night in the Village Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> February. This was attended by approximately 75 people ranging in age from 5 to 85 years. It was noticeable that the younger members of the audience were more competent in answering Quiz Master, Steve Merry's questions!

During the evening we held this year's final draw of the 100 Club. Congratulations to the winners:

**1<sup>st</sup> prize £150 David Gadson, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £100 Adam Deschamps and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £75 Paul Bispham**

The next financial year starts in April so please renew your membership. We need more members. It's £36 per year and you are entered into the two prize draws with a total of £650 to be won during the year. All profits go to the Village Hall fundraising account. Please contact me if you or friends would like to join ([nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com](mailto:nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com)) Please note that our Lloyds Bank fundraising account name (previously Dinton Village Hall Power Fund Account) has changed to **Dinton Village Hall**. Same account number (30386160) and sortcode (30 98 56). **We qualify for Gift Aid status** from all our donations. This means that any donations received will be worth an additional 25% provided the donor qualifies for Gift Aid. Included with this Bigg Issue is the HMRC Charity Gift Aid Declaration form. If you are in the 100 Club or want to make a donation to the Village Hall fund, please return the form to me (address at the bottom of the form) if you qualify for Gift Aid.

**Thank you for supporting our Village Hall.**

**Nick Cottman, Village Hall Treasurer**



## DINTON BEER FESTIVAL

The eleventh annual Dinton Beer Festival will be held this year on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August in the garden of the Seven Stars in Dinton. Please put this date in your diary and come along to enjoy this great community day. If you would like to sponsor or contribute to the beer, cider, Pimm's or festival glasses, please contact Dick O'Driscoll on 07711 731740 or Dennis Dunn on 07773 765060.



### BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL - Haddenham & Stone Ward Councillors Green Party

**Councillor Maru Mormina**

[Maru.Mormina@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:Maru.Mormina@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)

Bucks Council, The Gateway Offices, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF



**Green Party**

**Councillor Greg Smith**

The Red House, 10 Rudds Lane, Haddenham, Bucks, HP17 8JP

Home: 01844 292713 Home mobile: 07415 610644



### 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**



# Simply Walk

## Simply Walk in 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: 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road – **HADDENHAM**  
Wednesday: 25<sup>th</sup> March

Seven Stars PH, New Road – **DINTON**  
Wednesday: 11<sup>th</sup> March

SIMPLY WALK DIARY DATES 2026			
MONTH	STONE	HADDENHAM	DINTON
April	1st-15th-29th	22nd	8th
May	13th - 27th	20th	6th
June	10th - 24th	17th	3rd

We meet in the morning for **10.30**  
It's friendly, fun and **free**  
Don't need posh gear only comfy, sturdy  
Footwear to walk in... till coffee or tea!

**Walking for Health with Simply Walk**  
Visit [www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/simply-walk)

Telephone 01494 475367 Mobile 07802 260812.



## Charity Begins at Home Dinton Village Hall, Celebrating 100 Years of Community

Dinton Village Hall will reach its 100th anniversary in 2027. For a century, it has been at the heart of our community, hosting celebrations, clubs, events, and gatherings of every kind. We now want to ensure it continues to serve future generations just as well by refurbishing and extending the hall.

We've made a great start, raising just over **£50,000** in our first year, about one tenth of the total needed. To keep up the momentum we're continuing to organise community events and apply for grants, but we also warmly welcome donations from those who would like to support this local cause. If you are considering donating or including a local charity in your will, please think of Dinton Village Hall Charity. Every contribution large or small helps secure its future for the next 100 years.

All donations and legacies are gratefully received and can be acknowledged publicly or kept anonymous if you prefer.

Please contact: **Chantal Heath:** [chantal@mightyoaks.biz](mailto:chantal@mightyoaks.biz) **Dick O'Driscoll:** [odriscoll110@btinternet.com](mailto:odriscoll110@btinternet.com)

## 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)



## DINTON LUXURY CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2025

We are exceptionally pleased that everyone's efforts raised a whopping £1470 from raffle envelope sales and a donation, divided equally between the Dinton Church Fabric Fund and the Florence Nightingale Hospice. The church money will go towards the fund to restore the Victorian candelabras which are very fragile and can no longer be used. They need a specialist metal worker, which is bound to be costly.

Huge thanks go to so many. The three hampers plus a surprise one were brimming with Christmas goodies and heartfelt thanks to the donors of the luxurious and varied contributions. Raffle envelopes needed to be sold and individuals living in Upton, Dinton, Ford, Westlington, Gibraltar and at Starveall Butchery stepped up to the mark and 274 filled envelopes were returned; a great result.

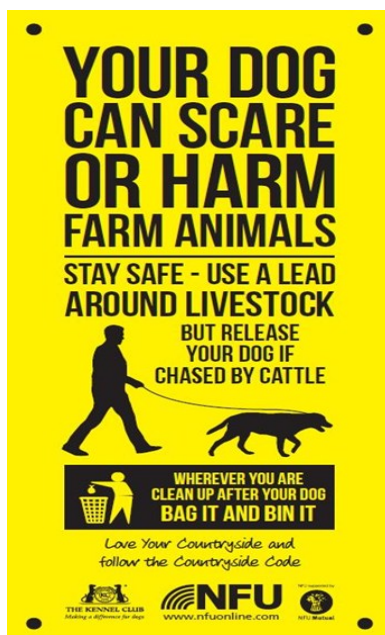
Once again, the raffle was drawn after the delightful Christmas Carol Service, held on 14<sup>th</sup> December. This year there were well over 100 members of the congregation. The winner of the first prize hamper, who is a member of the church lives in Stone and has never won anything before. Dinton residents and an Upton resident won 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and the bonus surprise 4<sup>th</sup> hamper. All prize winners were thrilled and thanked everyone.

It leaves us to say, very many thanks to you all, especially the buyers of the raffle tickets and once again the Dinton Luxury Christmas Raffle continues and we have one or more treats in store next Christmas.

Diane Smith and Paddy Lambert

### Bucks Council Local Plan

The Council will publish the draft Local Plan this summer for public consultation. Residents, landowners, infrastructure providers and other partners who would like to provide input in this part of the plan-making process can participate in the council's site survey <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/sites-survey> before 11:59pm on 16 March 2026.



Your dog might be extremely docile and friendly, but we have to remember that farm animals won't know that.

**It's best to keep your dog on a lead and under close control around livestock.**

Farm animals can be very protective, especially at certain times of the year such as tugging and bulling time when male and female animals are mixing, once animals have become pregnant, or after calves or lambs have been born.

NFU Mutual reports that a significant proportion of attacks are caused by owners who let their dogs roam from homes adjoining the countryside and aren't aware that they are attacking farm animals.

**Enjoy walking your dog in the countryside but please, always be mindful of livestock and respect the countryside**  
**THANK YOU**

Dinton Parish Church (Ss Peter and Paul)

&

*Empty Room Promotions*

Present: An evening of Fabulous Music with

The  
Savannah Gardner  
Band

*(Savannah Gardner is a British-American country and Americana artist whose unique blend of storytelling, soulful vocals, and magnetic stage presence has made her a standout figure in the genre.)*

With Support from Susannah Clegg

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**(Dinton Parish Church – Upton Road, Dinton)**  
**Doors 7pm (music from 7:45 pm)**

**Tickets £17 (ADV) / £20 (OTD)**



Tickets Available From:

<https://www.empty-rooms.com/> or <https://wegottickets.com/emptyroompromotions> or

<https://savannahgardner.com/> or

Paul Bispham (Dinton) 07738896650 (No Fees)



## WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

### Proposed Walking & Cycle Route

#### UPDATE

In the previous Bigg Issue, we gave brief details of a proposed walk and cycle route from Haddenham to Stone, through Westlington, Dinton and Upton and we asked for your comments.

We also confirmed that the Parish Council preferred the route to be along the A418, utilising and improving the existing footpath. We received a poor response, only about twenty households giving a comment. As a result of the comments received, we asked questions of the team proposing the route, to which we have now received answers.

It is the Parish Council's intention to deliver a questionnaire to each household in the parish, within the next few weeks, asking for your considered views, either for or against the proposed route, based on the latest information, which will be issued with the questionnaire.

It is important that as many parishioners as possible make their views known.



## ROAD REPAIRS

### Buckinghamshire Council

**Pot holes and other matters relating to the road network need to be reported directly to Buckinghamshire Council via their Fix-my-Street reporting system.**

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

## **RE M I N D E R**

### **DINTON VILLAGE HALL**

#### **Hoppers of Dinton Pre-School**

Open hours – including holidays – are:-

Monday to Thursday - 7.30am to 6.00pm  
Friday - 7.30am to 5.30pm

**Please do not enter the Hall or  
grounds during these times.**

**If access is required, please call on:  
07497 728 023**

## **PLANNING PROCESS**

Buckinghamshire Council has changed its planning procedures which means that no individuals' comments (including supporting and objecting to a planning application) will show on their planning website against the specific application.

**This now means that the Parish Council will not be able to see your comments to a particular planning application.**

The Parish Council now requests that you send us a copy of your comments, by email to the Parish Clerk, on any planning application you send to Buckinghamshire Council.

**[clerk@dintonwithfordandupton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@dintonwithfordandupton-pc.gov.uk)  
THIS WILL THEN ALERT US TO HOW  
YOU FEEL ABOUT A PLANNING  
APPLICATION AFFECTING YOU**



## CUDDINGTON & DINTON SCHOOL NEWS

Spring term 2026 got off to a cracking start with frozen windscreens for staff, ice and snowballs to play with at break and warm hats, coats and gloves all round. The children had been completing a Christmas reading challenge over the holidays encouraging them to read a diverse range of material from recipes to poems.

2026 is the National Year for Reading and it is never too young to start reading for pleasure to enrich lives, bring joy, knowledge and have a chance to escape into many different worlds.

Foundation class have been enjoying their 'Superheroes' topic as they received visits from local firefighters and a visit from Dr Parker who brought an ambulance for the class to see. Across the school, classes took part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch enjoying spotting different species and contributing to this nationwide project. Even on damp days the children have been outside engaging in creative and imaginative play using some of the new equipment as part of the Opal play initiative.

The way some topics are taught now are very different from when some of us were at school. This is particularly true with Maths. It is good to see that the school runs parent workshops for both infant and junior children's parents so that parents can have a clear idea of how to support and encourage them.

Safeguarding has been in the news again. Our new 'Spotlight on Safeguarding' monthly newsletter is available on our website safeguarding information page. Our aim is to work in partnership with parents to help keep all children and young people safe.



**'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16 is central to all that we do as a Christian school community.**

**We work together to nurture the well-being, learning and development of everyone, empowering all to shine as individuals through clearly understood values and behaviour, founded in the Christian faith.**



### 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 and gates and making sure they are safe and easy to use.

## Charity Gift Aid Declaration – single donation

### Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

**In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:**

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £ \_\_\_\_\_ to:

**Name of Charity: Dinton Village Hall Charity No 1027449**

*Lloyds Bank Account Name: Dinton Village Hall*

*Acc No: 30386160 Sort Code: 30-98-56*

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

### My Details:

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Full Home address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Please return the form to:- [nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com](mailto:nick.cottman1@btopenworld.com) Tel:- 01296 748894

## St Peter and St Paul Church, Dinton

### DINTON CHURCH NEWS

What a joyful Christmas we had. Our volunteer posties delivered nearly 400 Christmas cards to homes in the villages and 160 people came to the Christmas carol service, which was followed by the luxury Christmas hamper raffle. Thanks go to all those involved in organising the raffle, selling the tickets and donating the prizes. The raffle raised £1430 which was shared between Florence Nightingale Hospice and the church fabric fund. On Christmas day 60 people joined us for the communion service to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Looking ahead, here are our services for Easter, look out for more details on the noticeboards.

3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2.00pm	Good Friday service
5 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Holy Communion



After Easter we are putting on two concerts in church. On 17<sup>th</sup> April we are hosting Moonrakers, a Celtic music band and this is a joint venture with the Village Hall Fundraising committee, see elsewhere in this issue for details. Empty Rooms Promotions are putting on a concert on 24<sup>th</sup> April with leading artist Savannah Gardner performing. Look out for posters around the village for details regarding tickets – price £17. Again profits will be shared with the church.

On a more sombre note, St Peter and St Paul's is suffering, like many families, from rising costs. We have also lost generous donors which means we have seen a drop in our income as well. Our monthly deficit is approaching £600. We are looking carefully at our costs to see if economies can be made but we need to try to make up this income. For many, the church is for when there is a celebration or sadness or to commemorate major church festivals, but for us to be there when you need us we need donors who are prepared to make regular monthly contributions under the Parish Giving Scheme. It doesn't have to be a large amount, if ten people gave £5 per month and five people gave £10 this would reduce our monthly deficit to £500. Please use the QR code to donate. As well as looking for new donors, we also ask current donors to consider increasing their contributions.

**HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL**



**Everyone is welcome** All our services and events are now advertised on the village noticeboards in Dinton and Ford.

**Please contact us for further information or to arrange a home visit if you cannot get to church:**

Rev Nigel Featherston 07844 96747    Rev Canon Phil Groves 01296 748390

Churchwarden Ian Cairns 07816 315361

**Please can you help? Use the QR code to donate. To learn more, please contact:**

Roger Withers – 07802 155255    Rosemary Jackson – 07872 316553    Ian Cairns – 07816 315361



If you can help your 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

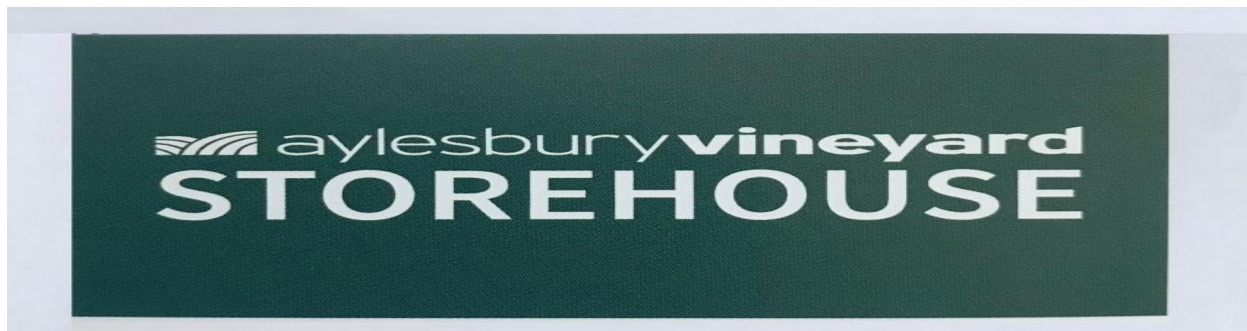
The Seven Stars in Dinton has a foodbank collection box.

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 531151.**

**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 concern raised, is not something we have responsibility for.



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**Cuddington & Dinton School** 01844 291206

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**Dinton Village Hall Bookings**

Honor Vane - 01296 748177

**Haddenham Community Library**

0845-2303232

**Parish Magazine (Dinton)**

David Pickup — 01296 748170

**Police Station (Waddesdon)**

Neighbourhood Team —101

**Fly Tipping:**

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

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**Akido** - Antony Pinchbeck - 07966 151462

**Cubs & Beavers**

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**Dinton Cricket Club**

chairman@dintoncc.co.uk

**Pot Hole Reporting** 01296 382416

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

**Planning Applications:**

Buckinghamshire Council 01296 395000

**Pavement Problems:** 01296 382416

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**Public Footpaths & Bridleways** - contact

Buckinghamshire Council Rights of Way Team

**Community Events Team** - contact

Chairman Steve Merry 07850 049587

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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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**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.**