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## **DINTON OPEN GARDENS—19th April and 7th June 2020**

**On Sunday 19th April, there will be five gardens open to the public**

The gardens will be open from 1pm - 5.30 pm as part of the NGS Open Garden Scheme in aid of Cancer and Parkinson's Disease.

The five very different gardens will be full of colourful spring flowers, trees full of blossom and sprouting vegetables.

Admission to the gardens is £5 for adults and children are free.

**On Sunday 7th June, there will be seven gardens open to the public**

The gardens will be open from 1pm- 5.30 pm as part of the NGS Open Garden Scheme in aid of Cancer and Parkinson's Disease.

The seven gardens have different landscaping, summer flowers and shrubs with rose gardens and cottage borders, ponds and water features and vegetable gardens.

**Admission will be £7 for adults and children are free.**

We hope you can come and enjoy the day visiting your neighbourhood.

The Norman church will be open both days with a children's discovery trail and delicious home-made teas will be served in the Village Hall.

There will be a plant stall on both days.

More information is available on the NGS website

<https://ngs.org.uk/view-garden/15426/>

If you would like to help make the day a success please contact

Catherine Brogan - [catherinebrogan@me.com](mailto:catherinebrogan@me.com) or telephone 07970622604



**FORD**

**21st March - Meet: 10am at Crossroads**

**DINTON**

**28th March - Meet: 10am at Village Hall**



## **Parish & Other Elections 2020 :**

Parish Clerks will receive a set of nomination packs around mid-March for handing to those individuals wishing to stand as candidates at this year's elections. Notice of Election will be for display from 31 March, the first day for submission of nomination papers, which must be received by the Returning Officer by 4pm on 8 April. Voting in the Buckinghamshire Council, Town/Parish and the Police and Crime Commissioner Elections will take place on 7 May 2020. Polling stations will be open from 7am to 10pm. Electors will be sent a poll card at the end of March/beginning of April advising where to vote. You must be registered as an elector to be able to vote. Applications for registration have to be submitted by 21 April 2020. Applications to vote by post have to be made by 5pm on 22 April 2020 and proxy vote applications by 5pm on 29 April 2020. Info: [ereg@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk](mailto:ereg@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk).



## **NEWS FROM THE CHURCH**

The Christmas Soup Lunch and Turkey Hamper Draw on December 7<sup>th</sup> was successful. We raised nearly £1,000 for the children's church and would love to hold it again this year! There was a big congregation at the Carol Service almost enough to drown out our beautiful organ, afterwards we had prosecco and mince pies. On Christmas Day we had a 10am Holy Communion Service and the church was full. The great start to a sparkling day! This year 2020 we have already had one gig promoted by Mike Trotman and are expecting another two gigs. We are pleased to have the Chilton Concert Band back again in June and July, a first for us, Music in Quiet Places, which will be a classical concert. The great advantages for Dinton Church are its majestic beauty but also its brilliant acoustics!

This year we have 2 weddings and one baptism booked and would love to have more. Lent starts on the 27<sup>th</sup> February, with Easter Day on 12<sup>th</sup> April. Please see the Notice Boards and Nextdoor for more details. At the end of March 2020 the Bishop and others will be interviewing applicants for the post of Rector of this Benefice which consists of six local churches. Please see the Benefice website on [www.wychertvale.org](http://www.wychertvale.org) where there is an interesting profile including a description of all our churches.

We want to use the church as a community asset in 2020. If you would like coffee mornings or tea parties, evening groups or any activities in the church please just contact us.

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## **DINTON CHURCHYARD TIDY**

The Churchyard Working Party will be trying to keep Dinton Churchyard tidy over the Spring, Summer and Autumn. Can you spare a little time to help keep the churchyard tidy? The more helpers we have the easier it becomes.

**The next working party will be on Saturday, 11th April, from 10.15 a.m. until 12.00noon, with refreshments provided. Then normally on the second Saturday of every month through to October.** The work consists of light gardening, mowing,

weeding, strimming and tidying up: tools can be provided but it would be useful if you could bring your own. If you would like to help on any day please contact Andrew or Helen and we can let you know what areas need to be worked on, in your own time.

If anyone with a sit on mower could help us to mow the grass on the North side of the church we would be very grateful. We leave parts of the Churchyard as wildlife habitats and they need a different work regime. Please could we ask that those tending graves put only compostable plant material in the compost bins, and to take plastic, cellophane, wire, plant pots etc. home with you. The Churchyard is maintained by volunteers and we have no way of getting rid of plastic etc.

**For further information please contact Andrew or Helen Wild on 01296 748679.**

**Working party dates for 2020: April 11th, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th and October 10<sup>th</sup>**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS TEAM CALENDAR 2020

### MARCH

- \* 7th—Concert Paul McClure & The Local Heroes, Dinton Church at 8pm, Tickets £15pp
- 8th—The CHARITY Quiz (Florence Nightingale), Seven Stars at 7pm, £2pp
  - \* 21st—Litter Pick in Ford at 10am, Ford Crossroads
- \* 21st— Dinton Village Hall Quiz at 7.30pm, £5pp—Bring your own food & drink
- \* 28th—Litter Pick in Dinton at 10am, Dinton Village Hall
- \* TBC—Community Led Plan Event, Dinton Village at 2pm to 6pm

### APRIL

- \* 19th—Open gardens (Spring) Dinton at 1pm until 5.30pm
- 19th – Quiz, Seven Stars at 7pm, £1pp
- 28th (TBC) Refreshers Course Defibrillator & Fizz & Chips, Seven Stars

### MAY

- 8th—Victory in Europe Family Day, Dinton Parish Field (Marquee)  
The above to be combined with the Rucksack Project
- 10th—Quiz, Seven Stars at 7pm, £1pp

### JUNE

- 6th—The PIVOT Summer Games, Food & Music, Dinton parish Field (Marquee)
  - \* 7th—Open Gardens, Dinton at 1pm to 5.30pm
  - 14th—Quiz, Seven Stars at 7pm, £1pp
  - \* 27th—Chiltern Concert Band, Dinton Church

### AUGUST

- \* 22nd—Dinton Beer Festival, Seven Stars Pub Garden at 12pm

### SEPTEMBER

- 13th—Quiz Seven Stars at 7pm, £1pp
- 26th—Cheese & Wine Evening, Dinton Village Hall at 7pm, £10pp

### OCTOBER

- 10th—Conkers Championship, Dinton Cricket Club at 5pm
- 18th—Quiz, Seven Stars at 7pm, £1pp
- \* 24th—Dinton Village Hall Quiz at 7.30pm, £5pp Bring your own food & drink

### NOVEMBER

- 6th or 7th—Bonfire & Fireworks (Provisional—TBC)
- 15th—Quiz, Seven Stars at 7pm, £1pp
- 28th—Turkey Draw & Soup Lunch, Dinton Village Hall

### DECEMBER

- 6th—Xmas Tree Switch On, Seven Stars Pub Garden at 4.30pm
- 6th—The BIG XMAS QUIZ, Seven Stars at 7pm, £1pp
- 24th Carol Singing starts at 6pm outside Seven Stars
- 31st NEW YEARS EVE PARTY (Provisional—TBC)

*\* Events not managed by the Community Events Team*



### HIGHWAY MATTERS - REPORT ALL FAULTS

**Tel: 01296 382416 / Email: <https://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk/>**

**FixMyStreet Bucks** allows people to make reports to the Buckinghamshire Council. It is for reporting things which are broken, damaged or dumped, and need fixing, or clearing.

## **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 through out the year from:

### **STONE**

Methodist Chapel, Eythrope Road

Wednesday: March 11<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 6<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>

### **HADDENHAM**

Bradmoor Farm (rear) car park, Stanbridge Road

Wednesday: March 4<sup>th</sup> April 1<sup>st</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 27<sup>th</sup>

### **DINTON**

Seven Stars PH, New Road

Wednesday: March 18<sup>th</sup> April 15<sup>th</sup> May 13<sup>th</sup>



**Simply Walk**

### **Walking for Health**

Further dates/details visit

[www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/simplywalk)

or call Fiona Broadbent on

01494 475367.

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



### **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.

## **BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL—The New Unitary Council**

New Leadership Team have been appointed and they will be based at The Oculus offices on Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury. A Buckinghamshire Growth Board has been established and the first meeting of the Strategic Partners Board has taken place.

**Planning:** There will be five Area Planning Committees: 2 for Aylesbury Vale, 1 for Wycombe, 1 for Chiltern and 1 for South Bucks. A Strategic Sites Committee covering the whole of Bucks will be responsible for large developments and infrastructure projects. Work will start immediately after 1st April on the new Bucks Local Plan which needs adoption by 2025.

**Localities & Strategic Partnerships:** Claire Hawkes is the recently appointed Director for Localities and Strategic Partnerships. They will oversee Strategic Partnerships, Operational Partnerships, Town and Parish Councils, Voluntary Community Sector, Community Boards, Community Access Points and Devolution of Services.

**Community Boards:** There will be a named council officer for every board and the boards will be launched in June/July and will be reviewed after 1 year. The rollover of LAF projects are to be assessed on a case by case basis.

**Council Access Points (CAP's):** There will be 12 CAP's and these will be launched in April 2020 along with 5 Access Points based in existing council premises and providing more significant service to the public with trained staff. Phase 2 plan to develop Community Access Points in more locations will be agreed in the future.

**Community Assets:** On 31st March 2020 a list of assets—some suitable for devolving to Town and Parish Councils will be published.

**Keep up to Date on Unitary Council:** [shadow.Buckinghamshire.gov.uk](http://shadow.Buckinghamshire.gov.uk)





## CUDDINGTON & DINTON - School News

With the new term we have had new staff joining us and Mrs Allder is our new school administrator based at the Infant site.

Many readers will already be aware that Mr Tony Hadley, local celebrity and parent, received an MBE in the New Year's Honours list for his charity work. The extract from the Buckingham and Winslow Advertiser reads: *Tony Hadley, who lives in Ford, rose to fame with 80s pop legends Spandau Ballet. He is a familiar face at community events in the Vale. But it is his selfless charity work, with the Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice, for which he receives the MBE.* Well done Mr Hadley- we are very proud of you!

Last Friday on the Junior site all the children had the opportunity to work with an Architectural Outreach worker and they built the most amazing structures which filled the hall! The year 3&4 children built a pyramid which reached the ceiling and the year 5&6 children built a replica of Crystal Palace all out of cane and elastic bands. The photographs will be on the website.

We have now finalised the staff accompanying the year 5&6 children to France in June and we are all very much looking forward to it! It will be Mrs Wilde, Mrs Price, Mrs Brogan, Mrs Reed, Mrs Bowman, Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Clarke and Mr Mackriell. Miss Knowler will be teaching year 4 whilst Mr Mackriell is away. And the Infants' French Club continues to be a success!

We had a wonderful day at the Primary Leadership Camp at Stoke Mandeville Stadium in February. Five children from Year 4, together with another five from Year 5 were incredible representatives of the school. They learnt how to plan, organise and deliver fun, safe, accessible activities for Key Stage 1 & 2 pupils. The leaders will now have the opportunity to run these activities back in school as playground games or working with small groups of children; aiming to increase participation in physical activity.

Also, on the Junior site, we finally have the 3D printer working. All the children will now be bringing home the key rings they created as part of their IT work last term. We are very grateful to Mr Jackson for his patience in trying to sort out all our teething issues. We are continuing to lease the printer for the rest of the academic year and hope that the Junior 3D printing club will produce some equally exciting designs. 2D Print World, won the BizTech BrightSparc & Digital EdTech Award in November for their pioneering work introducing 3D printers and computer aided design to Primary Schools, their initiative to get 3D Printers into classrooms – thank you to Sarah Dyckhoff of 2D Print World for supporting us in this.

We are very pleased to be able to encourage and support Dinton Messy Church when it occurs. Please look out for notices as to when it is on – it's lots of fun!

Congratulations to our boy's football team, who played away to Thomas Hickman School, winning the match 3 - 0. Our triumphant team chose Sam C (year 5) as the man of the match.

We had 2 matches against Bedgrove Juniors more recently when both the football and netball teams managed to draw. And this is against a school over 4 times as large as us! Sport continues to be a very important part of what we do on the Junior site here in Dinton.

As always we look forward to meeting parents and others in week before half term for our termly parents evening consultations. This is such an important opportunity to view children's exercise books and see the brilliant learning taking place and what we are very proud of here at Cuddington and Dinton School.



## TTL - 'take-the-lead' - and use a lead around livestock

With the lambing season upon us, sheep and lambs are often grazing in fields close to footpaths, **so please do remember**, when enjoying the countryside with your pet, use a lead to keep them and farming livestock safe. If you are a dog owner, **please do check** your property is dog proof. A loose dog from a nearby house could cause havoc to livestock. **Remember**, our countryside is also someone's working environment. Dog attacks cost! It could be you **and** your pet who pays.

Allowing your dog to **CHASE** or **ATTACK** livestock is a serious animal welfare offence.

**PLEASE** place your dog on a lead anywhere near sheep.



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## Cuddington & Dinton School

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## 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

## Akido

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## 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://](https://www.aylesburyvaldec.gov.uk/searchplanning-licensing-applications)

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## Footpath Problems [http://](http://www.transportforbucks.net/report-it-prow.aspx)

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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.



### GIBRALTAR

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**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.