Doddington set to get a new Village Sign

Doddington’s Women’s Institute is planning to present the village with a new metal village sign next year to mark the group’s centenary.

Fundraising has already begun and a number of events have been planned to help boost funds. The first event takes place on Saturday 3rd November, more details inside this issue of the Diary.

The current wooden sign was presented to the village in 1984 by the W.I and has been repaired several times over the last few years.

The sign depicts notable features of the history of Doddington and takes the form of two shields. Each is divided into halves by a diagonal stripe of yellow which represents Primrose Hill.

The top section of the left shield is the Bishops’ Mitre depicting Doddington as a Manor of the Bishops of Ely from the 12th to the 17th century. The four crosses are for Doddington and parochial chapelries of March, Benwick and Wimblington, at that time the largest parish in England, approximately 38,000 acres.

Below this can be seen the woodland where deer were hunted by the ‘Doddington Buckhounds’ led by the Lord of the Manor. The Spade and Becket were the tools used for turf digging in the area that became known as Turf Fen.

The shield on the right shows three buildings of importance to the history of the village - The Moat House, The Post Mill and The Round House.

The Tower of London and the Fleur-de-Lys represent the Peyton family who were Lords of the Manor after the Bishops of Ely. From this family came a Lord Lieutenant of the Tower, a Governor of the Channel Islands, a Rector of the Parish and a Master of the Buckhounds. The Harding Arms are also displayed to commemorate a family who did much to the benefit of the community.
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As the nights draw in and the leaves start to change, the Diary Team has started reminiscing about when our first ‘mini’ issue hit doormats last October.

A year on, thanks to the support of local groups, organisations and local businesses and our team of volunteer deliverers, the Doddington Diary continues to keep you updated about what is going on in our fantastic village.

There is a lot of great stuff coming up over the winter months whatever the weather and some groups are already planning ahead for celebrations in 2019, including the Women’s Institute Centenary and their plans to donate a new village sign to Doddington to mark this occasion.

The Diary Team is busy planning ahead, so if you are a group that would like us to feature your activities, then please do not hesitate to contact via Facebook or email doddingtondiary@gmail.com

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Don’t forget the clocks go back an hour at 2am on Sunday 28th October.

Why not use the clocks changing as an opportunity to test your smoke alarms.

And who can forget, Halloween! Please remember if you go out trick or treating on 31st October to think about residents that may be frightened by people knocking on their doors.

The Doddington Diary Team

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Doddington 100 Club

The August meeting was our annual tea party by Derecks Catering consisting of a ham and chicken salad with dessert which was enjoyed by everyone.
The refreshments were served by the committee and a raffle was held.
The next outing is to Norwich on 16th October. Please telephone Beattie for more information.

Methodist Church

On the second Sunday of each month there is a Sunday roast served in the Methodist Chapel at 12.30pm with all the trimmings including dessert followed with tea and coffee. £5 per person, please telephone Mrs Hamps to book your place on 01354 740094.

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At the September meeting, arrangements were discussed for the Bingo and Afternoon Tea on Saturday 3rd November at 2pm in the Methodist Chapel to raise funds for the new village sign. The event is open to all and costs £10 at the door. There will be many prizes including a hamper, vouchers, wine, fruit and much more. Members who are taking part in “Fun with a fiver” will have until April 2019 and the one who collects the most money will win the 2019 Centennial Competition. The speaker for the evening was Jill Collinge who gave a very interesting and amusing talk about make-up through the ages starting with cavemen to the present time. She was thanked by Margaret Playford.

Refreshments were served by Anthea Hart and Gill Wyles.

The competition this month was for an article of handicraft judged by Jill Collinge who was very impressed with the quantity and quality of the entries. She awarded 20 points each to Marjorie Bishop, Margaret Playford, Carol Turner, Shelley Underhill and Gill Wyles. There were 6 raffle winners.

The speaker for the October meeting will be Lucy Lewis a Bomb Disposal Officer and the competition will be “I” for the Isle of Ely and members can interpret this as they wish. Please bring the cushions made for the Centennial competition to be judged.

New members and visitors are always welcome so please come along to the chapel (next to the clock tower) on first Thursday of the month for 7.15pm start. Ring Gemma Watts (740751) for details.

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Neighbourhood Watch is pleased to advise local crime is down at the moment and the latest review from Sgt Lugg advised PCSOs had been patrolling the villages following recent reports of anti-social behaviour and criminal damage situations. Sadly, one of these was the vandalism to the Skate park in Doddington yet again and the police have appealed for witnesses to contact them by ringing 101 or to private message their Facebook page.

The police have made some changes to their Facebook pages in Fenland and moved to one Policing Fenland page in line with their Twitter account. Please like their page [https://www.facebook.com/FenCops/](https://www.facebook.com/FenCops/) to keep yourself updated with news around our area.

If you require further NHW information, then please contact one of the following either Jim Jackson on 740653 or Bill Harrison on 741406 for Wimblington & Stonea and Andrea Harrison on 07766 658701 for Doddington.

Our Speedwatch team is back in action after holidays but we would repeat our monthly request for new recruits to join the team in order to lighten the load all round. If you are at all concerned about speeding through the village then please give a call and become involved just once or twice a month.

Following on from the hugely successful campaign earlier this year, we’re really pleased to hear that Cambs Constabulary are hosting another ‘Speed Awareness’ week in October – we will be joining in and holding as many patrols as we can across that week in particularly.

If you would like to get involved with Community Speedwatch please contact Joanne Rose for Wimblington or Andrea Harrison for Doddington by email at csw.wimblington@hotmail.com

**Doddington Christmas Lights Committee**

Everything is ready for our ‘Christmas Spectacular’ on Saturday 24th November. It doesn’t seem long since we were busy last year – my how time flies!

The stalls have been very well supported with all being fully booked.

Santa will be arriving during the day giving children the opportunity to meet the Big Man and have their photograph taken with him.

We are always grateful for any help putting the lights up. Please contact David on 01354 740684 for more information.

**St Mary’s Church Services**

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Doddington Parish Council

Bus Shelters
New internal seating has been installed in the two brick bus shelters in the village. We are grateful to Colin Cousins for his excellent work.

Street Lighting Upgrades
The work on upgrading the Parish owned street lights has now been completed and responsibility for correcting any issues with the lights now rests with the Parish Council rather than Fenland District Council. If residents notice that a light does not appear to be functioning properly can they email the Clerk with details including its location. The Council will be fixing a number on each light which will make the reporting of any defect easier.

Skate Park in Abbey Recreation Ground
The Council is sorry to report that the skate park has been the subject of a further incident of vandalism. This has been reported to the police who are making investigations into the incident. Repairs to the damaged ramps and the removal of the graffiti from the area is in hand at a cost to the Parish of £320. If you know anyone who might have seen the incident and is prepared to give a statement, please let the Chair of the Parish Council know, in strict confidence on ruthhufton@btconnect.com or 01354 740323. A lot of young people really enjoy using the skate park and it is such a shame that their enjoyment is spoiled by senseless vandalism.

Donation
The Management Team from Doddington Court have very generously donated a new decorative arch to the Parish Council to be used to enhance an open area within the village. The Council is considering a suitable location.

Parish Council Website
This can be viewed at www.doddingtonparishcouncil.com For resident’s information, the Clerk to the Parish Council can be contacted by email at doddingtonpc@aol.com

Doddington Village Sports and Carnival Committee

Thank you to everyone who came along to the family disco in September - what a fantastic evening it was! The disco included the presentation of the trophies for this years winners and it was great to see the hall packed and everyone having a good time. Congratulations again to everyone who won.

The AGM will take place on Thursday 4th October at 8pm in the Church Rooms. Please come along to help elect the officers for the forthcoming year and volunteer to be part of the committee.

There will then be the usual monthly meeting on Thursday 11th October, again at 8pm at the Church Rooms. Everyone is welcome.

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As well as our monthly Saturday litter-picks, we have also held a number of monthly mid-week picks whilst the weather and light have been kind over the summer. This extra activity got us thinking about the amount of litter we have picked up since we started back in July last year…
We have carried out some 20 litter-picks and each pick brings in about 15 sacks of rubbish. Each sack is about 5 kilos in weight which means that in total we have collected 1.5 tonnes of rubbish (the weight of a medium sized horse or car according to Google).
The total number of sacks collected is around 300 and each sack is about 2 feet high when filled with rubbish. Stacked up, that would be 600 feet, which is the length of 2 football pitches. This is an extraordinary amount of litter and rubbish and hopefully we will see it decline if we all do our bit to keep the village clean.
Changing the subject, you may remember that we had applied for grant-funding to restore some of the ponds around the village. Well, we are pleased to report that our bid was successful and we are now planning to begin the work.
We intend to tidy and to clear as much as possible the ponds at the bottom of Primrose Hill. These are on the Doddington Circular Walk trail so hopefully we will be able to turn the ponds into a far friendlier wildlife habitat and into something for walkers to enjoy. More on this in later editions of the Diary.
Don’t forget, if you would like to be involved with the group, just turn up to our litter pick. We meet on the first Saturday of every month at 2pm at the Clock Tower.
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Doddington Short Mat Bowls Club

Doddington SMBC hosted its annual Hog Roast & Race Night on Saturday 1st September which attracted a sell-out crowd filling the Village Hall with over 120 racegoers. Eight races were scheduled for punters to bet on their favourite horse. As the bets were being placed the excitement was building around the hall waiting for the races to commence.

As the races approached the finishing line the crowd were on their feet cheering on their horse creating a fantastic atmosphere throughout the evening. The special ninth and final race of the evening was an auction race where ticket holders had the chance to buy a horse. The winning owning walked away with £98.

This year the DSMBC Committee & Members were all involved in selecting a local organisation and a charity for the home of this year’s proceeds. Doddington Village Hall were the recipients of the community donation and MAGPAS were once again the charity of the year. The committee are delighted to report that £1076 was raised on the evening and both mentioned organisations will benefit from these funds. This is the most this event has raised so far.

The club Chairman said ‘the support and feedback this year has been fantastic, this was the best turnout we have ever had so on behalf of the club I would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way either by attending the evening, donating a raffle prize etc. A special thanks must go to our race sponsors who helped make the evening possible. Next year’s event is already in the planning stage so watch this space ready to get your hands on the tickets for Hog Roast & Race Night 2019.’

This year’s sponsors and winning owners were as follows:

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Race 7 – Sponsor: Brian Elmore Engineering – Winning Owner: M Rea
Race 8 – Sponsor: Reflection Beauty by Charlotte – Winning Owner: D G Warriner
Auction Race – Sponsor: Andy Rose BBQ’s & Hog Roasts
Race Double Winners: Race 4 – Bill Harrison & Race 6 – M Nobbs

A special thanks went to Andy Rose & his team on another enjoyable Hog Roast meal and to Soar Valley Race Nights for another professional evening of horse racing.
1st Doddington Guides
1st Doddington Guides had a really busy summer term. Each Patrol plus the Senior Section and the Young Leaders made a scarecrow to decorate the village leading up to the Carnival, a total of eight altogether! They joined the Rainbows and Brownies on a Float with the theme, ‘The Great British Street Party’!
In May they enjoyed a long weekend camping with a Disney theme. The girls set and lit their own fires to cook their own meals using flint and steel, They also experienced firelighting using the sun and a mirror as well as used wire saws and knives to create kindling. The weekend ended with the girls all sleeping outside under the stars. They also enjoyed an evening of climbing at Fen Rock and shelter building in Pocket Park!
In July they had a presentation evening where several girls earned badges, certificates and other awards. Congratulations to Kira who was Guide of the term. The term ended with a very enjoyable weekend of adventurous activities at PGL in Suffolk. The girls challenged themselves on the ‘Giant Swing’, ‘Trapeze’, ‘Zipwire’, ‘challenge course’ and lots more. They also enjoyed an afternoon on the beach.
Over the summer Girlguiding launched their brand new programme. All sections will now be able to gain more up to date badges and they will all be working towards a section GOLD award. Everyone is very excited to start on this and discover lots of new as well as the old ideas and activities.
At the end of September the Guides will be joining Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers from across Fenland for a large campfire. Approx. 300 people in total!
If you would like to join or volunteer with Girlguiding In Doddington please contact Jane on 01354 740222.

1st Doddington Scouts
We have had a busy start to the Autumn Term!
The Beaver Colony made pond dipping nets, and used them at Manea Pit, as well as enjoying Den Building at Skylark, and camping for a night at a Scout campsite in March. On Camp, the Beavers were joined by the Cubs; together they made ovens out of cardboard boxes, and cooked delicious wrap pizzas and chocolate chip cookies!
The Cubs have harvested the remains of the produce they grew at the front of the Scout Hall last term, and then cooked some food between them, which the whole Cub Pack tasted. The Cubs also camped; they went fishing in the Nene and were all successful in catching multiple fish!
The Scouts have embarked on a challenge to "grow a pound". They have until the end of the term to turn £1 into more, through making and selling goods (e.g. cakes, popcorn, slime, etc) or providing services (dusting, cleaning, car washing, etc). We await to see the variety of ideas they come up with either working in teams or individually.
We have our Table Top Sale coming up at Doddington Village Hall on Sunday 7th October, 10:30 – 13:30. Come and browse, buy, enjoy a bacon butty or, or sell if you have booked a table. Contact us to see if any tables are still available to book.
If you have a child aged between 6 and 14.5 who is interested in joining the group, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact us via doddingtonscoutgroup@outlook.com or www.facebook.com/DoddingtonScouts.
Doddington Recreation Committee

October is set to be a busy month for the Recreation Committee. On 5th October there will be a LINE DANCING EVENING with all funds raised going to our ‘new curtains fund’. I’m sure anyone who has seen the curtains in the Pavilion will agree they are ‘of an era’ and long overdue an update. Saturday 20th October is the date for our annual RACE NIGHT, please see the advert in this edition of the Dairy for more details.

The monthly prize BINGO is next due on Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm, there are lots of great grocery prizes to be won, please come along, we always welcome new players. The 100 CLUB LOTTERY is due to start a new year, if you would like to purchase a number for £1 a week please get in touch. The draw is made at Bingo each month and with a star prize of £1000 it is well worth taking a chance! This month’s winners are; I Harlow, A Short, The Lepick Family, O Thompkins, M Bishop.

HALLOWEEN FAMILY BINGO is booked for Saturday 27th October at 10am in the Pavilion. No tricks, just lots of treats to be won, dressing up is optional but there will be a free prize draw for anyone who makes the effort! £1 for 6 games, fun for all ages, please just come along!

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Doddington In the First World War by David Edwards

September 1918
Mr and Mrs Robert Hankins of Primrose Hill received news that their son Cpl Arthur Hankins had been wounded by a shell in the throat and right arm and was now in hospital in France. Mr and Mrs Pamby of Newgate Street received notification that their eldest son Pte Sidney Pamby had received a bullet wound in the right leg and was in Rouen Hospital. Gnr Fisher Harding was home on 14 days leave.
The first meeting of the North Witchford Fuel and Lighting Committee was held in preparation for the introduction of fuel rationing. Mr R Wade of Doddington was Chairman.
The annual Hospital Sunday parade raised £58 2s 6d a new record for the event in Doddington. The parade comprised of representatives of the village Friendly Societies, Doddington Brass Band, the Special Constables, members of the Labourers’ Union and the Boy Scouts’ Bugle Band from March and followed a route along High street, Newgate and Church Lane. Lt Coote of the Gloucestershire Regiment and the new MP for North Cambridgeshire was awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

October 1918
Cpl. Horace Arthur Few of the 1st/6th Bn. Manchester Regiment died on the 20th October, 1918 and was the last Doddington man to be killed in action during the First World War. He was born at Chatteris in 1897, the son of David Leeden & Mary Elizabeth Few, Forty Foot Bank. His Company Commander wrote that he knew Cpl Few as a good NCO, and had hoped that shortly he would have been promoted. His death came as a shock to all. A letter from the Chaplain added that he fell in action while attacking a German position. Horace had been in France 17 months and had been home on leave a month before his death. He is buried at Romeries Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. Although Horace Few was the last man killed in action, another two names would be added to the War Memorial and their stories will follow later.

To date the two War Savings Schemes in the village had raised: Doddington Church £805 5s and Doddington Wesleyans £2421 12s.

At what was believed to be Doddington’s first Baby Show Class 1 was won by J Curtis with J Dack runner-up and Class 2 by M Gibson with Gooch as runner-up.
On leave were Ptes T Norris, who had been suffering from malaria contracted in East Africa, and J Edgeley who had been wounded in Flanders.
The Rector, Rev WM Miller, had been ill for some weeks and the Rev J Prime was performing his duties. Rev Miller never recovered and died in November 1921, his duties were performed by a succession of temporary curates.
A/Cpl. Frank Kingham, of the 2nd Bn. Suffolk Regiment, was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty. He was the son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Kingham.

A concert in the school was given by personnel from RAF Bury.
Alfred James Yorke died of pneumonia at the age of 31, as a member of the Local Defence Volunteers he was given a funeral with full military honours.

At what would be the last meeting of the North Witchford Tribunal the exemption of WH Yorke was extended to 31st March, 1919.
The North Witchford Rural District Council received a petition from the residents of Turf Fen Lane asking the council to adopt 370 yards of the road. In his report the Surveyor stated that it was one of the most ancient roads in the parish. The new Electoral register was published and included the names of 285 women given the vote for the first time. Also included were 57 men aged over 21 serving with HM Forces. To be continued....
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