



## *In The News*

### *Dinton*



## **German Warplane Relic is Village Trophy**

The propeller of a German aeroplane, which crashed at RAF Chilmark in March 1941, now has pride of place in Dinton village hall. The propeller, from a Junkers 88 bomber, was unearthed during decontamination of the RAF Chilmark site, which is being developed. It has been acquired by the trustees of Dinton village hall, who have had it sandblasted and lacquered and put on permanent display as a piece of local history.

An extract from the RAF Chilmark log records that during a raid on Bristol, on the night of March 16, 1941, both engines on one of the Luftwaffe squadron's aircraft failed. The four members bailed out & three were captured immediately. After two days of intense searching, the fourth, Otto Hoferrichter, was arrested at night at Barford St Martin by Sgt Warder White.

Village hall trustees Richard Crouch, Michael Glover and Mr Clark's son, Trevor have had the propeller cleaned and preserved and have hung it beside the bar. "Considering it was in the ground for 60 years and went in with some speed, it is in remarkably good condition" said Mr Glover, trustees' vice-chairman.

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