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Editorial

Welcome to the second edition of the well-received Dunton News. Comments have included:-

"It looks great, will have a good read later. Love the position of the ad in the back page; looks great. Already seen some ads I'm interested in. Well done!"

"Brilliant!! So much info Janice, really enjoyed reading it."

"We just want to say a big "thank you and well done" for the magazine. It is so interesting and well presented and we are sure that it will be of great benefit to the village."

"I picked up a copy today and enjoyed reading through it. You must be feeling very proud to have got the ball rolling and I know that you will have worked hard and put a good number of hours into this first edition."

We are still looking for articles and photographs about Dunton. Please do send some in so that your village magazine is interesting and informative to read. This can be articles about Dunton, old and new, hobbies and interests, local activities and school life.

The front cover of this Dunton News is a photograph of the traction engine rally that went through the village one lovely summer's day in 2014. Please email or drop in at the pub/shop your local photographs, such as pictures of local buildings, people, old and new or local activities. You never know they may get onto the front cover of Dunton News.

If you are arranging an event such as an evening of music and you would like others to know about it, please email us about it. The submission dates for the next edition are on page 4.

Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills

All copy and advertising for inclusion in the September 2015 edition must be emailed to janice.tasc@outlook.com or jules.wrangles@yahoo.co.uk by 7.8.15

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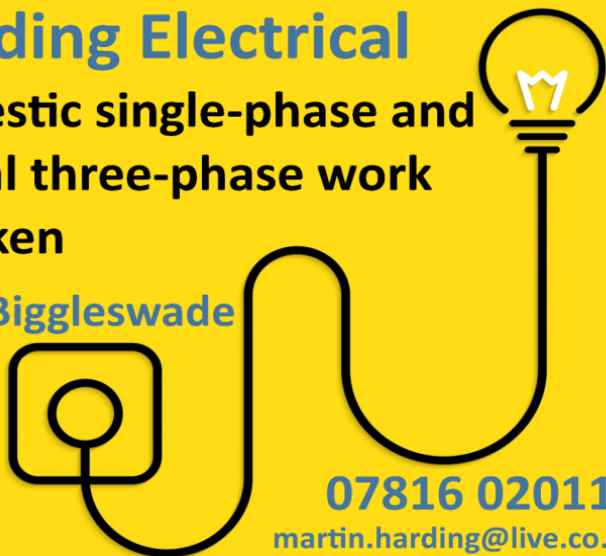
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Daughter by Jane Shemit

Reviewed by book club 9th May 2015

Average score out of 10 was 8. This is high for our group as we tend to be quite harsh critics!

The clue is in the book title! The story revolves around a daughter that has gone missing and the effect that this has on the family and the emotions and consequences. You may think that this won't be a good read but you would be wrong! This is a book that you will find hard to put down. You will find yourself questioning your own parenting skills and provoke a mixture of feelings. How well do you know your teenage children? Are you really the good mother you think you are?

We felt that the book flowed and left you keen and hungry to read but also in places frustrating as some parts were drawn out. The book centres around the mum and her thoughts and her actions in relation to her daughter's disappearance. How one night can have such a drastic outcome. It follows the days before Naomi's disappearance, weeks and months following and you are always questioning was she abducted, did she runaway, who could have been responsible?

As a group we agreed that we didn't warm to the mother or the father but felt sorry for the three children.

We had mixed emotions over the ending and are hoping that there is a follow up book.

I asked some of the group to sum up in around five words how they would describe the book

- All that glitters is not gold
- Behind closed doors is not always what you see
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Letchworth Morris Men in Dunton

Letchworth Morris Men have Dunton firmly in their dance diary. They are integral to the Dunton Wassail every January, dancing in the farmyard at Church Farm and they come to Dunton as one of their early pub dances each May. Both visits are followed by a music session in the March Hare pub.

People often ask where does morris dancing come from? The answer is no one really knows. There are written references and illustrations of dancing (often from church documents) that we would recognise as morris dancing in texts from the fifteenth century onwards. For these references to exist, morris dancing was an established and common activity at the time, so must have originated earlier than this.

There are some suggestions that morris dancing has developed from pagan ceremonies linked to solstice celebrations or fertility rights. Other suggest that this form of dancing has developed from north European dancing styles. What is clear is that by the mid seventeenth century morris dancing was an established form of entertainment which lasted until the industrial revolution of the eighteenth century. With the transition from a rural to an urban society morris dancing declined throughout the nineteenth century until the folk revival of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries led by characters such as Cecil Sharp and Maud Karpeles. What we see now as morris dancing most likely owes its style to this first folk revival and many modern sides can trace their history back to this period (there are a handful that can demonstrate a chronology as far back as 1800). There was a second folk revival in the mid twentieth century which resulted in an explosion of sides with in excess of 800 sides being recorded in the UK at the turn of the twenty first century.

Letchworth Morris Men meet at Radlett village hall every Thursday between September and April. On the first of May each year, the side dances at the maypole at Ickwell at 6am to welcome the spring. Then follows a summer of dancing at pubs, village fetes, days of dance, festivals and some more pubs. It has been suggested that there are only two questions on a morris dancer's mind, "How does this dance go?" and "Where is the next beer coming from?" Both very important questions. If you fancy working out the answer to the first and assisting with the answer to the second, why not give morris dancing a go? Letchworth morris men would love to hear from you (Andy Harper, bagman@letchworthmorris.org.uk, 01462 440 683).



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You may be aware that the WI is celebrating its centenary year in 2015. There have been many events including a centenary baton relay that toured all the federations in Wales and England (Scotland has its own equivalent WI.) It visited Bedfordshire in April. The Baton was finally presented to her Majesty the Queen at the National AGM in June. One of our members also had the privilege of attending a garden party at Buckingham palace as part of the celebrations.



The Centenary baton comes to Bedfordshire! Not quite to Dunton but to Biggleswade – the entertainment was the Two Kevins!

The WI had some interesting history but you may be surprised to learn that it didn't

begin in England. The Women's Institute Movement came into being in 1897 in Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada supported by the Ontario government. The intention was to bring ladies from isolated communities' together and offer learning in home economics and child care as well as provide practical farming knowledge.

In Britain the WI started formally in 1915 by the formidable Madge Watts. Its primary aim was to assist the First World War effort by encouraging

countrywomen to get involved in growing and preserving food to keep the nation fed. The first WIs were formed at Llanfair PG, Anglesey, North Wales and Singleton, Sussex, England.



This is a photo of Llanfair PG WI, whom met originally in a garden shed.



The home and country badge logo worn by members at the time. Note the Canadian maple leaves.

The annual subscription in the beginning was set at two shillings which is equivalent to around ten pence in today's money. Interestingly enough as a proportion of annual incomes of the time it is roughly equivalent to what is paid today!

The WI attracted everyone from the Lady of the Manor, the cook, the maid along with housewives and county women, providing opportunities to meet and talk that otherwise simply did not exist. Through working together it broke down social barriers. The WI again provided essential support through the Second World War and beyond when rationing was still in force. Members assisted with the evacuation and campaigned to government for family support to be paid to those families who took in evacuated children. Other campaigns included water provision in villages, for rural midwives to be able to provide analgesia, equal pay for equal work for women, supported the keep Britain tidy initiative and more recently sought protection for bees.

From the outset the WI was committed to campaigning and learning. Indeed it has been said that if the WI was a political organisation it would be a force to be reckoned with. Although Tony Blair did find this out to his cost when his address at the 2000 AGM received the slow hand clap! Today the membership is around 212,000 members in around 6,600 institutes.



Dunton WI has a varied programme and we recently enjoyed a trip to Stotfold Water Mill. Well worth a visit. There is more to WI than jam and Jerusalem so why not come along and join us (even if just for the night!)

Dunton WI meets at Dunton Memorial Hall. Meetings start at 7.45pm. Visitors are always welcome and will be treated to tea

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Dunton Recreation Association

The DRA look after the playing field, Recreation Club House, Changing Rooms and Children's Play Area. To achieve this, time needs to be spent running the facilities and funds have to be raised to meet the running costs and improvements. This is achieved by hiring the facilities to the local Football Club for games on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings (see below); hiring the Club Room to a number of local organisations i.e. the Women's Institute, the Relaxation Classes and private functions and of course the '100 Club'. Also donations have been received from a number of village members, including plants for our developing flower beds.

New footpaths around the playing field enable everyone to walk round the grounds, but this is being spoilt by the numerous complaints we are receiving over the dog mess some inconsiderate dog owners are failing to clean up during their visit. There are four bins around the field, three for rubbish as well as dog mess and one solely for this purpose, but despite both the official notices from the Bedfordshire Council stating the prospect of being fined if dog fouling is not cleared and the DRA notices regarding this situation, the problem appears to be increasing. So we again appeal to these dog owners to 'clean up' after their dogs.

The two football teams for next season have now officially changed their names to AFC Dunton. The first team will play on a Saturday and the Reserves on a Sunday.

They also have new Managers for the forthcoming season with the First Team Manager being Andrew Bright and Paul Young for the reserves.


Before the League programme starts there will be pre-season training friendlies. If you would like to join them, please email Andrew.bright1983@googlemail.com or telephone him on 07824379493.

Dates for all fixtures will be posted on the notice board at the main entrance to the Pavilion and on the Dunton web page.

On Saturday, for all HOME games, the bar will be open from 1pm to 5pm, serving hot and cold drinks. Food will be available after the game (Saturdays only). On Sundays, for all home games, the bar will be open from 10am to 1pm.

Finally for the removal of the large swings in the Children's play area, we wish to apologise. An inspection of all items takes place every week for insurance purposes, and it was during one inspection that a fault to this frame was found, affecting the safety of the equipment. So it was decided to remove the seats until a new piece of frame could be purchased and fitted. This has now been ordered and we are waiting for delivery so the frame can be mended and be passed fit and safe before the seats can be returned. Hopefully the swings, newly painted, should already be back in action when you read this. Again we apologise for this inconvenience.

Summing up, we want to provide leisure facilities for as many members of our village as possible, and would welcome suggestions to this end. Please come and enjoy the ground and facilities and if anyone has a few hours to spare, their help on the many tasks would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Chairman, Arnold Bone, on 01767 315350.



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MAKING THEIR BUSINESS YOUR BUSINESS

What business you may ask? Well, it's that old classic of asking owners to please, please, clean up after their dogs have done their business!

The signs of not doing so are easy to spot - the flattened deposit bearing the imprint of a shoe, the anxious parent quickly steering their offspring to one side, the man repeatedly wiping his foot on the verge as if kick-starting a decrepit motorbike. Few things irritate people quite so much as the abandoned deposits produced by the UK's eight million dogs. In reality there shouldn't be a problem - you own a dog, it eats, it poos, you clean it up. Failing to do so is anti-social, smelly and can spread diseases, including toxicariasis and neosporosis. A quick search on 'Google' can tell you more. In Dunton, we are exceptionally lucky with easy access to public footpaths, open fields and the countryside - thanks to local farmers who allow us on their land. We also have a recreation ground where one can walk, exercise and train dogs! It is just such a shame that these paths and areas are needlessly left fouled by dog mess. Fair to say, we are not as affected as many other towns and villages, thanks to the many dog owners who do deal with their dogs business. Regrettably however, we are not completely 'poo free' as there are a few dog owners who either don't care, or can't be bothered to clean up, regardless of the fact is a legal requirement with failure to do so punishable with fines of up to £1,000! So, what are we to do with those who don't clean up? Hopefully we will not have to go down the path taken by 'others' - for example:-

In one town a particularly prolific offender was given a direct ultimatum by a sign which read: 'To the person who doesn't clean up after your dog. You give all of your fellow dog owners a bad name. It's against the law! So here's the deal. We know who you are and where you live. Keep it up and your name will be plastered all over the park'. It apparently worked.

Plain clothes officers, surveillance vans and wardens with night vision goggles were used by Hydburn Council, to enable the handing-out of £75 on-the-spot fines to irresponsible owners. And in Blaenau Gwent more than 2,000 fixed penalty notices were issued after a private firm was employed.

But, do we really need to go to these lengths of naming and shaming, fining people, or taking direct action against our neighbours? I would hope not. Dunton is a friendly community and we are all responsible for keeping it so.

So, here's a simple message to all dog owners in the village: **Bag it & Bin it** - When you take your dog for a walk, or some-one else takes your dog for a walk, make sure you or they have the necessary 'equipment' to clean up after it. There are many 'dog poo' bins sited around the village - please use them or your own bin if needs be. After all, you are responsible for making their business your business.

AFC Dunton Friendlies at home

1st team on Saturday at 2.30 pm	Reserves on Sunday at 11.00 am
1.8.15 Dunton versus Wilstead	30.8.15 Dunton versus The Bell, Sandy
8.8.15 Dunton versus Mid Beds Tigers	
15.8.15 Dunton versus Clifton	
22.8.15 Dunton versus Caldecote	

VE Day

A young villager who has lived in Dunton for over forty years remembers when he was 7 years old he went 'up town' (London) by bus to visit the queen! Well with thousands of other people on VE Day he went to the Mall and saw the king, queen, Winston Churchill and the royal princesses on the balcony of Buckingham Palace. He remembers lots of tall Americans, well he was only 7!

An older resident of Dunton remembers VE Day, some excited lads set fire to some haystacks. Unfortunately, they had to let the fire burn because it took a long time for the fire brigade to arrive from Biggleswade. A tramp who had been camping under the haystacks left safely and was seen walking into the distance.

Local Independent Central Bedfordshire Councillor Adam Zerny's latest email newsletter is now available; it includes:

- The latest on attempts to bring superfast broadband to Dunton.
- News on possible road safety changes to Biggleswade Road and Sandy Road, Potton.
- Updates on proposals for a solar farm near Wrestlingworth.

As always the newsletter will include a round-up of up-and-coming local events.

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Recently she has been announced as a finalist for the Federation of Small Business Bedfordshire Business Awards for Best New Business. Isn't that exciting!

If you've not seen her work, look her up on www.carysl.co.uk

Dunton VC Lower School

There are many ways the local community can help Dunton VC Lower School:-

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4th Sunday	9.30 am Sunday Praise
5th Sunday	10.30 am Benefice Service See notices or website for which Church

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For details contact Stan Short 01767 315777

Summer Fair – Sunday 12th July from 11.00 am

Holiday Club - Monday 20th July to Thursday 23rd July, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm. On Thursday a trip to Bedfordshire and District Handicapped Riders Association at Willington, followed by a picnic lunch at the Danish Camp at Willington

Full Details in Parish Newsletter and Biggleswade Chronicle



DUNTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

'Summertime, and the livin' is easy ... '
This beautiful, haunting song by George Gershwin tells of the mellow abundance of mid-summer but maybe you are reading this to a background of rain, winds and the chill of some British summer days so let me conjure up for you *'summertime'* in Dunton Garden.

'Fish are jumpin'. . . ' Well, we can't offer fish but we do have tiny froglets in the small pond in the Young Gardeners ornamental bed and a large stone coloured toad that creeps into the polytunnel, so stone-like that, without my glasses, I tried to pick up the *'stone'* – probably a bit shocking for both of us.

'And the cotton is high' brings to mind the lush, softly waving meadow grass we have allowed to grow throughout the garden so that instead of feeling overwhelmed by the weekly chore of lawn mowing we now have mown paths that crisscross the garden and weave their way around the beds. This makes for a softer background to the rich palate of colours that have now replaced the mainly blues and yellows of spring. Rich reds, deep purples, vibrant oranges brighten the inner ring of ornamental beds, particularly in the rainbow bed where you will see planting designed to move through the colours of the rainbow from yellow/orange through to mauve and violet but hurry because self-seeding flowers are doing their best to subvert this design – and who are we to intervene.

'And the cotton is high' speaks of the fruitfulness of summer: beans, courgettes, salads, soft fruit, and much more, some *'high'* some hugging the ground, before being picked and delivered to the March Hare shop, where it stays fresher than when it sat on our barrow getting warm and limp, but you can still visit the barrow to buy plants for your garden. It takes a lot of volunteers' labour to sow, plant, thin, prune and harvest the crops but individual volunteers take on tasks that suit their availability and skills, for example watering just once a week or harvesting first thing in the morning. Is there anything you would like to do for us? Despite the amazing team work and varied skills that we already have, we are still too thin on the ground to stay on top of all the work. Do contact us by email to discuss what you might be able offer the garden.

Then you'll spread your wings and you'll take to the sky' Completely absorbed in weeding or planting out young plants you hear a soft high-pitched mewing sound



from somewhere above. Straighten up, stretch those muscles in your back and look up, scan the enormous Bedfordshire sky, and there it is, a buzzard, sometimes so high it is too small to see for a while but then it reappears cruising around in large lazy circles moving across the sky. A moment to reflect that indeed, *'the livin is easy'* in Dunton's summer garden.

In May, during the coffee morning at least 70 people enjoyed looking round Dunton Garden and buying refreshments, plants and produce. What a great morning we had! The trustees and volunteers would like to thank everybody for their generous support which raised some much needed funds.

We are making plans for our next event which will be an Open Afternoon from 2pm – 5pm on Sunday, July 19. Be sure to get the date in your diary and keep it clear. Then on Sunday, September 6 The March Hare Quiz Night will be raising funds for the garden, so please get a team together and support us whilst having a great evening out in the Village.

The garden is a great village resource available to all. Why not take a picnic for a family afternoon out? Or maybe book a visit for a club or organisation that you are involved in? It is open at any time but if you want to arrange to be shown round phone to arrange it on 01767 313898.

Fresh Fruit Sponge

Works well with plums (halved and stones removed), raspberries, blackcurrants. Probably gooseberries too, but would recommend pricking the skin before baking in case they "pop".

Make a batch of Victoria Sponge cake mixture according to your preferred recipe. Line the base of the tins with baking parchment and spread a very thin layer of cake mixture on the paper in each tin.

Sprinkle or decoratively place a layer of fruit over the mixture (in the case of plums, skins down), leaving gaps between. Then cover the fruit with the remaining mixture. You don't need to fill in all the gaps as they will fill in when the mixture melts in the oven.

Cook in the usual way & allow to cool slightly before turning out of the tin. Serve as an "upside down" cake to show the fruit and freeze the second cake if you can resist eating it fresh.

The Community Shop at the March Hare, a letter to the village

Back in 2011, as part of the Parish Plan, 129 households felt there was a need for a shop at the pub. Members of St Mary Magdalene Church have supported the pub in providing basic shopping facilities in the pub. In 2012 the March Hare sent a questionnaire to all villagers and 63 questionnaires were completed by village residents. Based on these questionnaires the shop was designed. This included stock and opening hours.

It is estimated that about 20 families use the shop.

When the shop was first opened, it opened as many hours as it could from Monday to Sunday to serve the Dunton community. With so few families using the shop and because the shop in the main is run by volunteers, the shop had to reduce its opening hours. In order for your community shop to improve its opening hours, it needs the support of Dunton residents. If you have a spare few hours, perhaps you would like to volunteer to help in the shop?

In order for the shop to thrive, Dunton residents need to use it on a regular weekly basis.

**Please support your village
community shop**

The Community Shop at the March Hare, Dunton

We stock fresh bread on Wednesday and Friday from **Woods Bakery**, a family run business in Biggleswade who must be doing something right because they have been going for nearly 25 years. Some of you may know Woods from their market stall at Biggleswade market every Saturday. Our bread is to order only. The minimum regular order is just one small loaf or pack of 4 rolls per week. There is a large range of bread. Discuss your requirements with Janice.

As with Woods the Bakers, we try to support local organisations. Here are two more! **Wobbly Bottom's** freshly-made cheeses range from a simple, creamy soft goat's cheese to cheddars infused with a delicious range of extras, including real ale and mustard, cracked black peppercorns and chilli. Give your taste buds a treat and try some of these local delicious cheeses. All cheeses individually priced. Try your cheese with **Humber's** local award winning, delicious handmade jams, chutneys and jellies, all at £3.80 each.

For your delight, **Maynard's Luxury Dairy Ice Cream** (ice cream from Dunton) is available all year round in Black Cherry, Chocolate, Strawberry, Vanilla and Honeycomb, 110 ml, all £1.10. Larger tubs of ice cream to order. Their yoghurt, including the fruit range, can be found in the shop as well.

Local **Dunton honey**, clear and set is buzzing with excitement on our shelves, £5.00 for a 454 gm jar.

Plus we have some classics under the March Hare label of **old fashioned sweets** that you can remember from the sweet shop of your childhood and many vintage sweets that you have forgotten. They will all bring memories flooding back and why not introduce your family to these sweets. Retro sweets are popular at christenings, events, exhibitions and last but not least weddings. Flying saucers and jelly babies are popular.

Hadrian's Wall Sponsored Walk in aid of Addenbrookes Children's Intensive Care Unit



Local residents Rachel and Nigel Coomber joined 14 others from Addenbrooke's hospital to walk 26 miles of Hadrian's Wall in order to raise funds for Nippy Ventilators for children treated in the Children's Intensive Care Unit.

After a fairly easy start in fine weather and with superb views across Cumbria and Northumberland in all directions, the terrain became increasingly hilly (mountainous!) with steep climbs and descents for around 14

miles of the walk. Although a couple of the team members had to drop out of the more difficult sections due to severe blisters (never wear borrowed boots or boots which have not been well worn in!) the team completed the walk which took around 14 hours in total over 2 days. It was, as it turned out, 29 miles that we walked – 3 more than we had planned for. Rachel and Nigel happily were injury and blister free.

We followed the sections of the wall which were the most intact, with mile castles that the Romans had helpfully placed along the way to press home the fact that you had not walked as far as you thought, and that a mile seems a lot longer when it is hard going underfoot!

Of course the main point of all of this was to raise money, and we are delighted to report that thanks to all the support from our friends, March Hare locals, and Dunton residents, a total of £614.51 has been raised in the village, through sponsorship, collecting tins and a charity quiz at the March Hare. This means that the total fund now stands at £9,500 which will be used to purchase 4 ventilators - a fantastic achievement and we are sincerely grateful for all of your support.

The challenges we faced on the walk were nothing compared to the daily challenges some children face on a constant basis when they are unable to sustain their own breathing for any length of time. These ventilators will help them to live as normal a life as they can, and to enjoy being in their own homes, attending school and being with their friends.

Thanks are particularly extended to John and Janice in the March Hare for having this cause as one of their charities for 2015, for hosting the quiz, and for holding our sponsorship forms in the shop and pub.

Collecting tins are still in the March Hare community shop and freehouse to continue the collection for the Children's Intensive Care Unit.

90th Birthday Celebration Dunton Memorial Hall

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2015

Photo Exhibition - Fun Show - Tea
Party - 11am to 1pm

To mark the 90th Birthday of Dunton Village Hall and the completion of the interior refurbishment the Hall

committee are holding a birthday celebration. This will comprise of a photo exhibition of old photos of the hall and village events, alongside a village show. The classes planned are listed below with classes 7 and 8 for children only. There will be prizes awarded first to third in each class. Refreshments will be provided by the WI whom are never knowingly under caked!

Entry forms are available from Lorrainebennetts777@btinternet.com, via the Dunton website page or in the Community Shop at the March Hare. Please submit your entry form by 20th September 2015 to Lorraine Bennetts, 65 Cambridge Road, Dunton, Beds SG18 8SB.

Classes as follows and judges decision will be final:

1. Fruit Cake (Set Recipe as follows)
2. Coffee and Walnut Cake
3. A jar of homemade fruit jam any variety
4. A jar of homemade marmalade any variety
5. A jar of homemade chutney any variety
6. A bottle of homemade alcoholic beverage
7. A 90th Birthday card (may be split by age group if sufficient entries)
8. A Decorated 4" flower pot (may be split by age group if sufficient entries)
9. Largest Pumpkin
10. Judges choice soft handicraft (knitting, sewing, quilting, cross stitch or similar)
11. People's choice A4 photograph 'Dunton Landscapes'

Pumpkin plants are available at Dunton Community garden if required.

The hall committee do require your photos of events at the hall or the village that you would be willing to share. If you think you have anything suitable please contact Julie Hills, jules_wrangles@yahoo.co.uk, 07961754448

Fruit Cake Set Recipe: 8oz plain flour, 6 oz caster sugar, 6oz butter, 6oz currants, 6 oz sultanas, 3 oz cherries, 3 oz mixed peel, 1 tsp baking powder, 3 large eggs, rind and juice of 1 lemon. Bake for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs at 315 degrees F/155 degrees C/Mark 3

Hare Beer Bunch



Since the last edition of Dunton Village News, the Hare Beer Bunch (HBB) have welcomed several new members. There was a record attendance at our May meeting, at which we planned a number of social events. Foremost amongst these was a coach trip to the Hitchin Beer Festival on 13th June when more than 20 HBB members and guests visited this

popular event to sample some 60 plus beers and ciders – an excellent way to spend a rainy afternoon!

We enjoyed a 'takeaway night' at the March Hare in May, and we plan to hold a repeat of this in the coming months. We will also be holding our annual barbeque on Saturday 11th July, and will be arranging a night out at the 'beer and curry extravaganza' over the August bank holiday – both of these to take place at the March Hare, where you will find further details of all HBB activities.

For those not familiar with the HBB, we are a very informal group of real ale and pub enthusiasts who meet at the March Hare once a month, usually on the second Monday, and our next meeting is 13th July at 8.00 pm. As ever this will be a very sociable evening providing an opportunity to drink, and talk about, beer, with the main discussion likely to be about the March Hare beer festival in September. If you enjoy real ale, please come and join us.

Wanted ---- Crib Players

Are you new to the village or area or know how to play Crib (Cribbage) and would like to play regularly? If so, then how about joining The March Hare Crib team?

During the Crib 'season' (September through to May), the team plays home and away games with other local pub teams in the very friendly Biggleswade and District Crib League. We've even managed to win the league a few times over the last 10 years or so! It's a great way to meet new people and also get to know the local area.

If you are interested, then please contact the landlord John and let him know, or pop down to 'The March Hare' on a Thursday night around 8.00pm as there is bound to be one or three of the current team there who would warmly welcome you and let you know in more detail how it works.



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