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Editorial

Welcome to the summer 2016 edition of the Dunton News. Please continue to support this local magazine by advertising with us and emailing us your local photographs and articles to make your village magazine even more interesting and informative to read.

Recognise the photograph on the front cover? It is of Dunton Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene taken by Chenisse Matthews, our resident photographer.

If you are arranging a Dunton event and you would like others to know about it, please email us details. The submission dates for the next edition are on this page.

Fetes are like buses, two turn up at once, well not in Dunton, the PFA fete is on Friday 15.7.16 and the village fete on Sunday 17.7.16. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills

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It's nearly time for Wimbledon, which means strawberries and cream. Why not try a lovely strawberry and lemon roulade!

Quick Lemon Curd

2 large eggs
75g caster sugar
3 lemons, zest of 1 and juice of 2
50g unsalted butter

Put all ingredients in a bowl except the butter and place over a pan of hot water, whisk in the butter a little at a time, stir until thick. Cool in a separate bowl and cover with cling film.

Cake

Swiss roll tin 35x25cm
50g butter
50g caster sugar
2 large eggs
110g s/r flour
Zest of 1 lemon
1 tablespoon hot water

Line the cake tin with parchment, heat oven to 190 c/375 f/gas 5.
Put all ingredients in a bowl and whisk until thick. Spread into the tin and bake for 8-10 mins, or firm to the touch.
Remove from oven and leave for 5 mins in the tin, invert cake onto a piece of parchment, cover with a damp cloth and leave for 5 mins.
Roll cake up with a piece of parchment inside and leave to go cold.

Filling

250g mascarpone
200g fromage frais
1 level desert spoon caster sugar
110g strawberries

Whisk together the mascarpone fromage frais and sugar.
Unroll the cake, spread with lemon curd then mascarpone cream and slice the strawberries on top, then roll up.
Combine the remaining lemon curd and cream mixture together and serve alongside the roulade.
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The application went in earlier this year and Central Beds Council's Planning Department have so far received over 100 objections to their application from local residents and local councillors.

Planning officers recently wrote to the council's Housing Department (who put in the application) with a number of concerns. However, these should not be taken to mean they will reject it, merely that they want more information before they can make a decision. You can see these concerns on my facebook page, the post is dated 3rd June. The Housing Department have since responded to Planning officers and this means the application now has to be re-consulted. If you have already commented, you don't need to do so again.

The next step will be for the council's Development Management Committee to make a final decision. This meeting is almost certain to take place on 29th June, beginning at 10am. This meeting will take place at Priory House, Chicksands, SG17 5TQ, so if you'd like to attend, it might be worth booking the time off now.

The meeting agenda will appear here, nearer the time: <http://centralbeds.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=631&MIId=5189>. If you'd like to speak at the meeting you need to email helen.bell@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk to let her know, but wait until the meeting agenda is online. This should happen on or around 8th June.

If the council change the meeting date or any other details, I will put the details online so please 'like' my facebook page, www.facebook.com/adamzerny and I will let you know as soon as there is further news.

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2nd Sunday	8.00 am Sunday Praise, followed by continental breakfast
3rd Sunday	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist*
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What is our Council responsible for?

The Parish Council currently has responsibility for Dunton Cemetery; Maintenance of churchyard; Parish Council owned street lighting; Grass cutting verges in Parish; Noticeboard adjacent bottle bank.

How are these managed?

Dunton Parish Council has 7 Councillors who work for the community. The Council meets bi-monthly, usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, and members of the public are very welcome to attend. Details of meetings are put on the noticeboard and on the website. The dates for 2016-2017 are:-

20.7.16, 21.9.16, 16.11.16, 18.1.17, 15.3.17 and 17.5.17

Dunton Parish Council Noticeboard

Village organisation community notices can be put onto the noticeboard adjacent to the bottle bank. The key is held by Councillor Janice Pritchett at the March Hare.

How to contact the Council

Dunton Parish Council can be contacted at duntonpc@gmail.com or telephone 01462 735220 or write to 69 Stotfold Road, Arlesey, Beds, SG15 6XR.

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The school was closed from the 7.4.1902 to the 26.5.1902 because "measles was running right through all parts of the village."

Holidays were also timed to coincide with the farmers' needs for child labour in charlock pulling, harvesting, haymaking, stone picking and potato picking. Charlock or Common Mustard was a weed in grain fields. Picking stones out of the fields by hand would be back breaking work. In 1902 the school closed from the 15.8.1902 to 29.9.1902.

The winter of 1900 was severe an unending and even on the 1.5.1901 the school was "obliged to have fires."

In 1902 the boys could apply for a half time certificate which meant that half of each day could be spent in the harvest fields. Life was dominated by farm work. Life was hard.

Although life was tough in Dunton during the winter months at the turn of the century during the Victorian era, the long dark days were brightened by local events such as magic lantern shows, dances and meetings of the Band of Hope. The Band of Hope educated young children about the evils of drugs and alcohol.

The children at Dunton School had an inspiring morning at the school on Empire Day, 24.5.1905. "The children assembled at the usual time in the morning and the room was prettily decorated. Two Union Jacks were flying on the school building outside. Several of the parents came in at 10 O'clock, with the vicar and Mrs Adams. A map of the world was hung up and the children came out and placed some toy Union Jacks in those parts of the map belonging to our Empire. We were not able to show every possession as there were not sufficient flags. This was followed by a short and very appropriate address from the vicar, who, after speaking about the many and various products of our Empire in all parts of the world, showed that it would be perfectly possible for us to maintain ourselves without ever going to the "foreigner" and demonstrated the meaning of "United we stand, divided we fall" by a bundle of sticks and a single stick."

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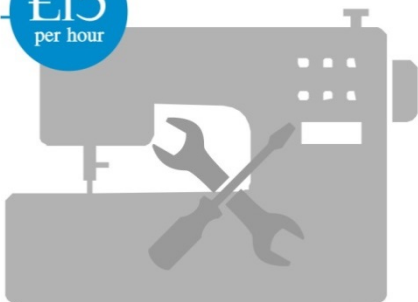
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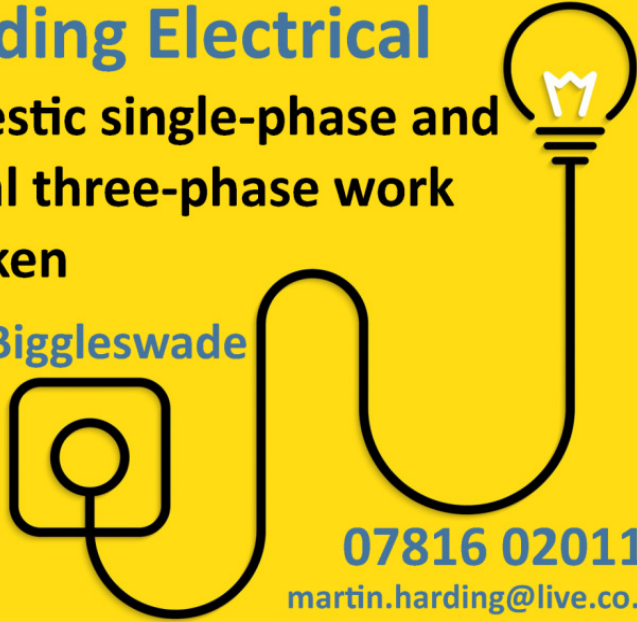
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Volunteers wanted! Can you give up an hour or two on Sunday 17.7.16 to help us set up and run the fete? Can you sell a few raffle tickets in the weeks before the event? If so please contact heidi-herbert@hotmail.co.uk or eileen.bone@talktalk.net

If you can **sponsor an activity** please contact heidi-herbert@hotmail.co.uk. All major sponsors will be advertised through local media.

Our family fete will be held in the superb setting of Dunton Recreation Ground. **You can't miss it if you are in Dunton!**

In the weeks up to the fete, purchase raffle tickets from the village fete committee (Arnold and Eileen Bone, Lorraine Bennetts, Julie Hills, Heidi Mallard-McHugh or Janice Pritchett). Of course you can always pop into the March Hare to purchase raffle tickets. The top four raffle prizes are:-

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4th Prize - £50 cash, **donated by Richard Reasons Pianos of Hitchin**

The day starts off with a car treasure hunt from 11.00 am at the March Hare and finishes at the Recreation Ground. Book your time slot to leave by telephoning Julie on 07961754448. Entry fee £4.00 per car.

From 1.00 pm at the village Recreation Ground there will be the craft stalls and bouncy castles.

Interested in insects? Come and see our Creepie Crawlle Show at the fete.

In the afternoon join in the children and adult races, including the traditional egg and spoon race and parent relay.

Fancy yourself as a footballer, see if you can beat our goalie on the football pitch or play bubble football.

Enjoying the activities, will make you hungry and thirsty, enjoy BBQ, the licensed bar in the Pavilion or the real ale tent provided by the March Hare, WI cream teas or Maynard's ice cream.

AFC Dunton

Both the Saturday and Sunday football sides have had a very enjoyable first season at Dunton. On the 21st May 2016 they held a Saturday versus Sunday team fun football game prior to their annual Presentation Evening.

Pre-Season Training will commence at the end of June so all players old and new are welcome. Any new player wishing to join can contact Andrew Bright on andrewbright1983@googlemail.com or 07824 379493.



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The “Hare Raisers” Book Club Review. “The Miniatrist” By Jessie Burton

Jessie Burton’s debut novel is set in 1686 Amsterdam, the Dutch Golden Age.

18 year old Petronella Oortman, arrives in the city to begin a new life as the wife of a wealthy, merchant trader whom she has only met once, fleetingly before they married. She does not receive a warm welcome in her new home and thus the story in this house of secrets unfolds with many surprises and revelations.

The book is beautifully written and is set against a backdrop of historical fact because Petronella lived at that time and her life has been recorded. Amsterdam in the 17th Century was incredibly wealthy due to its trading capabilities and this contrasts with its pious, repressive society that elicits a harsh, unforgiving character to people who didn’t fit into the tight laws and cultural norms expected of them. I found that my prejudices and values were constantly challenged regarding injustices within the book which often paralleled Petronella’s experience.

The focus of the novel is the wedding gift from her husband, a cabinet replica of their house (a usual gift for new brides at that time) and Petronella commissions a miniaturist to furnish the house. This is where the mystery deepens.....no spoilers... but suffice to say that nothing is predictable and relationships aren’t what the reader would assume. Nella’s life oscillates between the secrets of the household and the world of trade, I found Nella’s journey from a hesitant young girl to an astute, strong woman fascinating.

Members of our group had varied and diverse views of the book which made a discussion full of interest and energy!
Claire Short

The Dunton Community Garden

Recently the volunteers and trustees of Dunton Garden injected the word 'community' back into its name because we felt that being part of and run by the local community was fundamental to our ethos. Well, we had to do something during the long non-gardening months of winter so hearty discussions in the March Hare it was. The garden was very much part of the community in its early days, having evolved from open sessions in Jenny Pates's garden in the village, but generous grants initially and then the need to bring in funds shifted the focus a bit. Paid staff took responsibility for most of the work towards making it grow and thrive and volunteers became a sort of 'workforce' rather than the driving force of the garden. As a result the organisation's horizons were wider but local ownership reduced.

Finding ourselves unable to raise funds to pay staff, volunteers took over all responsibility for the garden and reclaimed the original ethos of the garden and it has never felt or looked better. Not all the volunteers live in Dunton but many do and they work at creating events and activities that bring people into the garden, so, the garden is yours to enjoy, come on in and find out what's in it for you.

For example, look out for monthly Saturday morning Coffee Mornings in the garden. Bring the kids, bring the dog (on a lead please) and get to know the garden and its people. Also keep an eye out for special events such as The Big Lunch in June or, for the more adventurous, our Camping in the Garden weekend in August and keep checking out the produce on the Dunton Garden trolley and do remember that you can just walk around the garden at any time.

Find out more by looking up The Dunton Garden's website & Facebook pages, read about what we are doing in the Biggleswade Chronicle or you can email info@duntongarden.org and ask to join the mailing list to be notified of future events and produce availability.

Paula Doran

The Parish Church of St Mary Magdalene

The first mention of the Church of St. Mary, Dunton is in 1189. Nothing remains of this first Church and in the early 14th century rebuilding in stone began with the south aisle, nave and chancel. This first phase was clearly very ambitious, for the east end of the aisle was laid out as a Lady Chapel with wall brackets for statues on each side of the altar and a magnificent east window. It was not until the early 15th century that the north aisle and north arcade of the nave were constructed and clerestory windows added over the nave.



Only the arch at the west end of the nave remains from the original tower which fell down in the 17th century and by 1861 work had started to rebuild several parts of the Church. The tower was rebuilt and a small vestry added to the north side of the chancel. The chancel was restored by the second Earl Brownlow and given a new and elaborate hammerbeam roof with twelve carved angels.

Over the centuries there have been many changes; some big, some small. In addition to the ongoing restoration and upkeep of this fine Church by the Parochial Church Council, consideration has also been given to improving the facilities within the Church for those who come to visit or worship. Early in the 20th century central heating was added. Later improvements include a new parish room, kitchen and toilet. But it doesn't stop there and work will continue with plans for future improvements that not only enable the work of the Church to be a centre for Christian faith and witness to the community but also as a place for social events.

If you have never been inside, pay a visit. The Church is normally open and whilst it might look imposing from the outside once inside you will find it both light and welcoming. Our new prayer corner in the north aisle of the Church is there for anyone needing somewhere to go for quiet reflection or prayer.

Shirley and David Tant



Dunton Women's Institute

11 July 2016, Mediation for Relaxation by Blissfull Minds Mediation

21 July 2016, Day trip to Stoke Bruerne, including a canal boat tour and talk at the museum, lunch and shopping opportunities

8 August 2016, Summer Trip – Tenpin Bowling followed by a meal

12 September 2016, Poisons for Medicine – Victorian Pharmacists

10 October 2016, the History of our Sewerage System

14 November 2016, the National Newspaper Archives

12 December 2016, Christmas Celebration

Dunton WI meets at 7.45pm at Dunton Memorial Hall,

Visitors are always welcome

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Is Dunton Wood the same place as Fen Wood?

Having spoken to a couple of villagers Fen Wood is not the same as Dunton Wood. It appears that Dunton Wood is on the right hand side of Sutton Lane, as you go to Potton, known to some locals as Fen Road. Fen Wood is Dunton Fen on the left hand side of Sutton Lane as you go to Potton. From the trees on the front cover of the Easter edition of Dunton News, they are all in straight rows. Doesn't look as if Mother Nature created this, although she is certainly involved with looking after this beautiful wood. Does anyone know who planted this wood? If so, please contact the editors.

Hare Beer Bunch

The Hare Beer Bunch (HBB) continues to meet regularly at the March Hare – the meetings are on the second Monday in each month at 8.00 pm and new members are always welcome. In between these meetings you will often find one or more of the HBB in the pub, so if you would like to know more about us, please call in and someone will no doubt be able to provide more details.

In April, we organised a day trip to Oakham and the Grainstore Brewery where we were given a very informative tour, sampled several ales and enjoyed an excellent ploughman's lunch. This was followed by a visit to some of the town's best pubs. At least, that's what the beer drinkers did – others simply took advantage of the shopping opportunities that the town had to offer or just took a walk. In any event we all had a great day out – thanks to Tony Walters for suggesting the trip, and organising the tour.

Future events are being planned: we have our ever popular barbeque in July, and hopefully a minibus trip around some Hertfordshire pubs in October – please ask at the pub if you would like to join us. Finally, we're all looking forward to helping out at the fifth annual beer festival at the March Hare on the last weekend of September – always a fantastic event.

Nigel Coomber

Does anyone remember barn dancing in Dunton?

Or

Does anyone remember World War 2 evacuees?

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It is appreciated that some of the roads in Dunton were built before parking was required for so many vehicles. Dunton residents and their visitors are reminded that their vehicles should not obstruct pathways, park on verges, or opposite or within 10 metres of a junction. Please consider others when parking because we are sure that no one wants to cause a hazard to other road users, including pedestrians and individuals with disabilities.

Do you have memories or photographs of Dunton in the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s? It would be great to include them in future issues of Dunton News

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