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Edition 7

Autumn 2016



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**Editors Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills**

### **Editorial**

Welcome to the autumn 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.

The photograph on the front cover was taken at the village fete in July, where families enjoyed the activities, stalls, food and drink provided.

Village activities during the autumn months include football and a choral concert in the church.

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.

Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills

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## Karen's Top Tips For Baking Cakes

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*Karen Younger*

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*Andrew Bright*

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However, 22 years on and the name of the government agency may have changed but it's now back on the table and you can see below three options put forward by Highways England to try and improve flow on the A1.

Option A looks distinctly like the 1994 plan although no detail of the precise route is given.

Option B includes junction and bypass improvements, and flyovers between junction 10 and Alconbury.

Option C relates to "improvements to the local road network to discourage A414 'rat-running' between junctions 3 and 4"

There are also vague promises of improvements to public transport although I'll believe that when I see it.

The powers that be are keen to ensure we realise these plans are at "a very early stage" which is usually code for 'plans have progressed further but we're not going to tell you about them just yet'.

More news is expected in the autumn. To find out the latest on this and other local news please email me on [adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk) to receive my monthly newsletter.

*Adam Zerny (Independent Central Bedfordshire Councillor for Potton ward)*

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The new times for our weekly services are now up and running with a Benefice service at one of the Churches on the third Sunday of the month. The new format for services is as follows:-

## WEEKLY SERVICES

1st. Sunday	9.30 am Parish Eucharist
2nd Sunday	8.00 am Sunday Praise Followed by continental breakfast
3rd Sunday	10.30 am Benefice Eucharist* *See notices or website for which Church
4th Sunday	10.30 am Sunday Praise
5th Sunday	10.30 am Benefice Service* *See notices or website for which Church

## FUTURE EVENTS @ ST. MARY'S

**Harvest Thanksgiving** - 10.30 am Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

**"Some Enchanted Evening" – 7.30 pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
 A joint concert with Dunton's own 'Singtastic' and 'Cantata Ladies Choir'

**St. Mary's Singers Concert - Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2016**  
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As we have stated throughout our consultations, we do listen to Dunton as a community partner, on not only what is right from an aesthetically standpoint to pricing and agreeing to introductory levels.

We have consistently communicated with the community and will continue to do so.

We are targeting a start date of 1<sup>st</sup> week of October, whereby you will notice our team, working within the community in readiness for the residents to benefit from high speed broadband.

Imagine, no buffering when watching movies or sports via your connected device, being able to download attachments in a heartbeat, skype and facetime with family and friends, having your child son or daughter being able to download assignments and homework, at their own home, these are just a few of the benefits which we will be bringing. Obviously low cost landline telephone is also available.

Barring unforeseen issues the church tower, which was the original preferred option, will be the receiving point for the air link from Saxon Gate Pool. Saxon Leisure Centre will be commissioned on 31<sup>st</sup> August. We would like to place on record our thanks to David Tant, for his assistance. Line of sight or street level relays will distribute a minimum fully contended peak load design for 40Mb/sec to all users without restriction or caps. Speeds of 60Mb and higher can be expected during off-peak periods. This compares favourably with the current 0.4 to 1.8Mb/sec average across Dunton, Millow and Newton. Dunton also struggles to receive 2G mobile in many properties. The Voneus service will fully address this plus provide a VOIP option to offset the monthly charges by dropping the BT £19pm landline charge.

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*Gary Day of Voneus*

## Bedfordshire Day at the March Hare



Bedfordshire day is a day to celebrate all that is great about Bedfordshire! The actual date is the 28<sup>th</sup> November, the anniversary of the birth of John Bunyan, author, preacher and synonymous with the county. This year

Bedfordshire Day will be held either on the 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> November and the March Hare is going to celebrate Bedfordshire Day by having a Bedfordshire Beer weekend. We will have up to 4 real ales on both days from Bedfordshire brewers. This weekend pop over to the March Hare for a 'bevy of Bedfordshire Beers'.

## Dunton, 1870 - 1872

In 1870-72, John Marius Wilson's Imperial Gazetteer of England and Wales described **Dunton** as "a parish in Biggleswade district, Beds; adjacent to the boundary with Herts and Cambridge, 3½ miles ESE of Biggleswade town and r. station. It contains Millo and Newtown; and its post town is Biggleswade. Acres, 2, 840. Real property, £3, 090. Pop., 518. Houses, 105. The property is subdivided. Dunton lodge is a chief residence. The living is a vicarage in the diocese of Ely. Value, £120. Patron, Earl Brownlow. The church was recently rebuilt. There are a national school, and charities £5.

GB Historical GIS/University of Portsmouth, History of Dunton in Mid Bedfordshire, description, *A Vision of Britain throughout Time*, URL: <http://visionofBritain.org.uk/place/2499>, Date accessed: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016

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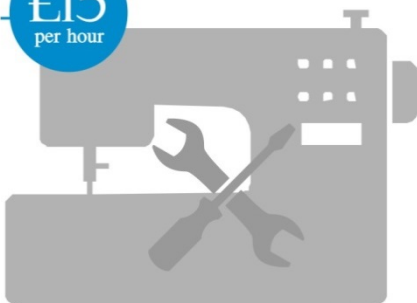
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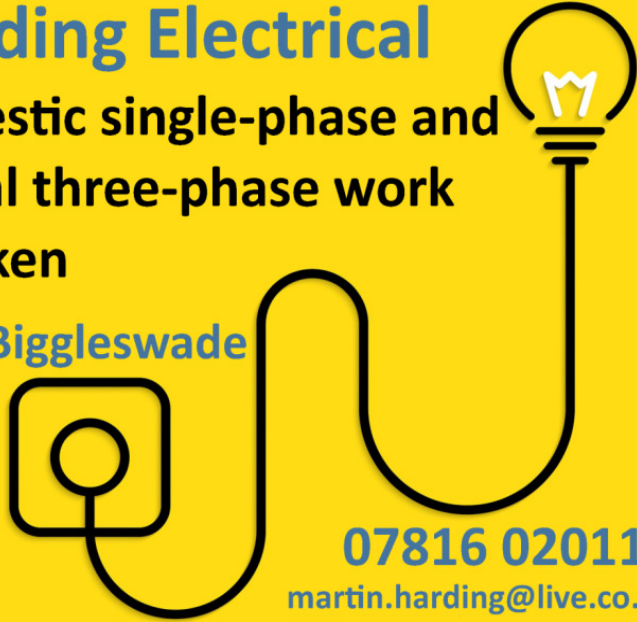
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## **Dunton Parish Council Biographies**



Janice Pritchett, Chair of Parish Council, Proprietor with John Pritchett at the March Hare. Contact Janice at the March Hare



Sue Oliver, Councillor, has lived in Dunton with her husband and 2 daughters since 2008. Wishes to continue to grow Dunton together as a community



Julie Hills, Councillor, married, 2 daughters, lived in the village 16 years. Local mobile hairdresser. Treasurer at village hall



Gary Besant, I have lived in the village for the past two years with my partner and 5 children. I am 47 years old. I am a strong believer in community and I look forward to serving the entire village

**More biographies in the next issue of Dunton News**

***Does anyone know where Clarks Meadow was or is?***

***Does anyone remember or have photographs of the summer fete at Dunton vicarage?***

***Please contact the editors, Julie Hills and Janice Pritchett***

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What a fantastic day we had here in Dunton. Many thanks go to the group of volunteers that organised and ran the fete on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks goes to the volunteers that supported on the day. Without you the day would have been a flop!

On the day, it was fantastic to see so many villagers and their families. The sun was shining and it was great to see everyone socialising.

The day started off with a car rally that took entrants on a 23 mile journey around Dunton's surrounding villages, following the clues and looking for answers. Finishing the rally at the fete, ready to enjoy the rest of the day.

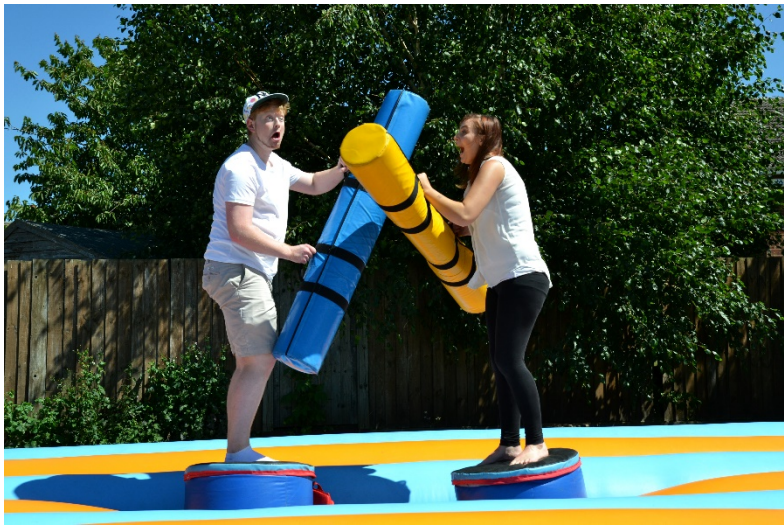
For the children there were bouncy castles, children's races, colouring competition, ice-creams and a toy stall! The kids were fantastic taking part in the races!

For the brave amongst us there was "Safari Stu" with his collection of snakes, iguanas, large centipedes as well as other creepy crawlies.

For the adults there was the bar, a real ale tent, cream teas, BBQ, bottle tombola, gladiator, raffle, plate smashing, beat the goalie, a face quiz and other stalls.



***Huge thank you to everyone that supported this day, watch this space for information on when the next village day might be and how to get involved as a volunteer!*** ***Julie Hills***



***Village fete photos taken by Chenisse Matthews***

## **Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki**

A package containing a diary washes up on the Canadian coast. It is found by Ruth, a writer who lives on Vancouver Island with her husband Oliver and their cat, Pesto (formerly known as Schrödinger). As she starts to read, she uncovers the sad and lonely life of a Japanese schoolgirl, Nao. Does Nao exist beyond the pages of the diary and can Ruth find out who she really was?

A Tale for the Time Being is a wonderful book that felt oddly rewarding to read. Spanning continents and time, it weaves together Zen, quantum physics and French philosophy into multiple narratives of heartbreak and touching moments of joy.

If that sounds a bit too high brow, Nao's diary has a genuine teenage narrative voice often written in bright pink pen and with sudden breaks while she texts a question to someone. She writes in English as she spent most of her childhood in California before the dot com bubble burst and her father lost his job. On their return to Tokyo, Nao is the victim of relentless bullying at school - she is not Japanese anymore and doesn't fit in. Whilst she seems to take things in her stride, with a conversational tone and at times witty comments, she is clearly struggling with depression. On top of which, her father has not been the same since he returned to Japan and she is doing her best to support him whilst not really understanding what he is going through.

Nao's diary is not just about her, although her story is heart breaking and at times shocking. She also tells us about her grandmother, Jiko, a Zen Buddhist nun who claims to be 104 (perhaps the very definition of a time being) and her great-uncle who was a kamikaze pilot - both of whom become her role models and you get to learn a bit about a different way of life.

The book makes you think hard about many aspects of modern life and I got really caught up in the experience of reading it. I found myself trying to work out what a "time being" is and I realised that we are all time beings - only here for a while. So how do you make the most of it while managing the pressures and demands of day to day life?

It feels quite poignant that we believe the diary was washed away in the Japanese earthquake and Tsunami of 2011 and there is the constant hope throughout the book that Ruth (in Canada) will actually get to meet up with Nao. I won't spoil it by telling you whether or not that happens!

*Maxine Dolan*

## **The game of Backgammon**

Backgammon is one of the oldest board games. It is said that it was played 5,000 years ago in Mesopotamia, and the game was described in some Greek writings dating from 480 AD. More recently – well, in the 18<sup>th</sup> century - it apparently became a favourite game of the English clergy. Of course, bringing us right up to date, it's now a popular on line game, with multiple websites offering you the chance to play against people elsewhere in the world, or against the computer.

But why play on line when you can play on a real board, against real people right here in Dunton? A small group of players have started to meet monthly in the March Hare, for a chance to practice our game. There's no league, no particular structure to the evening (yet), and certainly no gambling – just a relaxed session, with perhaps a little friendly rivalry, and of course a couple of drinks (not necessarily alcoholic).

For those who are unfamiliar with backgammon, it is in essence a simple game for two players, each taking turns to move their 15 counters around a board according to the roll of the dice. It's straightforward to learn, but as players gain experience, so the play becomes more complex and tactical. Opinion varies as to whether it's more a game of chance, or of skill – the answer I give to this question depends on whether I am winning or losing at the time!

Please come along if you are interested (and bring your own board if you have one) – we meet on the third Monday of each month, at 8.00 pm in the March Hare. This means that the next sessions are on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October, and 21<sup>st</sup> November. All are welcome, from beginner to expert. For further details please ask John or Janice at the pub, or ring Nigel on 07879 898161.

*Nigel Coomber*

## **Mystery Unravelled**

In the summer issue, the editors asked if anyone knew who planted the wood that was on the front cover of the summer edition. Can anyone confirm the information provided by a couple of villagers that the trees in the photograph on the cover of the summer issue were planted by either Edward or David Elphick?

## **Focus on Business**

The editors would like to promote local businesses that serve Dunton. If you would like to promote your business in association with an half page or full page advert, colour or black and white. please email the editors with no more than 150 words and we will do our best to include it in a future issue.

## **Photographs**

Fancy yourself as a photographer? Submit your photographs to the editors by email for inclusion on the front page of future Dunton News. The photographs should feature a view relating to Dunton or the surrounding area or modern day life in Dunton. The photograph must not have been in the public domain before. It must be a digital image and in portrait format to fit the front cover. An individual can submit 4 or less photographs. Please include your name. The decision of the editors is final with regards to inclusion or not of photographs in the magazine. The editors will not accept responsibility for lost or damaged entries.

The closing date is 6.11.16.

## **Did you know there was a Moated Site in Dunton?**

Newton Bury moated site is scheduled under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

The moated site at Newton Bury is a well-preserved example of a small, double- island type which retains evidence of the water management system. Despite alterations to the monument, particularly the infilling of sections of the ditches and the later use of the moated enclosures as a farm, the major part of the site has survived with minimal disturbance. Environmental evidence will be preserved in the silts within the ditches, and the islands will contain evidence of the original buildings. The monument lies in an area where moated sites are particularly numerous enabling chronological and social variations to be explored. The existence of historical records relating to the ownership of the site further enhances its importance.

The moated site at Newton Bury lies approximately 1km to the north west of the village of Dunton. The monument includes the remains of a rectangular medieval moated enclosure situated in the south west corner of a larger outer enclosure. The inner moated enclosure measures c.90m east to west by 80m north to south. The surrounding moat has been infilled along the eastern side, though its course is still visible as a shallow depression, 6m wide by 1m deep. Elsewhere it measures up to 4m deep and is currently dry. The north east and south west angles of the moat have been enlarged to form ponds, probably during the post-medieval period. Cattle were watered at the pond situated in the north east angle. The interior contains the remains of Newton Bury farmhouse.

The outer enclosure extends to the north and east of the inner moat. There is a well in the southern part of this enclosure. The visible earthworks consist of a junction of two ditches and a separate section of bank. The ditches measure some 9m wide and 1m deep and form the north eastern corner of the enclosure. An outflow leat, connected to a modern drain to the east, is associated with these ditches. A leat is artificial drainage. The section of ditch delineating the north side of the enclosure has recently been backfilled, but it will survive as a buried feature. The remainder of

the north side of the outer enclosure is defined by a 2m high bank attached to the north east angle of the moat. The bank is on the same alignment as the recently backfilled ditch and may have once survived along the inner edge of the outer enclosure. The south east angle of the outer enclosure can be traced on the ground as a soil mark and a shallow depression. Historical documents relating to Newton Bury Manor trace ownership and descent from 1504.

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## **Biggleswade and Dunton Community Action Group**

The Biggleswade & Dunton Community Action Group was formed for the sole purpose of raising money to challenge Central Beds Council's decision via a Judicial Review.

We anticipate having submitted the Judicial Review application at the end of August.

Please see our website and/or facebook page for the latest news.

We need your help to raise funds to meet the costs. If you have fundraising skills, or wish to donate please email [dunton.judicial.review@gmail.com](mailto:dunton.judicial.review@gmail.com)

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