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**Editors Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills**

### **Editorial**

Do you remember the beautiful purple field at the roundabout? If you don't, there is a reminder of its beauty on our front cover.

Summer in Dunton commenced at the end of June with Dunton's Big Weekender 2019, including the fete at the Recreation Ground on the afternoon of the 30.6.19. A big thank you to Weatherbreak and Voneus who sponsored Dunton's Big Weekender 2019. To reflect on the wonderful time had by all, read our article on pages 7 – 10. Thank you very much to everyone one who gave up their time to make this a wonderful annual event.

Are you looking forward to Dunton's 2<sup>nd</sup> Scarecrow Festival on the 29.9.19 and 30.9.19, in association with the March Hare's real ale festival, Grin and Beer It 8? Well have a look at pages 19 - 20 for further information. Don't forget to send in your entry form slip by 23.9.19. Keep an eye on Dunton's Big weekender facebook page for more information.

Stories from 'old Dunton' are being told to the editors, so if you have any memories or pictures of Dunton, including modern memories of Dunton from the 50s onwards, please do share them with the editors for inclusion in future issues of Dunton News.

There are lots of social activities available in the village. Many of which are run by volunteers and in this issue, pages 24 - 25 we have included 'What's on in Dunton?' So do get along and support an event in Dunton.

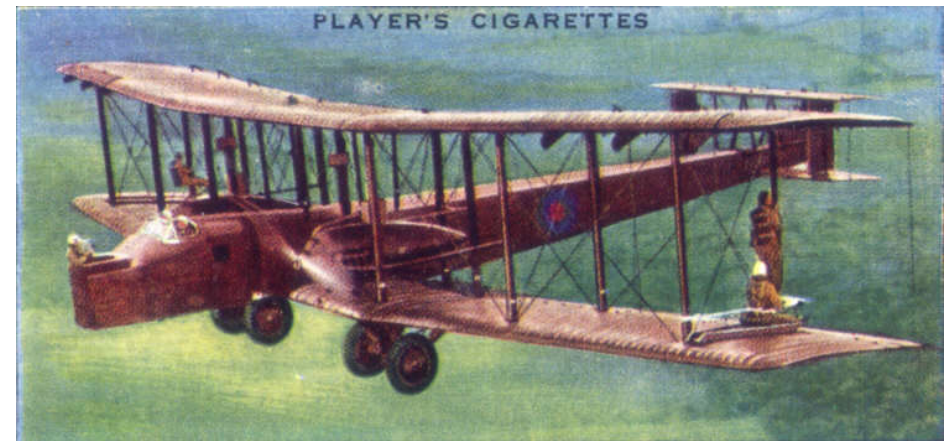
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## **War memories from Josiah Hayes**

Josiah remembers, just before or just after the start of the war there used to be an airplane called Vickers Virginia, red in colour, 2 winged and it used to take off from Henlow Aerodrome. There would be a man standing on each wing, when the plane got to a certain height they would jump off and open parachutes – He thinks this is how parachutes were tested in those days. Here is a picture from Player's Cigarettes, showing parachute training, just as Josiah described, just towards the end of the Vickers Virginia Service!



*Rickard, J (3 November 2008), Vickers Virginia parachute trainer, [http://www.historyofwar.org/Pictures/pictures\\_vickers\\_virginia.html](http://www.historyofwar.org/Pictures/pictures_vickers_virginia.html)*

At the same time Josiah and his friends were walking back from Green Lane, Hinxworth when 2 Tiger Moth airplanes flew over and suddenly came in very low and landed in the meadow that they were in. They ran towards them to have a look at them. When they got near the planes, the children turned round. The children thought they were being chased as they ran back up the meadow, but the pilots were coming up the meadow to take off again. The pilots got out and the children spoke to them and asked why they had landed in the meadow. The pilots told the children, that one of the pilots got lost and they had landed so that the pilots could swap planes. Why? Because the original pilot would have had to do his training all over again!





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### Dunton's Big Weekender, 27.6.19 – 30.6.19 Bringing the Dunton Community closer together



Wow what an amazing 'Big Weekender' that was. We hope you all enjoyed everything that was going on. Dunton's Big Weekender co-ordination group have been working alongside local organisations including the Parish Council, the March Hare, the village hall, DRA, the church, parents and friends of Dunton Lower School, WI and community garden over the last year to pull it all together and it

went really well. A massive thank you to all of the organisations and groups that organised events throughout the weekend. We hope you all raised some money and had a lovely time doing it.

The weather was perfect which brought everyone in Dunton together for a fantastic time.

Prior to the event children and adults made bunting, which was added to last year's bunting.

On Thursday evening a variety of games were on offer at the March Hare. By far the most popular was cribbage, which was enjoyed by 'old hands' as well as those new to the game. Chess was also played and a good time was had by all.



something. The PFA and school would like to thank everyone that came along. The money raised was used to pay for a coach to take the whole school to enjoy a day by the sea at Great Yarmouth that included time on the beach and a visit to the Circus museum. Without the support of the wider Dunton community this would not have been possible.



fete to purchase more, raising an additional £197.56.

On Saturday, at St. Mary Magdalene church, their records of baptisms, marriages, funerals and census records were available. Visitors from as far away as Southend came and located records of their family living in the village. Sue and Derek were on hand on Saturday to support and suggest other genealogy tips to a gentleman who was looking for records of his father and grandfather. Old photographs of the village were on display, including the locations of the many village pubs! Collection books of photographs from church events and holiday clubs also brought back many fond memories. Several visitors took part in the historically informative church 'walk and talk'.

Nigel Coomber and Gary Besant won the Car Treasure Hunt, which raised approximately £40 to support Dunton's Big Weekender events.

On Saturday, Dunton's Community Garden Ploughman's lunches were so popular they all sold out by early Saturday afternoon. Despite the very hot and humid weather families came with their picnics which they enhanced with Maynard's ice cream and enjoyed games in the garden. Several children and adults enjoyed picking



strawberries – just right for a plate of strawberries and cream at home after an enjoyable but very hot day. A real feature of the event was the music provided by Simon Bailes and his group of musicians. It added so much to the atmosphere. Late in the afternoon a group of young and old enjoyed some impromptu dancing.





Sandy Ukulele players entertained guests at the March Hare on Saturday evening with their versions of rock and roll from the 60s and 70s.

On Sunday morning, before the fete hungry stall holders and villagers enjoyed bacon butties in the church.

In fact summer in Dunton isn't summer without the Dunton's Big

Weekender fete. The fete was bigger this year with more stalls and events on the recreation ground and blessed with another lovely sunny day.

Our new PA system, kindly donated by Weatherbreak Windows and Austin Jones worked beautifully.

Many individuals enjoyed sitting under the March Hare parasol, in and around the DRA Pavilion under gazebos or outside the Village Hall bar enjoying a glass of wine, Pimms, beer or soft drink, watching the fete go by. There were a nice variety of stalls and a good day was had by all.



Alan Dansey won the star raffle prize of £250.00.

A new attraction at the fete was the Companion Dog Show. This proved to be a popular activity and was a great way to show others why your dog is one of the best in Dunton. The dogs competed against each other for rosettes, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in various classes. Of course this can be taken very seriously, but during the afternoon it was a fun pursuit that dogs and their owners thoroughly enjoyed. Don't forget to prepare yourself and your dog for the Companion Dog Show 2020. You have got all year to develop a



champion!

On Sunday evening the quiz night at the March Hare raised £70.00 towards the expenses of Dunton's Big Weekender events.

All profit made by the DRA at the fete goes towards the upkeep of the children's play area, pavilion and recreation ground grass cutting, so that the whole village can continue to enjoy the facilities.

Money raised at this year's Dunton's Big Weekender will help support other events organised by the co-ordination group and the next one to look forward to is the Scarecrow

Festival, September 2019.

A big thank you to all our sponsors Weatherbreak Windows, Austin Jones, Voneus, Cafe Mocha, Jade Garden, Lauren's Wax and Warmers, Paradise Wildlife Park, Langford Garden Centre; Biggleswade Skin Clinic, VNR Autocare, 360 Play, Country Clips, Crème Catering, Pink Gingham Bunting, La Vida and Liebherr, Biggles Lounge and everyone else who donated raffle prizes.



Also, many thanks to all those individuals who have given up their time over the year to set up Dunton's Big Weekender and to the volunteers who helped over the weekend. Without you there would be no events. Let's hope we can make it even bigger and better next year.

Finally, huge thank you to everyone who came along to the events or bought raffle tickets, without you there would be no 'Big Weekender'.





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At the July meeting of Dunton Parish Council, we were pleased to welcome two new Councillors: Tim Fowler and Pete Dixon. A full list of Parish Councillors and their contact details can be found in the directory in this edition of Dunton News. We do still have one vacancy on the Council and would be pleased to hear from any Dunton resident who may be interested in joining us.

Members of the Council are elected every four years or co-opted as vacancies occur and commit their time on a purely voluntary basis. Amongst other things the Council has responsibility for some of the overall maintenance and appearance of the village - in Dunton this includes some of the street lighting, the cemetery and roadside verges. Recently we have been discussing and taking action about the state of footpaths in the village, and have agreed to purchase more spring bulbs for planting later in the year. We can also make small grants to local organisations for the benefit of village residents.

Meetings of the Parish Council are open to all Dunton residents to attend and observe, to ask questions of the Council, or request items for discussion. The meetings are held six times a year, on the third Wednesday of alternate months, starting at 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall. The next two meetings are on the 18.9.19 and 20.11.19. Details of the agenda are posted on the Parish Council noticeboard.

If you are interested to learn more please contact Nigel Coomber, Chair of Dunton Parish Council, or Mandy Howard, Clerk to Dunton Parish Council at [duntonpc@gmail.com](mailto:duntonpc@gmail.com).

Thank you to everyone who helped with the village 'tidy up' and litter pick on 15th June. We will be planting spring bulbs around the village on 19.10.19. All are welcome to help with this - the more of us there are the less time it will take! We will meet at the village hall at 10.30 am and then return there for coffee and biscuits afterwards.

*Nigel Coomber Chair of Dunton Parish Council*

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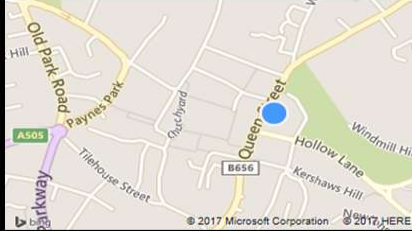
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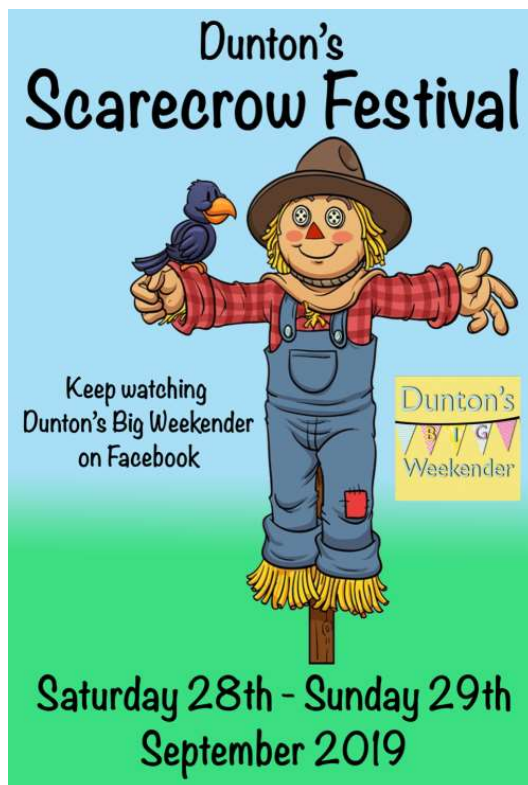
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### Scarecrow Festival part of Dunton's



**Big Weekender 2019**  
**28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September**  
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#### Something to Crow About

Dunton's Big Weekender is holding their second Scarecrow Festival on the 28.9.19 and 29.9.19. As usual Dunton will be a hive of activity bringing everyone together for a great time.

On Saturday and Sunday you will be able to follow the trail of scarecrows in the village. An interactive map will be available on facebook and for those of you who do not access facebook hard copies of the 'scarecrow trail' will be available at the March Hare on Saturday.

The church will be launching their food bank as part of Dunton's second Scarecrow Festival.

#### Scarecrow Festival Events Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

| Event                                | Where            | Time               |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Scarecrow Trail around the village   | Dunton           | 10.00 am onwards   |
| Macmillan Mad Hatters Coffee morning | Community Garden | 10.30 am - midday  |
| Grin and Beer it 8 Beer Festival     | March Hare       | Midday to midnight |
| Fish and Chip Supper                 | Pavilion         | 6.30 pm onwards    |



#### Scarecrow Festival Events Sunday, 29 September 2019

| Event                              | Where                        | Time                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Harvest Festival                   | Church                       | 9.30 am               |
| Scarecrow Trail around the village | Dunton                       | All day until 4.00 pm |
| Grin and Beer it 8 Beer Festival   | March Hare                   | Midday to midnight    |
| Bar open                           | Pavilion                     | 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm     |
| Scarecrow Fest                     | Village Green, Church Street | 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm    |
| Cup 'O Tea and a Slice 'O Cake     | Church                       | 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm     |
| Scarecrow Quiz                     | March Hare                   | 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm   |

#### Scarecrow Fest, Sunday, 29 September 2019, Village Green

| Event   | Time              |
|---|-------------------|
| Harvest Hamper raffle                             | 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm |
| Produce stalls                                    | 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm |
| Individual cakes made by the WI                   | 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm |
| Announcement of raffle winner and scarecrow trail | 4.00 pm           |

Photos being taken at the Scarecrow Festival will be used in future publicity material. We will indicate who the photographer will be and that people should make themselves known if they do not want to appear in publicity materials.

**Don't forget to send in your entry form slip by 23.9.19**

**Keep an eye on Dunton's Big weekender facebook page for more information**

#### Scarecrow Family/organisation Entry Form

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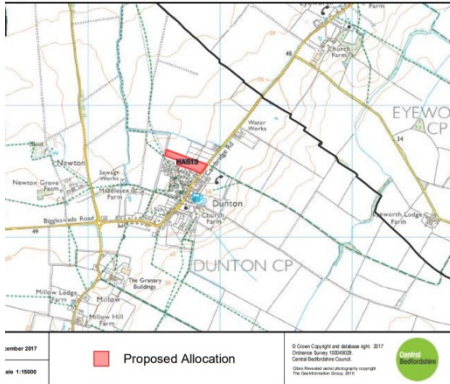
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## Developer Puts In For Planning Permission For 37 Houses On The Edge Of Dunton



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after that date, it may be too late to comment.

Also, the decision is likely to be made at a public meeting so if you would like to attend and have your say, do let Adam Zerny or Tracey Wye know.

Adam Zerny and Tracey Wye, Central Bedfordshire Councillors for Dunton and Potton  
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We should know for certain whether Central Bedfordshire's Local Plan will be approved by the Inspector in the coming months. In the development plan, a plot of land, assigned a reference of HAS13 by the Council, was included on the northern side of Dunton. This does not mean the Council has formerly approved it for development; it has merely proposed it, in its plan of

Currently there is a planning application on the same plot of land for 37 houses.

Further details about the application can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/y46o9zfd> and it states comments from the public can be received until 23.8.19. If you're reading this

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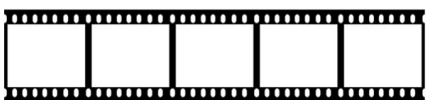
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### What's On In Dunton, September 2019 to April 2020

| Date                        | Event  | Where?            | Time               |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>September</b><br>21.9.19 | Dunton Folk, Trials of Cato  | Church            | 8.00 pm – 11.00 pm |
| 27.9.19                     | Grin and Beer It 8 Beer Festival                                     | March Hare        | 5.00 pm – midnight |
| 28.9.19                     | Macmillan Coffee Morning as part of Dunton's Scarecrow Trail         | Community Garden  | 10.00 am – midday  |
| 28.9.19                     | Grin and Beer It 8 Beer Festival as part of Dunton's Scarecrow Trail | March Hare        | midday – midnight  |
| 28.9.19                     | Fish n Chip Supper   | Pavilion          | 6.30 pm            |
| 29.9.19                     | Harvest Festival as part of Dunton's Scarecrow Trail                 | Church            | 9.30 am            |
| 29.9.19                     | Grin and Beer It 8 Beer Festival as part of Dunton's Scarecrow Trail | March Hare        | Midday – 10.30 pm  |
| 29.9.19                     | Dunton's Scarecrow Trail & Festival                                  | Village Wide      | 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm  |
| 29.9.19                     | Cup 'O Tea and a Slice 'O Cake as part of Dunton's Scarecrow Trail   | Church            | 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm  |
| 29.9.19                     | Bar at Pavilion open as part of Dunton's Scarecrow Trail             | Recreation Ground | 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm  |
| 29.9.19                     | Dunton's Scarecrow Fest  | Village Green     | 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm  |
| 29.9.19                     | Quiz as part of Dunton's Scarecrow Trail                             | March Hare        | 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm |
| <b>October</b><br>5.10.19   | Harvest Supper   | Church            | TBA                |
| 27.10.19                    | Halloween Themed Afternoon   | Community Garden  | TBA                |
| <b>November</b><br>2.11.19  | Dunton Folk, Rosie Wood and Cohen Braithwaite Kilcoyne               | Church            | 8.00 pm – 11.00 pm |
| 9.11.19                     | Church Quiz Night  | Church            | TBA                |
| 23.11.19                    | Coffee Morning   | Community Garden  | 10.30 am – midday  |

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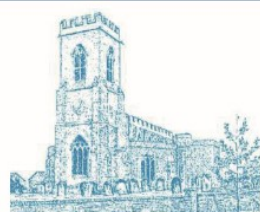
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They can also be found in the Biggleswade Chronicle and the Church facebook or website pages.



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|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 30.11.19            | Dunton Folk, Belshazzar's Feast      | Church                         | 8.00 pm – 11.00 pm |
| <b>December</b>     |                                      |                                |                    |
| 1.12.19 to 24.12.19 | Dunton's Living Advent Calendar 2019 | All over the village Church    | TBA                |
| 8.12.19             | Winter Fair                          |                                |                    |
| <b>2020</b>         |                                      |                                |                    |
| <b>January</b>      |                                      |                                |                    |
| 4.1.20              | Dunton Wassail                       | Church Farm and the March Hare | TBA                |
| <b>April</b>        |                                      |                                |                    |
| 25.4.20             | Yard Sale                            | All over the village           | TBA                |
| 25.4.20             | 007 Party Night                      | Village Hall                   | TBA                |

**If you want to include a Dunton event in 'What's On in Dunton', please email brief details to [janice.pritchett@outlook.com](mailto:janice.pritchett@outlook.com)**

### Dunton Oil Group

Dunton Oil Group is a village organisation to help those of us who use oil as our main heating source to buy it more cheaply than we could as individuals. There are 3 deliveries a year - in January, April and September. We order around 50,000 litres each time. This quantity gives us a price that is usually about 5 pence a litre cheaper than would otherwise be possible. The minimum order is 500 litres so that means a saving of about £25 or more on each order. To join the group send an email to:- [duntonoilgroup@btinternet.com](mailto:duntonoilgroup@btinternet.com)

Or phone Derek on 01767 315487

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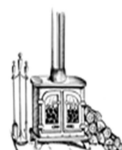
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### Tidy Up Dunton, 15.6.19, 10 am – midday

A successful Tidy Up of Dunton in preparation for Dunton's Big Weekender was carried out by villagers on the 15.6.19. They even recycled crisp packets. Afterwards they had a well 'urned' mug of tea/coffee in the Village Hall.



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