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Editorial

Welcome to the fourth edition of the Dunton News.

Many readers asked if we could let them know who has written the articles. We have rectified this in the Christmas edition and included the authors' names.

The front cover of this Dunton News won the People's Choice Award at the Village Hall Grand Reveal. The photo is by Chenisse Matthews, a budding young photographer from the village. Please email your local photographs, old and new as a png. You never know they may get onto the front cover of Dunton News.

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.

We intend to keep Dunton News alive in 2016, but we can only do this with the support of advertisers and individuals writing articles and providing us with photographs. Please do send some in so that your village magazine is even more interesting and informative to read. This can be articles about Dunton, old and new, hobbies and interests, local activities and school life.

Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills

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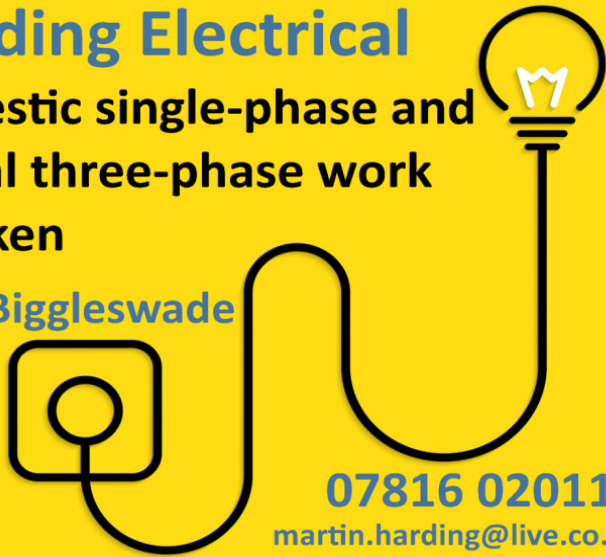
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Dunton Women's Institute Winter Report



Dunton WI has enjoyed a busy autumn of evening meetings in the newly refurbished hall. In September we enjoyed a fascinating talk about the wildlife and landscapes of East Anglia by Barrie Mason. Barrie has devoted his retirement to capturing some amazing photographs including spending a night out sleeping rough on the dunes to capture sunset and sunrise, he said he was a tad chilly. The talk was an excellent opportunity to see some of our local wildlife close up.

In October the gorgeous Mary Blackhurst-Hill of House of Colour came along and demonstrated how to tie a variety of scarves. It was great fun to see what worked on different people and to get some new ideas for scarf wearing.

In November we enjoyed a musical evening featuring music of the 50/60s. We had some good fun remembering different songs and artists. In December we shall be off for a Christmas meal and then we have a break in January. Our first meeting in 2016 is on 8 February and we are hoping to enjoy some spooky ghost stories . . .

Dunton WI has enjoyed a very successful year and many thanks to all involved and of course our members. We have an exciting programme planned for 2016 and hope to see you all there, more details to follow in the next issue of Dunton News

Dunton WI meets at Dunton Memorial Hall on the second Monday of the month. Meetings start at 7.45pm. Visitors are always welcome and will be treated to tea and cake! A small fee is charged for visitors. Please contact Lorraine Bennetts on 01767 314 991 for more details. Lorraine Bennetts

Do you have any memories or photographs of Dunton? It would be great to include them in future issues of Dunton News.

Dunton Folk 2015



Megson
19th September



Luke Jackson
17th October



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The festive period is always a difficult time to stay on track with your fitness goals. There are time pressures, extra activities to be fitted in, family visits, trips around the country or further afield and that all important Christmas dinner! It would be easy to say what the heck its Christmas but the trouble is it creates a lot of unnecessary hard work in the New Year, so if time is short what about using one of these work outs:-

20 Minute Challenge - Pure Running		20 Minute Challenge - Living Room	
Warm Up		Warm Up	
2 minutes	Running	2 minutes	Half Jacks
1 minute	Rest	1 minute	Rest
2 minutes	Running	2 minutes	Squat Punch
1 minute	Rest	1 minute	Rest
2 minutes	Running	2 minutes	Jumping Jacks
1 minute	Rest	1 minute	Rest
2 minutes	Running	2 minutes	Squats
1 minute	Rest	1 minute	Rest
2 minutes	Running	2 minutes	Pike Crunch
1 minute	Rest	1 minute	Rest
2 minutes	Running	2 minutes	Jump Rope
1 minute	Rest	1 minute	Rest
2 minutes	Running	2 minutes	Press Ups
1 minute	Rest	1 minute	Rest
Cool Down		Cool Down	

Spend some time planning your goals for the coming year. Consider booking in some events to provide a focus for your training. If getting out and about to an actual event is difficult then consider a virtual run (www.virtualrunneruk.com) or contact Lorraine Bennetts if you would like to join our team for the One True Grit obstacle race challenge over 5km or 10km! There might be a little tiny bit of mud though!

Finally just to say a massive thank you to everyone that has supported Woolf Tracks in its first year. It has been really enjoyable planning and running the classes. I feel very privileged to have been a part of your fitness journey and look forward to continuing progress in 2016.

Lorraine Bennetts

Speed control in Dunton

Central Beds have agreed to carry out traffic calming in Dunton. They found recorded speeds on Cambridge Road were significantly higher than on the High Street or on Biggleswade Road and have settled on the stretch of road in between Lees Close and Greenfield Way for a speed ramp. The local consultation closed on 26.10.15 and full of the proposed measures and can be found here:

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Cakes N Cake By Karen

Karen's top three tips for the cook at Christmas

Stay calm at all times!

Make it easy for yourself!

Remember to keep your glass half full!

After all it's really only a posh Sunday roast dinner!

Why not try Karen's quick and easy mince pies and cranberry sauce?

Ingredients for mince pies

375g	shop bought all butter shortcrust pastry
1x400g	jar of good quality mincemeat
100g	chopped pecan nuts

Zest of 1 orange

2 pieces of stem ginger, chopped

A splash of brandy or sherry (optional)

Method

1. Preheat oven to 180C/350F.
2. Rub a 12 hole patty tin with butter.
3. Tip your jar of mincemeat into a mixing bowl. Add the ginger, pecans orange zest and your tippie. Mix well.
4. Roll out your pastry and cut out 12 circles to fit your tin and a further 12 for the tops. Your tops should be slightly smaller than the bottoms.

5. Place the larger circles in your tin. Spoon your mincemeat into them until half full. Place the smaller circles on top and crimp the edges with your thumb and forefinger. Brush the tops with a little beaten egg.
6. Bake for 25 minutes or until the pastry is cooked through and golden on top. When cold dust with icing sugar.

Ingredients for cranberry sauce

120g caster sugar

500g frozen or fresh cranberries (I always use frozen)

A small or a bit more wine glass of port

1 cinnamon stick, broken in half, or 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Finely grated zest and juice of 1 orange


If using frozen cranberries you need to defrost first

Method

1. Put a large saucepan on a medium heat and add caster sugar. When the sugar starts to go slightly brown round the edges of the pan, add the cranberries, port, orange juice and zest and the cinnamon stick. Simmer until the cranberries have popped open and released their juice.
2. Keep simmering until the juice has reduced down slightly and the cranberries look glossy and jammy. Remove cinnamon stick.

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Dunton Pre School and Boomerang After-School Club

On Monday 19th October the Boomerang Club held a Spooky Fun Night to raise funds for Crackerjack Children's Charity. Crackerjacks are currently trying to raise money to purchase a specially adapted wheelchair for a little girl with Rhetts Syndrome.

The week before the Spooky Fun Night the children decorated a mask each to wear and a winner was chosen from the Under 5s and the Over 5s.

On the night, the parents donated £1 for each child wearing a mask and purchased cakes, made by the Boomerang Staff, to help boost the total money raised.

During the session, the children and staff had lots of fun things to do which included, Apple Bobbing, Pumpkin Carving, Trick or Treat Cauldron Surprise and Pass the Spooky Parcel!! For snacks we had Spidery Hot Dogs, Banana Ghosts, Orange Pumpkins and some Spooky Blood Punch!

We have had a very busy first half of the autumn term at Pre School. The children have been enjoying our topic 'All about me'. This has included learning about our families, our senses, the homes we live in and people who help us. The children have produced some amazing 'All about me books' which we have shared with each other during sessions.

So far this year, we have welcomed lots of new children and their families to our Pre School. All of the children have settled in well.

On 21.10.15 the Pre School children took part in a 'Spooky Dressing Up Day'. The children all looked very scary!! They enjoyed dancing to spooky songs and telling us all about their costumes!

Thank you to the parents, staff and children of the Pre School and Boomerang Club for raising £77.00 for Crackerjacks.

As many of our parents are aware on the 8.10.15 we were inspected by Ofsted. The Pre School and Boomerang Club have been rated **GOOD** over all categories. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish to thank all of our staff, children and families for all the hard work that goes on at our Pre School and Boomerang Club

If you have any enquires, including joining our parent fundraising committee please call us on 01767 315807 or email info@duntonvillagepreschool.co.uk Nicki Appleyard and Sally Williams



Dunton Lower School Parents and Friends Association



This year Dunton VC Lower School has 67 children on roll and the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) Committee are working as hard as ever to raise funding to support the school. Your support of the PFA allows us to fund items such as coaches for school trips, additional classroom materials and playground equipment. Last year the committee raised £3,500 through key events such as our Christmas raffle and Summer Fayre as well as ongoing fundraisers such as 'Your School Lottery' and easyfundraising.org.uk.

On behalf of the whole PFA Committee I would like to extend our thanks to all of you who have been using the blue clothing recycling bin by the bottle banks in the village. In the year that it has been in place we have raised in excess of £300. However, I would like to gently remind readers that quilts/duvets/pillows cannot be deposited because they cause the bin to overflow resulting in additional charges from the recycling company which reduces the amount of money we raise that can be spent on the children.

Tickets for our Christmas raffle, drawn on the 9.12.15 are available from the school office. Prices include an iPad mini, a Nintendo DS and a Kindle Fire HD.

If you are a local business, we would love your support with our raffle prizes and in return we will include your advert/log/information in our PFA newsletters and on our Facebook page.

I very much look forward to meeting many of you at the church Christmas Fayre on the 13.12.15. You can contact me on pfa.dunton.vc.lower@aol.co.uk Emma Cassidy-Gray

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Sunday Club - Every 3rd. Sunday 2.00 – 4.00 pm For details contact Stan Short 01767 315777
Magdalene's Christmas Fair Sunday 13th December from 11.30 am

ADVENT SERVICES

Sunday 20th December	6.00 pm Candles in the Dark
Thursday 24th December	3.30 pm Crib / Christingle Service 11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Full Details in Parish Newsletter and Biggleswade Chronicle



Dunton Garden

So what do Dunton volunteers do in the winter? Well optimists that we are, we plan of course, then we prepare and then we start growing plants for the coming year.

Look into the polytunnel and you can see some busy folk creating

raised beds and moving everything around. No, you can't recognise them under those mounds of warm coats and bobbly hats but you can see that they are improving the way we use the polytunnel space by better defining the growing areas, improving the soil in the beds and creating clearer areas for working and meeting.

See that person working in the corner; she is already planting seeds with her slightly pink numb fingers. We are on a sharp learning curve and last year we know we started most of our crops a bit late so this year we will start every part of the process a bit earlier.

Poke your head into the fruit growing area you will see some hardy souls pruning the fruit trees and bushes. Have you seen our espalier trees – they are tied up against wires that support a small number of branches horizontally and in the spring the blossom is glorious. Pruning them is surprisingly satisfying as you maintain their 2D outline by counting new buds and snipping off unwanted growth.

In winter the weather certainly can be off-putting so you might be wondering why anybody would want to work in a garden, especially if they have their own garden to look after, but it is surprisingly fulfilling working as part of a community of others in a garden. Feet may be cold and noses slightly blue but the shared optimism, sense of achievement and friendliness can be very warming.

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Dunton Time Line

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- 1220:** The earliest church of Saint Mary Magdalene dates from about this time when the first incumbent is listed; it was probably built of timber
- 1330:** The church re-built in stone
- 1348:** Two incumbents died from the Black Death in quick succession
- 1660:** The church steeple collapses
- 1797:** Dunton Enclosure Act passed
- 1840:** The March Hare Public House opened. 175 years ago!
- 1861:** The church partially rebuilt at a cost of 1,600. West tower by E. Browning
- 1887:** Five Bells were hung in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria
- 1911:** Church clock installed by public subscription to commemorate the coronation of King George V
- 1921:** Obelisk was erected in the graveyard in memory of those who died during the First World War
- 1982:** The sum of 36,000 required to pay for urgent repairs to the church
- 2006:** New children's play area opened in June. Villagers raised 5,000 to ensure they got a 45,000 Biffaward grant to fund the project

Sources: The Newspaper Cuttings Collection in the Local Studies Library at Bedford Central Library

Dunton Village Fete

A few volunteers from the village are planning a great day out for the family on Sunday 17th July 2016, with craft stalls, barbeque, licensed bar, real ale tent, cream teas, raffle and car rally. The family fete will be held on the Dunton Recreation Ground. **Wanted** any chipped or unwanted crockery for the plate smashing stand, please email heidi-herbert@hotmail.co.uk to arrange dropping them off. If you could find some time to volunteer and help organise and run the fete, please email heidi-herbert@hotmail.co.uk If you could provide raffle prizes or sponsor the fete, please email heidi-herbert@hotmail.co.uk Village Fete Committee

Victorian Christmas Games

Christmas as we know it owes its roots to Victorian Christmas which became a festival for family and children of middle class and rich families. Families gathered in the parlour to play parlour games, including:-

How? What? Where? When?

1. One player needs to think of the name of an object. Try to make it difficult by thinking of a word with multiple meanings eg scale (fish and weighing).
2. The other players have to work out what the object is by asking (once only) one of the following four questions:-

How do you like it? Why do you like it?

When do you like it? Where do you like it?

3. The first player must answer the questions truthfully!
4. Obviously the person who guesses correctly wins and becomes player who thinks of the name of an object.

The Sculptor

1. Choose one player to be The Sculptor.
2. All other players stand still.
3. The sculptor must then move the other players into unusual poses which are difficult to maintain.
4. The players must not move, break pose or laugh.
5. The Sculptor must encourage the other players to move, break their pose or laugh, but they must not touch them.
6. The first player to move or laugh becomes the next Sculptor.



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Our last real ale event of the year will be the 3rd Festive Season of real ales for the whole of December.

6.12.15, Sunday, Quiz in aid of Addenbrookes Christmas Services

This evening's quiz is in aid of gifts for the children at Addenbrookes Children's Services Christmas Party. These children deserve a wonderful Christmas. Entry to the quiz is by donation only, £2.50 minimum. Please be generous. Teams of up to 6 may play. Commences at 7.30 pm. Sausage rolls and mince pies for all teams.

7.12.15, Monday, St Mary Magdalene Carol Singers

St Mary Magdalene Carol Singers are visiting the March Hare tonight. Enjoy their singing of Christmas Carols and Christmas songs.

Christmas and New Year 2015

24.12.15	Thursday	Christmas Eve	midday – 1.00 am
25.12.15	Friday	Christmas Day	11.30 am - 3.30 pm
26.12.15	Saturday	Boxing Day	midday – 1.00 am
27.12.15	Sunday		midday – 10.30 pm
28.12.15	Monday		midday – 11.00 pm
29.12.15	Tuesday		3.00 pm – 11.00 pm
31.12.15	Thursday	New Year's Eve	midday – 1.00 am
1.1.16	Friday	New Year's Day	midday – 1.00 am

New Year's Eve 2015 at the March Hare, Dunton

Forget rubbish atmosphere, come to the March Hare, Dunton for a friendly, simple, jovial and happy New Year's Eve by an open fire, glowing in a convivial atmosphere. Great seasonal real ales and malt whiskeys. Fun with family, friends, old and new. Appreciate each other's company and conversation. Tickets for New Year's Eve cost £7.00, including Scottish Oat cakes and mature cheddar followed by Scottish shortbread. £2.00 of the money goes to the charities the March Hare supports. Parlour games to enliven your sense of humour and even burn off a New Year's Eve dinner! According to Roald Dahl, 'Life is more fun if you play games.' Starts at 9.00 pm and stick around for a hearty chorus of Auld Lang Syne. Perfect!

1.1.16 Continue your New Year celebrations at the March Hare by sampling Friday John's Festive real ales.

Contact the March Hare, 34 High Street, Dunton, Beds, SG18 8RN and ask for Janice or John or call

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Village Hall

Thanks to everyone who contributed for a very successful 90th Birthday party. We were able to show off the renovations to the hall to full advantage. We had lots of entries to the village show competition and the results are shown below.

Class - set recipe fruit cake 1st Lesley Chapman 2nd Jill Davies 3rd Rita Boulton	Class - homemade Marmalade 1st Kate Woolf 2nd Fay Wilson 3rd Tina Fisher
Class - homemade jam any variety 1st Fay Wilson 2nd Storm Morgan-Smith 3rd Lorraine Bennetts Highly Commended Nigel Coomber	Class - coffee and walnut cake 1st Claire Short 2nd Lynne Monck 3rd Emma Barlow Highly Commended Tina Fisher
Class - homemade chutney 1st Lorraine Bennetts 2nd Nigel Coomber 3rd Nigel Coomber	Class - 90th Birthday Card 1st Lesley chapman
Class - homemade alcoholic beverage 1st Lorraine Bennetts 2nd Mrs Swales 3rd Mrs Swales	Class - A decorated 4" flower pot (aged 5 and under) 1st Daniel Allegra 2nd Jessica Penny (Carolyn Penny) 3rd Iris Gardiner
Class - A decorated 4" flower pot (over 5) 1st Brindley Gardiner 2nd Chloe Smith 3rd Katie Penny	Class - judges choice soft handicraft sewing 1st Gemma Cockcroft 2nd Lorraine Bennetts 3rd Claire Short
Class - judges choice soft handicraft knitting 1st Jill Davies 2nd Rita Boulton 3rd Lesley Chapman Highly Commended Alison Chalkley	Class - People's Choice photo of a Dunton view 1st Chenisse Matthews 2nd Chenisse Matthews 3rd Chenisse Matthews

The picture on the front cover of the magazine is the winning entry to the People's choice photo competition. Congratulations to Chenisse Matthews for a stunning entry.

Central Beds Gypsy and Traveller site near Dunton

In 2014, Central Bedfordshire Council put forward a 'Gypsy and Traveller site allocation plan' to propose new sites, including one located on Dunton Lane between Dunton and Biggleswade.

As it was to be part of a development framework for the whole of Central Beds, the council was obliged to consult formally with the public. This took the form of a series of meetings at the council whereby members of the public could speak and all Central Bedfordshire councillors got to vote.

I voted against the plan citing how the council had failed to show evidence of need and of a clear process for site selection. I also highlighted potential damage to the landscape, loss of farming land, and lack of availability of schooling or healthcare for any potential tenants given there is no pavement to Dunton or Biggleswade, along a fast road. Despite all of this, the council voted it through.

The plan then went out to a full public consultation before it went before an independent inspector.

The independent inspector raised a number of concerns that he intended on covering at a public inquiry.

Within weeks, the council withdrew the plan. The official line given was that this was because the independent inspector had questioned the number of pitches required, but as you can read, the inspector's comments made it clear he had a number of reservations, not just the numbers.

In the meantime, the government have altered their guidelines on how local authorities assess the numbers of pitches required. You can see more about that here:

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In simple terms, local authorities are now able to take into account the numbers of travellers 'actually travelling' when assessing need. The

government's implication appears to be if the council found very few people actually travelling around this would mean fewer pitches are required.

So, you might be forgiven for thinking Central Beds would now take a long hard look at this and monitor how other local authorities act over the next year before taking action. You'd be wrong.

I have learnt the farmer who tenants the land on Dunton Lane has been approached by Central Bedfordshire Council urging them to agree to terms that would mean they have to move off the plot of land the council want for a new traveller site 26.

The council has since confirmed to me in writing that they hope to submit a Planning application in November -December 2015) with the application then determined by Development Management committee, probably in April 2016 with – assuming it is approved - work likely to commence on the site in autumn 2016.

So by the time you read this a planning application may already be in. Crucially they are looking to do this a simple planning application which means most Central Beds councillors would not be able to vote on it. It would also mean it would not have to go to a public consultation after the council had approved it and it would also not have to go before an independent inspector.

Meanwhile, the council is about to launch a new housing Development Strategy which will include further new traveller sites across Central Beds, so why aren't the council waiting to include Dunton Lane within that?

I have asked the council but I've so far not received a response. So why are they so intent on pushing to get Dunton Lane through, now?

Well, it might not just be down to the fact that an independent inspector could voice concerns over Dunton Lane as he did last time...

I have learnt that in 2014, Central Bedfordshire Council successfully bid for a grant of £2m to pay for development of traveller sites in Potton and

Dunton. If they haven't carried out most of the work by March 2018, they are likely to lose that money.

Until a planning application goes in, we won't know how big the proposed Dunton Lane site would be, but in 2014 the council were proposing 12 pitches here, which would make it comparable in size to the Potton site. A pitch is usually one household but can be more than one caravan.

As soon as I hear more I will update via my facebook page and my monthly email newsletter so drop me a line adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk if you'd like to get the newsletter and 'like' my facebook page - cllr adam zerny - details will appear on this page as soon as a planning application has been formally proposed, so you can comment.

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