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Editorial

Summer is now over and the cold nights are upon us.

The photograph on the front cover was taken of Dunton War Memorial in St Mary Magdalene graveyard by John Pritchett.

We are looking for contributors, whether regular or one off, so please send the editors any articles or photographs you would like included in Dunton News.

Well it's that time of the year once again..... Christmas... the time when it's acceptable to over indulge and enjoy everything naughty and nice. We all love a mince pie and a piece of Christmas cake, but what about something a little different. On pages 23 and 24 Karen has 2 recipes to share... a lovely autumnal cheesecake and some gorgeous gooey biscuits. Why not give them a try?

There are lots of Christmas and New Year activities in the village this year, the Church Fayre on 10.12.17. The Church Fitters Christmas Crackers at the church on the 16.12.17, family quiz at the March Hare on the 30.12.17, Prosecco wine tasting evening presented by Dunton Uncorked at the March Hare on the 3.1.18 and the Dunton Wassail at Church Farm on the 6.1.18

If you are arranging a Dunton event and you would like others to know about it, please email us details. The submission date for the next edition is on this page. Keep these dates free for Dunton's Big Weekender 2018, 28.6.18 to 1.7.18.

**Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all
our advertisers, contributors and readers**

Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills

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Dunton Parish Council

Gypsy and Traveller Site Update

A public meeting was held on the 13.9.17 with representatives of Dunton Parish Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, the site building contractors and the manager of the new site. Building work is due to start on site by the end of November and Dunton Lane will have partial road closures at the start of the build. A working party comprising of Dunton Parish Councillors, residents of Dunton and members of the Gypsy and Travellers community was set up at the meeting to discuss any issues regarding the site.

Gates

New white field gates for the entrances to the village and to Millow have been delivered. These will be assembled by the contractor and installed as soon as possible.

Draft Local Plan

Comments received from residents regarding the Draft Local Plan are available to read online <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/local-plan/reg-18/overview.aspx>. All feedback will be reviewed in order to inform the next iteration of the Local Plan; pre-submission Local Plan. This will be considered at Executive on 9 January 2018 with public consultation following shortly afterwards for six weeks.

Spring Bulbs

A large quantity of daffodils and crocus bulbs were planted by residents and Councillors on Saturday 28.10.17 around the village, including some grass verges. To ensure a colourful display in the Spring, please avoid parking on the verges!

Next Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday, 17.1.18, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Amanda Howard, Clerk to Dunton Parish Council

Dunton Folk

Churchfitters Christmas Cracker
16th December



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Dunton Community Garden News

Another growing season is drawing to a close and we are into what is laughingly called the “quiet” season. Gardeners get back to the maintenance jobs that get neglected during the busy summer. Preparing beds for next season and planning what will be grown.

Our monthly coffee mornings continue to be a great success with visitors coming for a chat, tea, coffee and cake, and to buy jams, chutneys and produce from the garden.

In September we took on the challenge of holding a charity coffee morning for MacMillan Nurses. Many people from the village came and supported the event and we raised £400 for the charity. Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

Our Halloween event held on 29 October provided entertainment for about 50 people and at least 30 children. Scarecrows were made, pumpkins were bowled and lanterns made. The polytunnel decoration proved to be very spooky. Everyone had a great time.

We now look forward to the last event of the year, the Church Fayre held on 10 December. Our stall will sell chutneys and jams and also copies of our 2018 Calendar. Christmas decorations including wreaths and children’s Christmas decorating crafts will be available. Please help us support the church.

Our first event in 2018 will be to supply soup and hot dogs for Dunton Wassail on January 6th.

Please continue to support us during 2018. The garden is here for you to enjoy.

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Kick It Off (that's the name of the game) Kick It Off – Walking Football to Fitness

A new opportunity to get fit whilst having fun is being offered by the DRA at the Recreation Ground on Sunday evenings, 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm, with the aim of helping men, middle-aged and above to improve their health. It will combine diet, a weigh in and a walking football game. The evening is completed with a friendly drink in the pavilion. The cost is £5.00 per session and your coach will be Aaron Surman. For further information see Facebook page - kick it off.

Eileen Bone

The Dunton Wassail evening, not to be missed!

On Saturday 8th January, the 2018 Wassail will commence at 6.30 pm in the farmyard at Church Farm. This year is the seventh Dunton Wassail. It will be an evening of fun and merriment including Morris Dancers. Soup and hotdogs provided by Dunton Community Garden, A wassail in Church Farm's orchard with an appearance from Singtastic (Dunton's very own choir), Cider soaked toast hung in the trees. A mummers play and a music session at the March Hare pub. What a fun packed evening!!

Did you know that wassailing is an ancient pagan tradition held on Old Twelfth Night which falls on 17 January? Although many are held on this date, others observe the Gregorian calendar where Twelfth Night falls on 6 January. There's a good reason why wassail was connected with good health because the spices play a big role. These spices are packed with healthy properties. Allspice and cloves have antiseptic qualities that come in handy during the winter. Cinnamon has been shown to improve the body's circulation, as well as other benefits. And ginger and cardamom both strengthen the digestive system! So, make a toast and drink your wassail for good health in the New Year!

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1st. Sunday	9.30 am Parish Eucharist
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3rd Sunday	9.30 am Benefice Eucharist* *See notices or website for time and which Church
4th Sunday	9.30 am Sunday Praise
5th Sunday	Benefice Service* *See notices or website for time and which Church

CHRISTMAS @ ST. MARY'S

Sunday 10 th December – Christmas Fair from 11.30 am
Sunday 17 th December – 6.00 pm Service of Lessons and Carols
Monday 18 th December – 6.30 pm Carol Singing round the Village. Meet in Church. Followed by Fish & Chips (must be booked)
Christmas Eve - Sunday 24 th December - 3.30 pm Crib and Christingle Service Followed at 11.00 pm – Midnight Mass

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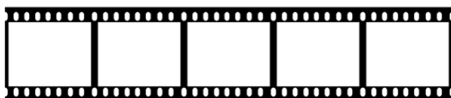
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Several people have previously expressed an interest in having an allotment in Dunton, but currently there is no provision. If there is enough interest from residents in the village then the Dunton Parish Council will look into the possibility of providing allotments for rent. There are no promises, but it is worth trying. If you are interested then please ring 01767 316176 or email tim.walton@live.co.uk and I will compile a list to present to the Parish Council as the first stage."

Tim Walton

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Farewell to Reverend Canon Lindsay Dew

Some of you may have heard that I made the following announcement of my retirement in church at the beginning of October.



'Over the past few months I have been thinking about my future especially following my recent illness and treatment. I will be 65 next month and have decided that I will plan for retirement early next year. When I came here 8 years ago it never occurred to me that this would be my last active ministry before retirement.

I am presently as well as I can be but, as you know, the side effects of the treatment continue which individually are all manageable but together can sometimes be a bit of a challenge. Please feel free to speak to me or the Churchwardens at any time. My last Sunday in the Benefice will be January 28th 2018.

It has been a huge privilege and joy to serve the Benefice and the Parish of Dunton since 2009, get to know the village and make friends.

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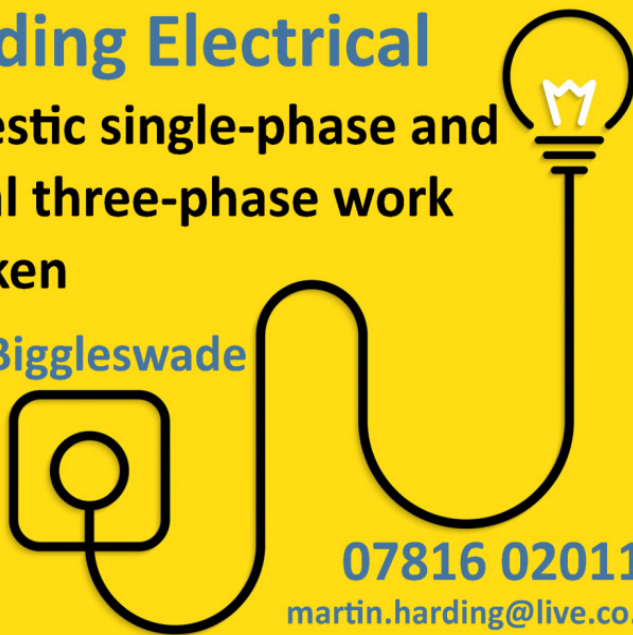
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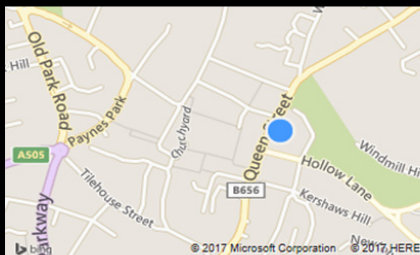
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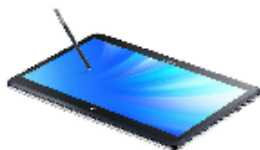
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our opening times over christmas are~

24.12.17	Sunday	Christmas eve	midday – 1.00 am
25.12.17	Monday	Christmas day	11.30 am ~ 3.00 pm
26.12.17	Tuesday	Boxing day	midday ~ midnight



NEW YEAR AT THE MARCH HARE, DUNTON



Sunday 31st December 2017 ~ Monday 1st January 2017

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 whisky. fun with family, friends, old and new. appreciate each other's company and conversation. tickets for new year's eve cost £8.00, including scottish oat cakes and mature cheddar followed by scottish shortbread. £2.00 of the ticket money goes to dunton's big weekenders 2018. starts at 9.00 pm and stick around for a hearty chorus of auld lang syne. austin's disco will be providing music from the 60s and 70s. perfect!

our opening times over the new year are~

31.12.17	Sunday	new year's eve	midday – 1.00 am
1.1.18	Monday	new year's day	midday – midnight

Bygone Dunton

At the time of the Domesday Survey, Richard Pungiant held in Dunton 8 hides and 1 virgate of the King in Chief. The Domesday Book is a manuscript record of the "Great Survey" of much of England and parts of Wales completed in 1086 by order of King William the Conqueror. A hide is the standard unit of assessment used for tax purposes. It was meant to represent the amount of land that could support a household, roughly 120 acres. There were four virgates to every hide.

This manor, part of which became later known as Dunton Chamberlain or Newtonbury, had formerly belonged to Archbishop Stigand. In 1200 the King granted the overlordship of this manor to William Brewer, but after his death in 1227, it reverted to the crown, and was henceforth held by the service of one-tenth of a knight's fee. It required about thirty marks per year to support a knight. A manor was an estate held by a lord and farmed by tenants who owed him rents and services and whose relations with him were governed by his manorial court.

A vassal was a free man who held land (fief) from a lord to whom he paid homage and swore fealty. He owed various services and obligations, primarily military to his lord. He was also required to advise his lord and pay him the traditional feudal aids required on the knighting of the lord's eldest son, the marriage of the lord's eldest daughter and the ransoming of the lord should he be held captive.

Over the following 300 years the three Manor houses of Millo, Newtonbury and Dunton (Goyes) passed through various ownerships eventually consolidating around 1600 into the ownership by the Spencer family.

Robert Spencer, grandson of William and second earl of Sunderland, held Dunton Goyes in 1662 and his son Charles, who died in 1722, left the property to a younger son John, who was created Earl Spencer in 1765.

After enclosure by Parliament in 1797 it continued to remain in the direct line of the Spencer family until 1812.



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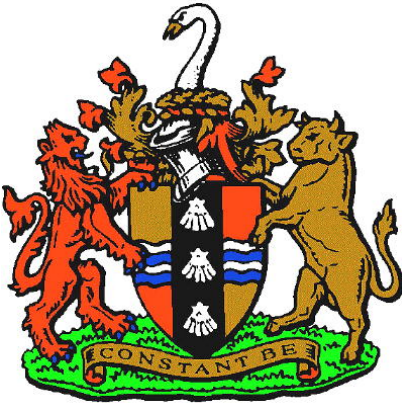
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Festival of Britain 1951 in Dunton and the Bedfordshire Coat of Arms



Following on from the article in the September issue of Dunton News, the other emblem on the village sign is the Bedfordshire Coat of Arms. The sign has been here since 1951 and Dunton Parish Council would like to renovate the sign, hence the removal of the 2 emblems for safekeeping (Festival of

Britain and the Bedfordshire Coat of Arms). The Bedfordshire coat of arms was officially granted in 1951 and abolished in 2009.

The banner of arms are described in heraldic terms as Quarterly Or and Gules a Fess wavy barry way of four Argent and Azure surmounted by a Pale Sable charged with three Escallops of the third. The division of the field *quarterly* or and *gules* is derived from the arms of the Beauchamps, Constables of Bedford Castle, the leading family in the county after the Norman Conquest. The Beauchamp of 1215 was one of the promoters of Magna Carta, and their last male was killed at Evesham in 1265.

The wavy bar denotes the river Ouse. The pale charged with three escallops commemorates the services of the House of Russell to the State, the County and the County Council, and is taken from the arms of that family.

The crest is on a Wreath of the Colours issuant from a Wreath of Oak Or a Swan's Head and Neck proper and refers to the Ouse.

The supporter on the dexter (left) side is the Lion Gules and on the sinister (right) side is a Bull Or. The lion supporter is taken from a similar supporter to the Russell coat of arms. The bull supporter stands for the importance of agriculture in the county.

The motto is 'Constant Be' is taken from Bunyan's hymn,

"Who would true valour see, let him come hither

One here will constant be, come wind, come weather"



The **Bedfordshire flag** is a based on the banner of the arms of the, now defunct, Bedfordshire County Council. The arms were adopted as the flag in 2014.

Bedfordshire day is a day to celebrate of all that is great about the county of Bedfordshire, its history and culture. It is held every year on 28.11.17 and celebrations often take place on the nearest weekend to it. The 28.11.17 is the anniversary of the birth of John Bunyan; author, preacher and synonymous with the county.

The March Hare will be celebrating Bedfordshire Day on the 25.11.17 and 26.11.17 with four beers brewed in Bedfordshire.

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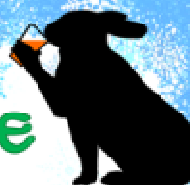
- 1) Make your crumble by rubbing together the sugar, flour and butter until it looks like breadcrumbs. Spread onto a tray and bake for 15/20 minutes (180C fan) just so it's starting to brown.
- 2) Leave to go cold.
- 3) Chop cooking apples into 1inch bite sized pieces and place in a pan with the light brown sugar and 2tblsps off water.
- 4) Cook on a low heat for 5 minutes whilst stirring. After 5 minutes let the apples simmer until softened and still in pieces.
- 5) Strain any excess liquid and leave to go cold.
- 6) To make the base, smash the biscuits and melt the butter and combine. Press into an 8"/20cm deep spring form tin and refrigerate.
- 7) Whisk the mascarpone, icing sugar, cinnamon, vanilla extract until smooth. Pour in the double cream and whisk until thick.

- 8) Add 2/3 off the apple mixture and fold in carefully, spread over the biscuit base.
- 9) Add 3/4 off the crumble mix to the top and leave in fridge overnight.
- 10) Once set remove from tin and sprinkle over remaining apple and crumble mix.

White Chocolate And Cranberry Cookies

125g butter
125g soft brown sugar
100g granulated sugar
1 egg beaten
1tsp vanilla extract
190g plain flour
1/2 tsp bicarbonate soda
100g dried cranberries
150g white chocolate chips

- 1) Preheat your oven to 180C and line two baking trays with parchment.
- 2) Cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy, then beat in the egg and vanilla extract until smooth.
- 3) Add the flour, bicarbonate of soda and beat until a thick cookie dough is formed.
- 4) Carefully fold in the dried cranberries and chocolate.
- 5) Spoon the mixture onto the trays (I use an ice cream scoop for a measure).
- 6) Bake in the oven for 10 - 12 minutes or until golden brown. The longer in the oven the crunchier, the shorter the softer and more gooey.



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8 on via 8 hand pulls**

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The March Hare 34 High Street Dunton Bedfordshire SG188RN

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Dunton Good Neighbour Scheme is here to provide short term help to the residents of Dunton, Millow and Newton including:-

- Filling in forms or documents
- Prescription collection
- Small gardening jobs
- Small jobs such as changing light bulbs
- Someone to chat to
- Transport to or from the hospital or doctors
- Dog walking

The group also want to encourage friendship, self-help and sustainability within the local community.

This scheme is run voluntarily by local residents who recognize the value in having 'good neighbours' because public transport and other local services in Dunton are limited and where people's family may not live close by.

You can leave a message between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday on **07923 021155** and they will call you back within 24 hours to make arrangements.

Doug Neish and Eileen Bone

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Dunton Chilli Exchange



It's a little known fact that Bedfordshire produces more chillies than any other part of the UK and in Dunton we are doing our best to help maintain the county's reputation in this regard.

Earlier in the year a small group of chilli enthusiasts from the village set themselves the challenge of growing a wide variety of chillies and in September we held our inaugural chilli exchange evening at the March Hare.

There was something in excess of 20 different types of chillies displayed, of all shapes and sizes, ranging from the very mild 'sweet banana' variety, through to the extremely hot 'California Reaper'. About a dozen chilli growers and their partners enjoyed an excellent Indian meal provided by Biggles Tandoori at the March Hare. Chilli growers were able to swap some of their chillies, so that everyone returned home with new varieties to try.

We aim to repeat this event in 2018, and would welcome any other novice or experienced chilli growers who wish to join us. We'll be holding a meeting on 27.1.18 which will provide an opportunity to discuss what we are all planning to grow next year, as well as swap tips and techniques for cultivating chillies. For more details please contact me at rachandnige1@outlook.com or ask at the March Hare.

Nigel Coomber

Hare Beer Bunch

Dunton's own real ale club, the Hare Beer Bunch (HBB) had another eventful year in 2017. We particularly enjoyed the experience of running the barbeque and serving free beer (courtesy of the March Hare) at the village fete, part of Dunton's Big Weekender. We held another successful BBQ at the March Hare in July and of course supported the pub's two fantastic beer festivals in February and September.

We made several sorties out of the village, including an educational visit to the Charles Wells Brewery in Bedford and tours of pubs in Bury St Edmunds and St Albans. Our trips are advertised in the March Hare and are open to all, though HBB members get some priority in booking places and get to discuss and select where we will next visit.

Looking ahead to 2018, we'll get off to a great start with the Dunton Wassail on 6th January – not really a HBB event, but it's a great night which most of us will be supporting. After that we have our annual trip to the Straw Bear Festival in Whittlesey on 13th January, following which we will naturally return to the March Hare for a few more beers in the evening.

If you are interested in finding out more about the HBB, or joining one of our events, please email me (rachandnige1@outlook.com) or speak to John at the March Hare, where you will probably find one or two of the HBB as well.

Nigel Coomber



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