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Editorial

Remember Dunstones? Well the photograph on the front cover represents some of the fantastic Dunstones children and adults painted, found and hid again during Dunton's Big Weekender 2018.

Dunton's Big Weekender held its first Living Advent Calendar from the 1.12.18 to 5.1.19. Have a look at this issue of Dunton News, on page 4 for an update on this event. This will be an annual event and so it is not too early to think about your window or outside display for 2019.

Dunton's Big Weekender will be holding its first village yard sale on the 27.4.19. See page 6 for further information. On the evening of the 27.4.19, there will be a Masquerade Party in aid of the Village Hall.

The Parish Council Elections will be held on the 2.5.19. If you would like to become a Parish Councillor contact Mandy Howard, Dunton Parish Council Clerk.

There are lots of social activities available in the village. Many of which are run by volunteers and in this issue, page 24 – 26 we have included 'What's on in Dunton?' A big thank you to all those who give up their time to run these events.

Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills

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Dunton First Living Advent Calendar 2018

From 1.12.18 to 5.1.19, many families and organisations in Dunton joined together to make a giant living advent calendar! The village was a riot of colour! There was no need to go to Oxford Street because we had it all here in Dunton. For pictures of the windows go to Dunton's Big Weekender facebook page. During December Dunton Living Advent calendar windows were the talk of the village and the surrounding area.

Some families and organisations decorated their windows, which were lit consecutively each evening at

6.00 pm. Some residents created outside displays.

To start Dunton's Living Advent Calendar on the 1.12.18, the lights were turned on at Vicarage Corner. These lights raised, on that evening alone, £125 for Letchworth Garden House Hospice and St Mary Magdalene Church. The first window was lit on the 2.12.18.

Day 9 saw the switch on of Kings Pond Close. Thank you to all the families that joined in, what a great street effort!

We had great fun watching Lauren and Ellie creating the Youth Club masterpiece in a Village Hall window.

By Christmas Eve there were many different windows to see and enjoy as you walked through Dunton - a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. The last window opened was at the March Hare. It was an enchanted Advent Village!

Most windows once they had been unveiled were lit until 5.1.19, culminating with Dunton Folk Wassail 2019 at Church Farm Dunton and at the March Hare, Dunton.

Dunton Folk



Pitmatics
23rd March

Fred's House
18th May

Daria Kulesh - Album Launch - 1st June

Katie Doherty and the Navigators
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Dunton's First Village Wide Yard Sale 2019
Join us in making Dunton a giant Yard Sale!



What is it?

The idea is that the residents of Dunton will be able to sell their surplus items from their driveways, front gardens or garages. This will take place on 27.4.19 from 10am - 1pm.

For those villagers who wish to be in the warm and undercover you can have a table in the Village Hall for a donation. Contact duntonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com

For those villagers that that don't want to use the front of their home you can have a table in the Dunton Recreation Ground carpark or inside the pavilion if the weather is wet, for a donation. Contact Glynis on 07710163135.

For families who are having a stall at home, there will not be a registration fee, however a donation would be much appreciated to support future Dunton's Big Weekender events.

The money you take on your stall is yours.

A village map will be available for all purchasers to use so they can find you! This will be available on Dunton's Big Weekender facebook page and hard copies, before the event, will be available at the March Hare and at the Pavilion and Village Hall during the event.

Refreshments will be available at the Village Hall and Pavilion.

At the Village Hall, Julie Hills will be raising money for Alzheimer's Society by selling second hand books. If you have any unwanted books please contact Julie on juliejohnhills@gmail.com or 07961754448.



Dunton's Big Weekender 2019, 27.6.19 to 30.6.19

Watch this space for information on Dunton's Big Weekender 2019, 27.6.19 to 30.6.19 and how to get involved as a volunteer!

The fete will be held on the afternoon of the 30.6.19. We would like to have a Plate Smashing Stall, but we need unwanted crockery. Please contact Julie Hills on 07961754448.



Dunton's Scarecrow Festival, association with the March Hare's real ale festival 2019 2019, 28.9.19 and 29.9.19

Watch this space for information on Dunton's Scarecrow Festival 2019, 28.9.19 to 29.9.19

The World's Biggest Quiz

On Sunday, 3.3.19, at 7.30 pm, the World's Biggest Quiz is bringing the pub, club and bar industry together, to raise money for good causes at the March Hare, Dunton. Since 2016 over £405,000.00 has been raised by pubs across the UK for hundreds of different charities as part of the World's Biggest Pub Quiz. At exactly 7.30pm on 4.3.18, March Hare quizzers sat down and answered a series of questions of an identical pub quiz. At the March Hare 7 teams participated and £110.00 was raised for Prostate Cancer. This year on 3.3.19, we will take part in the fourth PubAid quiz. Quizzers, pub regulars, friends and family will once again be sitting down to answer another series of questions of an identical, national pub quiz, in an attempt to raise funds for Dunton's Big Weekender 2019 which involves the whole village. If you would like to bring a team of up to 8 members, please let the March Hare know by 10.00 pm on the 24.2.19. Minimum donation per team member £3.50. Just the name of team and number of people required.

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East West Rail announces five routes for Bedford-Cambridge rail line

The long-awaited public announcement of the route shortlist for the Bedford-Cambridge section of East West Rail was made in January. The current consultation ended on the 11.3.19. The next consultation will be in 2021 on one final route. The final decision is expected to be made later that year.

East West Rail says it expects to complete the Bedford-Cambridge section of the line by the mid-2020s.

3 of the five routes will have huge repercussions for residents of Sutton and Eyeworth. Each route shows a hatched 'corridor', wider in some places than others. We do not know where in the corridors the route would go. The 3 routes which affect Sutton and Eyeworth are

Route A - Is the quickest route at 76 minutes from Oxford to Cambridge and appears to be the cheapest at £2bn. However, the corridor cuts right through Sutton and Eyeworth. It also runs very close to the RSPB and would involve relocating Sandy Station to the south and does not include the cost of a new Bassingbourn station.

Route C - Would take 80 minutes and involve sharing the main line around Sandy with existing routes. Seems to involve a new station at Tempsford but retaining Sandy station. It would cost £2.5bn and would have a similar impact to Route A on Sutton and Eyeworth, It would go via Bassingbourn and runs very close to the RSPB. Cost does not include the new Bassingbourn station.

Route D - Similar to Route C except would come out of north Bedford and would take 83 minutes and again cost £2.5bn.
Adam Zerny, Independent Central Bedfordshire councillor for Potton and Dunton, adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk

Dunton Parish Council

Grass Verges

At all times of the year, but particularly during the grass cutting season, we ask residents not to drive or park their vehicles on the grass verges around the village. Parking vehicles on the verges damages them, creates trip hazards, looks unsightly and also prevents the contractor from cutting the verges safely and correctly.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th March 2019 and is an opportunity for electors to have their say on anything they consider to be important to Dunton. Any registered elector is welcome to attend – you will be asked to sign an attendance sheet confirming that you are a registered to vote in Dunton - and ask questions of the Council, which will usually be answered by one of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk.

An elector may also make suggestions and comment on anything pertinent to the people of Dunton. This will be welcomed and is the whole purpose of the meeting.

Parish Council Elections - 2nd May 2019 Would you like to become a Parish Councillor?

There are many reasons why people stand for election as a Parish Councillor. Often it is because they want:

- to speak on behalf of their local community and to help local people and represent their needs and concerns
- to pursue their political beliefs and aspirations
- to offer their personal or professional skills to assist the work of the Council

Councillors are elected for 4 year terms of office and if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, why not take a look at 'It takes all sorts' (NALC Publication). *Mandy Howard, Clerk to Dunton Parish Council*



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Dunton Memories by Frank Chessum and Walter Hills

Frank Chessum has been writing about his memories of growing up in Dunton on facebook. Not everyone accesses facebook and so here are some of Frank's World War 2 memories of Dunton as a boy, with those of Walter Hills.

During World War 2 one of the first things that Frank can remember are the aircraft. If the villagers heard one, everybody ran outside to look. They all knew what it was by its sound. During the war time there nearly always were some about because there was Bassingbourn Airdrome not very far away across the fields, about 9 miles. Frank saw some dog fights or air to air combat and bombers coming and going. He was too young to remember when Dunton was bombed, but Frank and his friends played in the bomb holes as kids!

Apparently, Dunton was bombed during the war. Frank says the bomb holes at Millow and near to the waterworks are only just visible. He thinks that if you go through Millow from Dunton and at the far end there are 2 thatched cottages on the right and the entrance to Millow House on the left. Well just to the right of that entrance where there are bushes, there should be a fairly large bomb hole. He also thinks that the one near the waterworks is still fairly visible.

In 1944 hundreds of army lorries and army personal arrived in the village. They parked both sides of Boot Lane and anywhere else they could find in Dunton. Frank remembers his mum cooking meals for a few of the soldiers as did all the villagers. He thinks that they were getting ready for -D-Day.

Walter Hills remembered that during the war it was thought that about 350 soldiers were camped around Dunton and 500 around Hinxworth and Edworth. The Three Horseshoes had a flat roof and in Dunton a few soldiers laid waiting, hidden,

from the Hinxworth and Edworth soldiers. Their surprise didn't work because a few of the Edworth and Hinxworth soldiers arrived, hidden in a hay wagon! Dunton soldiers had to surrender to the Edworth and Hinxworth soldiers. This was the only time Dunton was invaded during the war! Is this the same incident that Frank remembers!

Walter Hills also remembered that during the war when Mr Bennett was Landlord, when the doodlebugs came over children playing around the March Hare (in those days it was the Wheatsheaf) would slide down the shoot to safety and shelter in the cellar.

Towards the end of the war Frank remembers seeing doodlebugs with what sounded like 2 stroke engines put-putting across the sky and not all that high up. When the engine stopped everybody ran inside. What good that would have done he has no idea. The doodlebug glided on and hit the ground at Thistley with a big bang that made the ground shake. It was too late in the day to go look but the next morning all the boys walked and had a look and ended up bringing pieces of the doodle bug home which they kept them for years but they are lost now. The doodlebug was the V-1 flying bomb. It was an early cruise missile and the only production aircraft to use a pulsejet for power.

In the war time Frank's dad didn't go into the forces because he worked on the land instructing the Women's Land Army (WLA). The WLA was a British civilian organisation created during the First and Second World Wars so women could work in agriculture, replacing men called up to the military. Women who worked for the WLA were commonly known as Land Girls. Frank's dad was then put to work at a factory at the bottom of Shortmead Street, Biggleswade where they repaired aircraft and military vehicle parts. All was very hush hush at the time. Does anyone remember the name of this factory?



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Dunton Community Garden

The autumn and winter clear up has been going ahead – the beds are now ready for planting and seeding – when spring arrives. The poly-tunnel is ready for planting with early seeds.

Our events team and supporters have been very busy over the last few months with our contribution to village events. We supported the Church Christmas fete selling festive jams and chutneys. Our Christmas decorations were very popular. The advent windows event was very

successful and our advent display in the trolley outside Dunton Lower School was inviting. The New Year saw us providing soups, hotdogs and hot drinks at the Dunton Folk Wassail. This was more successful than ever with a great many people supporting the event.

Our coffee mornings continue, the next being on 30.3.19. Do come along and see what we are up to.

A long held ambition for the garden is to try and get a young gardeners group going again. If your children are interested or if you are interested in trying to put this together do come and see us. It would be an opportunity for young people to learn how our food grows, what is good for you and get a welcome outing in the fresh air. It is not all hard work there is space to play and run around.

Celia Walpole

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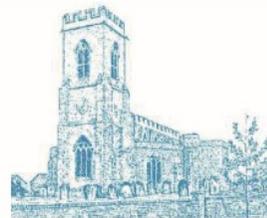
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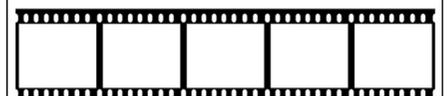
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What's On In Dunton, March to December 2019?

Date	Event	Where?	Time
March			
2.3.19	Whisky Tasting	March Hare	8.00 pm – 10.30 pm
3.3.19	DBW Charity Quiz	March Hare	7.30 pm – 10.30 pm
5.3.19	Dunton Folk	March Hare	8.00 pm – 11.00 pm
6.3.19	Dunton Uncorked Wine Tasting	March hare	8.00 pm – 10.30 pm
9.3.19	Church Quiz Night	Church	8.00 pm – 10.30 pm
11.3.19	WI Paper Craft	Village Hall	7.45 pm
11.3.19	East Beds CAMRA Rural Pub Of The Year presentation to the March Hare	March Hare	8.30 pm
23.3.19	Pitmatic Folk Group	Church	8.00 pm – 11.00 pm
30.3.19	Coffee Morning	Community Garden	10.30 am - midday

Date	Event	Where?	Time
April			
3.4.19	Let The Evening Begin, Jenever Gin Tasting	March Hare	8.00 pm – 10.30 pm
8.4.19	WI AGM and Games Evening	Village Hall	7.30 pm
25.4.19	Community Garden AGM	Church	7.30 pm
27.4.19	Bird Walk in Memory of Frank James	Starting at the Community Garden	8.00 am – 10.00 am
27.4.19	Village Wide Yard Sale	Village Wide	10.00 am – 1.00 pm
27.4.19	Masquerade Party	Village Hall	7.30 pm - midnight
May			
1.5.19	Dunton Uncorked Wine Tasting	March hare	8.00 pm – 10.30 pm
11.5.19	Church Quiz Night	Church	8.00 pm
13.5.19	WI Wartime Housewife	Village Hall	7.45 pm
18.5.19	Plant Sale And Coffee Morning	Community Garden	11.00 am – 2.00 pm
18.5.19	Dunton Folk, Fred's House	Church	8.00 pm – 11.00 pm
19.5.19	Afternoon Tea	Church	TBA
June			
1.6.19	Dunton Folk, Daria Kulesh	Church	8.00 pm – 11.00 pm
9.6.19	Summer Fair	Church	
10.6.19	WI Midshires Search And Rescue	Village Hall	7.45 pm
22.6.19	Dunton Folk, Katie Doherty and the Navigators	Church	Doors open 7.30 pm
27.6.19 to 30.6.19	Dunton's Big Weekender	Village wide	Various times
27.6.19	DBW's Games evening	March Hare	8.00 pm
28.6.19	DBW's Race night	Village Hall	8.00 pm
29.6.19	DBW's Car Treasure Hunt	Meet outside the March Hare	10.30 pm – 1.00 pm
29.6.19	DBW's Ploughman's	Community Garden	1.0 pm – 2.0 pm
29.6.19	Sandy Ukulele Players as part of DBW	March Hare	8.00 pm – 10.00 pm
30.6.19	DBW's Fete	Recreation Ground	Midday to 5.00 pm
30.6.19	DBW's Charity Quiz	March Hare	7.30 pm

Date	Event	Where?	Time
July 8.7.19	WI Visit to Panacea Museum	Bedford	TBA
13.7.19	Singtastic Concert	Church	TBA
27.7.19	Coffee Morning	Community Garden	10.30 am - midday
August 12.8.19	WI Boule competition	TBA	7.45 pm
September 1.9.19	Drop In Afternoon	Community Garden	TBA
7.9.19	Beetle Drive	Church	TBA
11.5.19	Church Quiz Night	Church	TBA
21.9.19	Dunton Folk, Trials of Cato	Church	8.00 pm - 11.00 pm
28.9.19	Dunton Scarecrow Festival	Village Wide	TBA
28.9.19	Macmillan Coffee Morning as part of Dunton's Scarecrow Festival	Community Garden	
28.9.19	Dunton Scarecrow Festival	Village Wide	TBA
28.9.19	Harvest Festival	Church	TBA
October 27.10.19	Halloween Themed Afternoon	Community Garden	TBA
November 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	
23.11.19	Coffee Morning	Community Garden	10.30 am - midday
30.11.19	Dunton Folk, Belshazzar's Feast	Church	8.00 pm - 11.00 pm
December 1.12.19 to 24.12.19	Dunton's Living Advent Calendar 2019	All over the village	TBA
8.12.19	Summer Fair	Church	

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