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Editorial

The cold nights are getting shorter and spring is almost here! The clocks go forward one hour on 31.3.18.

The photograph on the front cover was taken at Dunton Big Weekender June 2017 by Chenisse Matthews. A group of villagers are busily working to set up Dunton Big Weekender 2018, 28.6.18 to 1.7.18. For further information, see the article on pages 23 to 24.

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. There is an old photo, taken outside the Waterworks in 1952, on page 19.

Easter is just around the corner, where we can all enjoy chocolate, Easter Egg Hunts and hot cross buns. There is a recipe for Simnel cake on page 7. Why not give it a try?

Dunton Community Garden and the Women's Institute have got excellent programmes of events this year. Go along for a meeting or coffee morning. There is another wine tasting evening presented by Dunton Uncorked at the March Hare on the 7.3.18.

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.

Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills

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2018 edition must be emailed to
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Dunton Parish Council

In January 2018, new white field gates for the entrances to the village and to Millow have been installed.

Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) will be delivering a bag of road de-icing salt to Dunton and this will be placed next to the bottle banks. The salt will be available to volunteers to use on minor roads and pavements.

CBC approved its Local Plan for housing development at a public meeting on 10th January and the public consultation ceased on the 22nd February 2018. The Plan will see 40,000 houses built in Central Beds over the next 10 years and this will include:-

- 1,500 houses east of Biggleswade
- Land North of Greenfield Way, Dunton for housing development
- Land west of Dunton, which has been identified as location for future development

Dunton Parish Council has written to CBC expressing our concerns.

In 2017 Central Bedfordshire Council asked that all Town and Parish Councils put together a community emergency plan. How communities organise themselves to prepare for emergencies can make a big difference by coming together to support each other. As a community we need to be aware of the risks that affect Dunton and be able to use skills, knowledge and resources from within the village to prepare for and deal with emergencies. We also need to be able to work together to complement the work of the local emergency responders before, during and after an emergency.

Councillors Nigel Coomber, Gary Besant and Julie Hills are putting together the Dunton Community Emergency Plan to identify available local resources to respond to an incident such as an

extended power cut (12 hours or more) or the village being cut off by severe weather. This includes meeting points in the village and residents who might be able to help in an emergency such as residents with a medical background, equipment to help in an emergency, others could knock on doors to check on vulnerable individuals.

In November a letter was sent to individuals within the village as they had been identified as someone who may be able to assist if the plan was triggered by checking to see if neighbours were in need and then passing this information back to the co-ordination group. If you have received this letter and can fulfil this role, please contact the Parish Clerk or one of the Councillors responsible for the Community Emergency Plan by the end of March 2018. If you wish to receive further information, please contact Mandy, Nigel, Julie or Gary. Contact details on page 29 of Dunton News.

**Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday
21st March 2018 - 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Bronze Age and Iron Age Settlement at
Dunton Water Treatment Works,
Cambridge Road, Bedfordshire**

Did you know that during July and August 2012 Oxford Archaeology East was commissioned by Anglian Water to carry out an Archaeological Observation, Investigation and recording on land at the Dunton Water Treatment Works? Well, they did and there is evidence of prehistoric settlement activity recorded at the site in the form of ditches and pits containing Late Bronze Age and Middle Iron Age pottery.

The report produced by Oxford Archaeology East can be accessed on the internet, Fairbairn, James (2012) *Bronze Age and Iron Age Settlement at Dunton Water Treatment Works, Cambridge Road, Dunton, Bedfordshire*. Project Report. Oxford Archaeology Unit Ltd. (Unpublished).

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Simnel Cake

Simnel Cake is associated with Easter, but this was not always the case. During Medieval times it was used to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Young girls, working in service were allowed to visit their mothers on this special day. A moist fruit cake was made by the girl and presented as a gift.

Although Mothering Sunday fell in the middle of Lent, the Lenten Fast was lifted, so this treat could be enjoyed. Some mothers did not break the fast but preferred to keep the cake to be used in the Easter celebrations, starting the tradition of it becoming an Easter Cake.

Traditionally, eleven almond balls are placed around the top of the cake, representing the eleven apostles, minus Judas. Sometimes, a large almond ball is placed in the centre of the eleven, representing Jesus Christ.

Ingredients

175g Self-raising flour	1/2 Teaspoon Grated Nutmeg
1/2 Teaspoon Ground Ginger	1 Teaspoon Ground Cinnamon
1 Teaspoon Ground Mixed Spice	Pinch of Salt
175g Butter	175g Brown Sugar
125g Apricot or Raspberry Jam	3 Eggs
225g Mixed Dried Fruit (currants, raisins, sultanas)	
450g best quality marzipan	

Method

1. Sift the salt, flour and spices together. Cream sugar and butter together, beat in the 3 eggs, 1 by 1. Fold in the flour and fruit.
2. Line 2 x 20cm sandwich tins with a double layer of grease proof paper. Divide the cake batter equally between the 2 tins and place in a preheated oven (170C 150C fan or Gas Mark 3). Bake for 45 mins or until a probe comes out clean, without any stickiness. Leave in tins until cool and then place on a wire rack.
3. Spread the tops and sides of the cakes with a layer of jam.
4. Divide the marzipan into 3 equal parts. Sprinkle some icing sugar and lightly roll out two parts to cover each of the cakes. One layer of cake, place a layer of marzipan on it, place second layer of cake on top and second layer of marzipan on very top. The remaining piece of marzipan may be fashioned into little balls, representing eggs, and arranged around the top of the cake. Brush the top of the marzipan and balls on top of the cake with some beaten egg white. Put into a preheated oven (230C 210C fan degrees C or Gas Mark 8) and bake for 2 -5 MINUTES ONLY, until the marzipan starts to brown.

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Farewell to Lindsay

Over 120 people attended the Benefice Eucharist on 28.1.18 to say farewell as Lindsay took his last service before retiring. Emotions were high as he recounted his time in the benefice from how he thought that it was his red socks that got him selected at interview and it was not until he was in the benefice realised that the first letter of each parish spelt his surname.



Although he took on other roles such as Rural Dean and Honorary Canon at the Cathedral he continued to give his utmost support and mission to the Benefice.

After the service there were refreshments and a presentation to Lindsay from the three Churches. We all wish him a long and happy retirement.

David Tant

dunton community garden



March	Saturday 17 th	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon
April	Saturday 21 st Thursday 26 th	Coffee morning from 10.30am Spring Tidy Up Open volunteering day until 4ish Garden AGM 7.30pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Dunton
May	Saturday 19 th	Plant sale & coffee morning from 11am – 2 pm
June	Saturday 16 th	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon preceded by Bird Walk for early birds
June/July	Sat 30 th June or Sun 1 st July	Dunton Big Weekender Event at the Community Garden TBC
July	Saturday 21 st	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon
August	Saturday 18 th	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon
September	Saturday 15 th	Macmillan Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon
October	Saturday 13 th Sunday 28 th	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon Halloween Themed Event: 3pm-5pm (dusk)
November	Saturday 17 th	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon
December	Sunday 9 th	Stall at Dunton Church Xmas Fair 11am - 2pm TBC

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3rd Sunday	Benefice Eucharist *
4th Sunday	9.30 am Sunday Praise
5th Sunday	Benefice Eucharist *

* Benefice Eucharist services are held at one of the Churches in the Benefice. If the service is at Dunton or Eyeworth it will be at 9.30 am and 11.00 am at Wrestlingworth. Full details are always in the Church Noticeboard, Parish Newsletter and Biggleswade Chronicle

FUTURE SERVICES @ ST. MARY'S

Wednesday 14 th February	7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Wrestlingworth Parish Church)
Sunday 11 th March	9.30 am Mothering Sunday Service
Sunday 25 th March	Palm Sunday Pilgrimage from Wrestlingworth
Thursday 29 th March	7.30 pm Benefice Lord's Supper
Good Friday 30 th April	2.00 pm Holy Hour at Wrestlingworth
Sunday 1st April	9.30 am Easter Day Parish Eucharist



Bedfordshire Federation Of Women's Institutes Dunton WI Programme 2018



- 9 April 2018** AGM and Scentsy Demonstration
(meeting starts 7.30pm)
- 14 May 2018** 101 Things you never knew about Garden
Birds
- 11 June 2018** Before the Zip
- 5 July 2018** Day Trip to Bletchley Park
- 9 July 2018** Herbs, their Use and Cultivation
- 13 Aug 2018** Golf Taster at John O'Gaunt Club timings TBC
- 10 Sep 2018** Dunton WI 40th birthday celebration
- 24 Sep 2018** Group Meeting – Speaker and Timings TBC
- 8 Oct 2018** Colonel Fred Burnaby – Victorian Superman
- 12 Nov 2018** Laughter in the Village, Rural, Village and
Family Humour
- 10 Dec 2018** Christmas Celebration in Dunton Church

Dunton WI meets at 7.45pm, at Dunton Memorial Hall,
Biggleswade Road, Dunton, Beds

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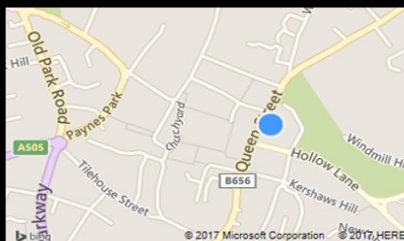
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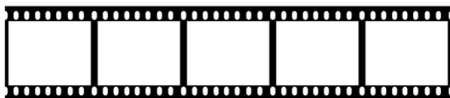
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Dunton VC Lower School

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Our weekly Achievement Assembly and half termly Open Classroom sessions have proved popular with parents. Our School Council meets on a regular basis and has recently helped to organise a bingo night and cake sale. In January we held a special assembly for the children and staff to say 'Goodbye' to Rev. Lindsay Dew; he will be much missed but we hope he enjoys his retirement. Our Year 4 pupils have had swimming lessons at Saxon pool this term and Luton Town Football Club organised a six-week skills programme in which all classes took part. Our weekly Friday afternoon enrichment lessons have included bird watching, planting bulbs for spring, allergy awareness workshops and work associated with our monthly values. Our Parents and Friends Association have held regular meetings and were particularly busy over the Christmas period. Members of the Dunton Church 'Open the Book' company performed in school in February. Our Governors frequently visit the school and also meet on a half termly basis. Further information may be found at: <https://www.duntonwrestlingworths>

Deborah Robertson-Cowley

Do you recognise any one outside Dunton Water Treatment Works in 1952?



This photograph was very kindly supplied by David Carr, the baby in the centre of the picture! Top row left to right are Rex Carr (David's dad) Charles York, Annie Haycock, David Kingston and Don Smith, Front row left to right are Albert John Kingston (David's grandfather, engineer at the waterworks between 1939 and 1952) Annie Kingston (David's grandmother. Albert and Annie lived

on the site) David Carr and Roger Kingston.

If any reader can supply additional information or pictures about Dunton Water Treatment works or any other local information, please contact the editors.

Sandy Ukulele Players

For those of you who enjoy the Sandy Ukulele Rock and Roll evenings at the March hare, they played at Kings Cross Station on Saturday 3rd February 2018 as part of the celebration of World Ukulele Day.



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The grounds, pavilion and play area are not Council owned, funded or maintained. Funds for maintenance and improvements are raised predominantly by fundraising events, The 100 Club, donations and hiring of the facilities.

A small committee of volunteers manage and maintain the facilities and grounds, including litter picking and emptying the bins on your behalf.

A regular coffee morning is held every Tuesday at 11.00 am, to which all are welcome.

Currently, the facilities are used weekday evenings and mornings and at the weekend by the AFC Biggleswade Youth Football Club. It is available to hire at all other times.

The Clubroom which has a licenced bar and is fully licenced for the performance of music. It is available to hire for parties, meetings, etc at very competitive rates.

Would you be interested in helping us with fundraising or helping to maintain the precious space we all enjoy? If so we would love to hear from you. Without your support we would not be able to maintain our village recreation grounds.

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January results: 28 36 199 121 180

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Vicky Castle

Dunton Wassail – January 2018



Since the first Dunton Wassail in 2012 the event has gone from strength to strength. Thanks to everyone who helped to put on the 2018 wassail and thanks to all that came out to participate.

The true origins of wassailing are lost in the mists of time but it is likely that it developed from mid-winter celebrations (any time between November and February) and from disparate traditions of house visiting where groups of people would visit

the larger houses in their area asking for money and victuals to assist with their celebrations.

Crop wassails such as Dunton's are a celebration of last year's crop and an opportunity to encourage the trees in the orchard to crop well again in the next year. By hanging toast soaked in cider and making a toast to the trees and then making a lot of noise the idea is that malevolent spirits are scared from the orchard. We have been very successful in this and reports of ghouls, ghosts and long legged beasts in the Dunton orchard have reduced year on year!

The event is run by volunteers and is free to those attending. This year we had mulled cider provided by Dunton Folk, soup and hot dogs provided by the Dunton Community Garden, dancing from Letchworth Morris Men and Bedford Morris Men (who brought a rather ethereal tone to the event with their performance of the Abbots Bromley Horn Dance), singing from Dunton's very own ladies choir Singtastic, a mummies play from the Brafront Guizers and to finish off the night a music session in the March Hare. We are already planning the wassail for 2019 so if anyone has any ideas of things that we can add to the event drop me a line at duntonfolk@hotmail.co.uk.

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Dunton's Big Weekender 2018

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Dunton's first Big Weekender was held in the village in June 2017, with a packed programme of events. The weather on Saturday and Sunday was fantastic which contributed to everyone having fun. Once again, a huge thank you to everyone that supported Dunton's Big Weekender 2017! Based on the success of this 'long weekend' the organisers decided to 'do it all again' in 2018. The dates to save in your diary are **Thursday 28.6.18 to Sunday 1.7.18**. Like 2017, that long weekend in 2018, the village should be a hive of activity bringing everyone in the village together and all should have a great time.

In the main, Dunton's Big Weekender 2018, is to support village charities and organisations.

The co-ordination group is pulling events together, but here is a flavour of what you might expect to participate in over the extended weekend!

Family Friendly Events

Event	Where?	Time
Exhibition of church and Dunton	St Mary Magdalene Church	All day Saturday and Sunday
Craft show	St Mary Magdalene Church	Saturday morning
Church talk and walk	St Mary Magdalene Church	Saturday morning
Fun and Games	Dunton Community Garden	Saturday lunchtime and afternoon
Children's Disco	Village Hall	Late Saturday afternoon and early evening
Car Treasure Hunt	Villages around Dunton	Sunday morning
Dunton's Big Weekender 2018 Fete	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon
Songs of Praise in the Church	St Mary Magdalene Church	Late Sunday afternoon and early evening

Adult Events

Event	Where?	Time
Want to learn how to play crib and backgammon?	March Hare	Thursday evening
Race night	Village Hall	Friday evening
Charity quiz, raising money for Dunton's Big Weekender 2018	March Hare	Sunday evening

Refreshments

Refreshments	Where?	Time
Tea, coffee & cakes	St Mary Magdalene Church	Saturday morning
Pimms and real ale	March Hare	Midday onwards on Saturday and Sunday
Ploughman's	Dunton Community Garden	Saturday lunchtime
Hare Beer Bunch Real Ale Tent	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon
Pavilion Bar	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon

Of course, there will be a raffle to support Dunton's Big Weekender 2018 and so please buy as many tickets as you can.

If you are interested in joining us to develop Dunton's Big Weekender, our meetings will continue to be held in the March Hare, usually on the 4th Monday of each month at 8.00 pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

We are also looking for volunteers to help at some of the events, such as the fete and sponsors for some of the activities being held throughout the long weekend. And of course raffle prizes are always very welcome!

For further information, please contact Julie Hills or Janice Pritchett, the editors of Dunton News, who are also on the co-ordination group for Dunton's Big Weekender 2018.



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