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Editorial

Summer is almost here and we can enjoy longer days and being outside more in the village. Let's keep our village a great place to live in.

The photograph on the front cover was taken at Middlesex Farm.

If you have interesting pieces of history or photos about our village, please email them to the editors and we will do our best to publish them.

Village activities in June include Dunton's Big Weekender. Get yourself along to one or more of the great events over this long weekend. For further information, please read the article on pages 12 and 13. Also, the co-ordinating group are looking for help, give them a call.

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.

Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills

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A Summer Holiday Destination

The Maldives really looks exactly like those images you see: bright sun, transparent blue lagoons, reefs teeming with fish and white sand beaches that stretch out into nothing but miles and miles of turquoise waters and blue skies. The small islands of the Maldives archipelago are among the most beautiful on Earth.

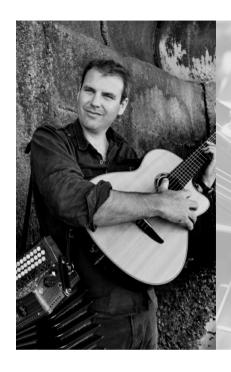
It's made up of almost 2000 small islands, although not all are inhabited. Malé is the capital of the Maldives and has a busy fish market, restaurants and shops on the main road. The Maldives enjoys a dry and wet season and the hot and humid weather is complemented with cooling sea breezes and periodic rain.

Every resort is on their own private island, with no shopping centres, entertainment, food and drink outside of the resort. They are safe and the beaches have no hawkers trying to sell all manner of things.

But there is so much more than the beach. Hotels offer refined dining and excellent standards of service and they have some of the most imaginative and inspiring children's programmes going, including dolphin trips with marine biologists, coral adoption schemes, resident artists offering painting classes and all manner of child-friendly water sports. Restaurants serve up healthy and thoughtful children's menus that go beyond chicken nuggets. The one-hotel, one-island model gives children an unrivalled sense of freedom, a rare and wonderful thing in today's security-conscious world of worries.

This is still a paradise for couples, but more and more couples are encouraged to bring their children to these majestic islands.

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Highlights of the activities of Dunton Parish Council during the past financial year

Finance

During the previous year, Dunton Parish Council continues to operate within its financial budgets and during the next financial year we will continue to look into how we spend our precept to ensure the Council provides value for money.

Planning

During the year we have assessed planning applications which in the main related to residential properties, however there has been a commercial planning application and new houses being built in the village to be assessed.

Gypsy and Traveller Site

Dunton Parish Council resolved that it would not go for Judicial Review and that if there was a group of residents willing to go ahead with a Judicial Review then Dunton Parish Council would grant up to £750.00 towards the administration costs of the Judicial Review. A group or residents came forward but the setting up of the Judicial Review was unsuccessful. The Gypsy and Traveller site will be located in Dunton Lane, and will incorporate 10 permanent pitches with studio buildings, 2 transit pitches with studio buildings, a site managers office and a sewage treatment plant. It is now Dunton Parish Council's intention to work with Central Bedfordshire Council to ensure a smooth transition of the site for both Dunton residents, gypsies and travellers.

Graveyard and Cemetery

The Parish Council continues to maintain the grounds at the graveyard and cemetery.

Recreation Ground

The Parish Council continues to support the mowing of the grass at the Recreation Ground.

Neighbourhood Plan

It was resolved that Dunton Parish Council would not set up a Neighbourhood Plan Group.

Grant Aid

Council has given grant aid to The Marais Ensemble and Dunton Good Neighbour Scheme.



The Great British Spring Clean

Residents of Dunton gave up their time on the 4.3.17 and took part in The Great British Spring Clean.

Communications

We continue to improve the communication with the village by the use of the noticeboard on land next to the bottle bank and including relevant information in Dunton News. Looking to the future Dunton Parish Council is looking into having a new website built.

Dunton's Big Weekender

Dunton's Big Weekend will take place from the 15th June to 18th June 2017 with many organisations from the village taking part. Dunton Parish Council is supporting this event and has booked OSCAR, the Central Bedfordshire Council's car to promote road safety during the afternoon of activities on the Recreation Ground on the Sunday.

Millow Gates

Dunton Parish Council are looking into replacing the broken gates at the entrance to Millow and the entrance to the village.



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Dunton Folk - What's on for the rest of the year?

Dunton folk are pleased to be part of the events making up Dunton's Big Weekender. On Saturday 17th June we have the incomparable Tim Edey. Tim has played and toured with many of the folk world's finest musicians.

After a break for the summer, we start the autumn line up with Jack Rutter and Greg in the first of our double header concerts. It will be Jack's first visit to Dunton Folk but this will be Greg's third visit having previously performed twice as Russel and Algar.

Our second double header is Kara and the Foxglove Trio. Kara are going from strength to strength and can be seen at festivals across the country this year and have recently welcomed Pete Morton into their line up. The Foxglove Trio have played at Dunton twice before, once when Vin Garbutt lost his voice and then once as a headliner. This will be a superb evening.

November sees the return of the Carrivick Sisters with their band Cardboard Fox. Winners of the 2015 Spiral Earth Award for Best Debut they have their roots in bluegrass music but their collective influences reach much further and this shows in their music.

We then finish off the year with The Churchfitter's Christmas Cracker. A traditional Christmas concert given a twist by virtuoso musicians who play instruments you will recognise but also instruments such as a bass guitar made from a frying pan and a bing bong machine made from hacksaw blades.

Once Christmas is done we have the Annual Dunton Wassail on Saturday 6th January 2018. A free community event not to be missed.

Details of all the Dunton Folk activities can be found on our web site – www.duntonfolk.co.uk. Simon Bailes

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2nd Sunday	8.00 am Sunday Praise Followed by continental breakfast
3rd Sunday	Benefice Eucharist *
4th Sunday	10.30 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, Biggleswade Chronicle and Church Website

FUTURE EVENTS @ ST MARY'S

Sunday 18th June	5.00 pm As part of Dunton's Big Weekender, Village Songs of Praise
Sunday 9 th July	11.30 am Magdalene's Summer Fair
Tuesday 11 ^h July	9.30 am School Leavers Service
Sunday 23 rd July	10.30 am Patronal Eucharist Service

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Dunton's Big Weekender Bringing the Dunton Community closer together Thursday 15.6.17 to Sunday 18.6.17

Dunton's Big Weekender is an extended weekend of family fun food and entertainment. The dates are Thursday 15.6.17 to Sunday 18.6.17 and it is a celebration of Dunton where the village will be a hive of activity. Dunton's Big Weekender will bring everyone in the village together and all will have a great time. The event is to support village charities and organisations.

Family Events

Event	Where?	Time
Exhibition of church and Dunton	St Mary Magdalene Church	All day Saturday and Sunday
Produce/craft show	Village Hall	Saturday morning
Church talk and walk	St Mary Magdalene Church	Saturday morning
Bring Your Own Picnic and children's games	Dunton Community Garden	Saturday Afternoon
Folk night in the church	St Mary Magdalene Church	Saturday Evening
Car Treasure Hunt	Villages around Dunton	Sunday morning
Fete, including Children's races, stalls, OSCAR, car boot sale	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon
Songs of Praise in the Church	St Mary Magdalene Church	Sunday afternoon

Adult Events

Event	Where?	Time
Learn crib and backgammon?	March Hare	Thursday evening
Race night	Village Hall	Friday evening
Charity quiz	March Hare	Sunday evening

Refreshments

Refreshments	Where?	Time
Mini real ale festival	March Hare	Opening hours from
		Thursday evening
		to Sunday evening
Tea, coffee & cakes	Village hall	Saturday morning
Ploughman's	Dunton Community	Saturday afternoon
	Garden	
Pimms	March Hare	Midday onwards on
		Saturday and
		Sunday
March Hare Outside	St Mary Magdalene	Saturday evening
Bar	Church	
Hare Beer Bunch Real	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon
Ale Tent & BBQ		
Pavilion Bar	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon
Maynards Ice Cream	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon

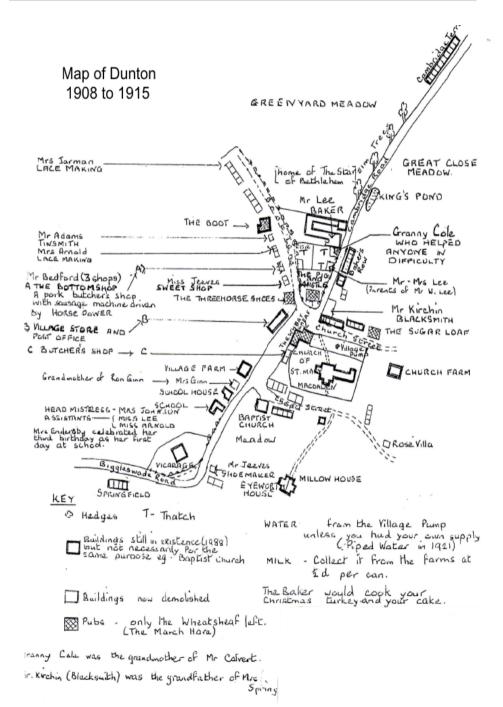
Raffle tickets for a £250.00 prize and many other prizes will be on sale from the 15th May 2017 with all of the participating organisation which include St Mary Magdalene Church, The March Hare, Dunton Folk, the Village Hall, Dunton Recreation Association, Dunton Community Garden, Youth Club and the Women's Institute.

Members of the co-ordination group will also be selling raffle tickets, which include Alison Chalkley, Tim Fowler, Rachel and Nigel Coomber, Nicola and Chris Wiley, Gary Besant, Leigh Somerville and Julie Hills.

Can anyone spare a couple of hours over the weekend? We need marshalls for the car parks.

For further information please go to our facebook page or contact the editors, Julie Hills and Janice Pritchett.

Dunton's Big Weekender Co-Ordination Group





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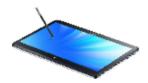


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Dunton Community Garden: Spring into Summer

Visit the garden at this time of year and there are weekly changes to observe. Seedlings popping up, asparagus spears pushing their way through the hard ground, huge rhubarb leaves vying for space and light with their neighbours, blossom on trees and fruits, not to mention birdlife and animal tracks and traces.

There's evidence of significant human activity too! Our April coffee morning extended into a warm, sunny volunteer drop-in day. A wonderful turn out of helpers of all ages meant that not only were lots of gardening jobs done, but cobwebs were cleared, garden signs and benches cleaned, tubs and pots sorted, and helpers were kept well fed and watered by the refreshments team. Thank you!

Organic gardeners have a tough time balancing gardening success against the perils of mice, birds and all the usual slugs, snails, flies and critters that like to compete. The garden is making some changes to help tip the balance towards success with installation of electricity to operate an automatic watering system in the polytunnel and construction of a netted cage for brassicas (cabbage family) plants to grow in.

Changes are not limited to the garden itself. At April's AGM we welcomed a new Chair, Celia Walpole, who is well known as a member of the admin team. She will be supported in her exciting new role by our outgoing Chair, Roy Barham, who will become her deputy. Congratulations and good luck!

Charity Race Night in aid of the Village Hall, 16th June 2017, from 7.30 pm

From time to time events are held at the Hall to raise funds. Our next event is our Race Night on Friday 16th June 2017, doors open at 7.30 pm, for an 8.00 pm start. This will be a fun evening as part of Dunton's Big Weekender to raise money for the Village Hall. Please come along and support us. Tickets will be $\pounds 5.00$ per person. We will be using a simple tote system, money to be allocated to the village hall fund and as winnings.

To own a horse and to purchase tickets, contact Jules on 07961754448.

On the night you will be able to 'buy' a horse and if your horse wins the race you will win a prize from the sponsor of that race.

The race night is for individuals aged 18 and above.

There will also be more fund raising on the night with the Youth Club running a half time event.

There will not be a bar, so bring your own drinks. Nibbles provided.

Leigh Somerville

Car Treasure Hunt, 18th June 2017

As part of Dunton's Big Weekender a car treasure hunt is being organised. Entry £5.00 per car. To book your staggered start time from 11.00 am, from the March Hare, call Jules on 07961754448. This event is sponsored by VNR Autocare Ltd.

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:-

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Dunton Women's Institute Update



So far this year, we have had some marvellous speakers, including an excellent talk on Shakleton's Forgotten Men by Debbie Horsman.

You are most welcome to come along to any of the sessions planned for the remainder of the year. Our programme is in the March edition of Dunton News. In addition to this programme on the 6^{th} July we are running a day trip to Woburn Abbey.

As part of Dunton's Big Weekender, we are running a produce and craft show, at the Village Hall, from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. We look forward to receiving your show entries and if you require an entry form, please get in touch on 01767 314991 or email Lorrainebennetts777@btinternet.com or find us on Dunton WI facebook. You can also join us for tea and cakes from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Major changes planned to A428 and Black Cat Roundabout

Highways England is looking to make significant alterations to major roads in our area. Firstly, it wants to turn the A428 between Caxton Gibbet and Black Cat, into a dual carriageway. It has come up with three options. The first follows most of the existing route but the second and third come a lot closer to Tempsford, Potton and Everton. You can read their report here: https://tinyurl.com/k6n2tlq

Highways England also says it wants to 'improve' Black Cat. Two of the three options in its recent consultation see the A1 go under the A428 to ease congestion.

Adam will update as soon as there is any further news on its consultation. If you would like to receive his monthly email newsletter, please drop him a line at adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk

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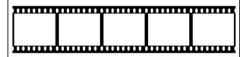
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School in Wartime

In late summer of 1939 evacuees from London arrived in Dunton. Each child carried a small case of belongings, a gas mask and the very important identification label. They assembled at the Memorial Hall, where they met their billeting officers who introduced them to the families who would take them in.

In September 1939 village children and evacuees assembled in the school. The seniors were taught in the Memorial Hall. The infants and juniors were taught in the school. Both senior village children and evacuees went logging for fuel for the fires in the hall. The seniors also went to Fen Wood for hazel nuts. The senior boys made blackout frames for the hall's windows and carried out maintenance jobs in the hall.

They also played football on a field next to Memorial Hall which had to be scythed by hand to enable them to do it and badminton was played in the hall during the afternoons.

In the spring of 1940 some evacuees returned to London. To support the war effort Dunton children collected pests such as cabbage white caterpillars and butterflies, where the child who had collected the most got a prize.

After Dunkirk and the fall of France it was feared that Germany would invade Britain. In the summer of 1940 a blast wall was built in front of the windows of the infants' classroom. This would become a refuge for children and staff at times of air raids. Lighting in this shelter room was by one solitary oil lamp. No bombs were dropped on Dunton.

More evacuees arrived in 1940 and now children only had to attend school for a half day, mornings one week, afternoons the next. During fine weather lessons for the senior children were in the playground, where they read because paper was in short supply.

To raise money for the war effort, fun fairs were held on the school playground and plays were held in the Memorial Hall. This was the beginning of the Dunton Amateur Dramatic Society.

In the 50s children still helped on the land during the summer holidays, including:-

- Bean Topping
- Cutting mangold wurzels and clover hay for the horses
- Picking runner beans
- Pulling beetroots
- Pulling and bunching carrots
- Tving cos lettuce with raffia

During the harvest horses still pulled reapers/binders and a steam engine threshed the wheat grains.

Wartime Memories

During the war it is 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!

One Dunton resident, said "Hey John, I've been in your cellar!" He then went on to explain 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. A good introduction to real ale!

1950s

Saturday dance at village hall. Band leader was Wally Stratton Band, played piano. Joel Frances played drums. There was a fireplace in the hall.

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Oven temperature 170C

Two 18cm round tins, prepared and lined

226g self raising flour 226g caster sugar 226g soft butter or margarine 4 large eggs 1tsp vanilla essence 1tsp baking powder

- 1. Place all ingredients into a mixing bowl and mix for at least 5 minutes, you will see a change in colour, the mixture will look slightly paler, when this happens it is ready.
- 2. Turn into the prepared cake tins, weigh the tins for even cake layers.
- 3. Bake on the centre shelf for 30 minutes or until a cocktail stick comes out clean from the centre of the cakes.
- 4. After removing the cakes from the oven, leave cakes in the tins for 5 minutes.
- 5. Turn cakes onto a cake rack, cover with a clean tea towel and leave to cool before filling.
- 6. Choose your filling Just jam and a dusting of icing sugar Fresh cream and strawberries... Vanilla buttercream and jam

Or you could hit it with a chocolate buttercream and one of the lovely new chocolate spreads that are now available.

Either way, enjoy a lovely slice of summer.

Dunton Recreation Ground

Developments continue at the Recreation Ground with new decoration to the dressing rooms, painting of the storage container and an uplift and modernisation of the floodlights, this is being carried out to enable better lighting for outdoor evening training sessions in the winter period.

We have recently welcomed FC Biggleswade youth football to the ground. They are using our facilities for training four of their junior teams on weekday evenings. They will welcome any budding young footballers from Dunton, so why not come down and see what is on offer. The training schedule is as follows.

FCBu8	Warriors	Wed	6:30 pm -7:30 pm
FCBu9	Hurricanes	Tues	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
FCBu10	Athletic	Thurs	5:30 pm - 6:30pm
FCBu11	Jets	Thurs	6:30 pm - 8:00pm

The Clubroom remains available for hire on Friday through to Monday on most weeks, at a very modest fee, suitable for gatherings of up to 40 people. For bookings please contact Eileen Bone on 01767 315350.

As part of the Dunton's Big Weekender festivities on Sunday 18th June between 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm there will be activities on the field for all ages. Plenty of food including a barbeque, ice creams, cakes and teas, plus a real ale and cider Tent. There will be races for the children plus a family event, a variety of stalls offering specialist items for sale; competitions; bouncy castles and more. Why not come along for a Father's Day to remember.

Old Crockery – and once again we will be having the Plate Smashing stall, so we need any old crockery you have – we will collect if needed. Please contact Heidi on 01767 601857 for your opportunity to clear your cupboards of old china.

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Dunton Travellers Site Judicial

As most of you know the attempts to prevent the Travellers Site in Dunton Lane failed in the Courts. Many residents of both Dunton and surrounding areas contributed towards the legal costs. The total costs of the appeal were less than the contributions and as such the group have been repaying a percentage of the contributions. Whilst most repayments have been made, a few are outstanding because insufficient information is available to identify the persons. If you know of any person still waiting for re-imbursement please get them to contact Arnold Bone on 01767 315350.

The account will be closed on the 31st of August 2017 and any monies remaining will be transferred to the Dunton Village Fund.



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