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## Editorial

The photograph on the front cover is of the fabulous raffle cake, made by Sabrina's Handmade Cakes, at Dunton's first scarecrow festival which was held at the end of September. This annual event was successfully set up by the village team behind Dunton's Big Weekender. For further information and pictures, see the article on pages 4 – 7.

Dunton's Big Weekender will be holding its first Living Advent Calendar from the 1.12.18 to 5.1.19. More information about this event is on page 10. Have a look at this edition of Dunton News, on pages 21 – 25 for all of the activities you can join in with over the Christmas and New Year Period.

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

Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills

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## Scarecrow Festival as part of Dunton's Big Weekender 2018 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Something to Crow About



finding them and hiding them again.

As usual lots of people came to the Grin and Beer It 7 Beer festival at the March Hare.

The weather was very kind to us for our very first Scarecrow Festival. Loads of people were wandering through the village looking at a map on their phone or the paper map! The scarecrows were a wonderful sight! It was great that so many people participated.

The 'Crowstones' were painted by Dunton Youth Club and hidden around the village, with children enjoying



The Mexican evening at the pavilion was well attended and a great evening was had by all. Lots of noise, chatter and laughter.

What a success the Scarecrow Fest was on the Sunday afternoon. There were lots of people on the village green and the visiting stalls (Ants chilli, the horsebox coffee van, Dunton



Honey and the ice cream van) were not too disappointed with their sales.

The winners of name the Scarecrow were Jake Entwistle and Daisy Scott. The scarecrow cake raffle (wasn't that a fantastic cake) was won by the Eaton family. The children's scarecrow fancy dress competition was won by the Williams family.

Well done to everyone for the fantastic scarecrows that decorated the village this weekend. We had over 40 (see map and list) in total and they were all wonderful.



Congratulations to the Scott family for winning the most traditional scarecrow with Dilly Dally and the Dixon family for winning the most original with Ariel Just Chillin.

Have a look at Dunton's Big Weekender Facebook page for photos of the scarecrows.

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# Dunton Folk

## Wassail

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## Scarecrow Trail

### Road

Biggleswade Road  
Biggleswade Road  
Biggleswade Road  
Biggleswade Road  
Biggleswade Road  
Hallside  
Hallside  
High Street  
High Street

High Street  
High Street  
Boot Lane  
Boot lane  
Horseshoe Close  
Horseshoe Close  
Horseshoe Close  
Horseshoe Close  
Boot lane  
Fen Reach  
Fen Reach  
Fen Reach  
Fen Reach  
Fen Reach  
Cambridge Road  
Cambridge Road  
Greenfield Way  
Greenfield Way  
Greenfield Way  
Greenfield Way  
Kings Pond Close  
Church Street  
Church Street  
Church Street  
Magdalene Close  
Chapel Street  
Chapel Street  
High Street

### Scarecrow Name

Jack  
Mary Poppins  
John the Gardener  
Bodgit and Scarper  
Flash and Robin and Bob  
Woody  
Trump  
Mild Max  
Dunton School children made a scarecrow each  
out of wooden spoons and then attached to  
school railings  
Mr Australia  
Mr and Mrs  
The Herbs  
Old Timers  
Tea for Two  
Don Crowixote  
Uncle Albert  
Pablo  
Dr Extraction  
Avada Kedavra  
Little Red Riding Hood  
Addam's Family  
Arial  
Ron Jeremy  
Winnie and Piglet  
Scarecrow Potter  
The IT Crow  
Mimi and the Minnows  
Star- Crow  
Waiting for a Train  
Scarey Don  
Zippy  
Jake  
Marigold  
Mr B Keeper  
Bernard  
Lady Denman  
Ariel just chillin



As usual the Bedford Morris Men excelled themselves dancing outside the March Hare!



  
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## Dunton First Living Advent Calendar 2018

Join us in making Dunton a giant living advent calendar!

### What is it?

From the 1st December 2018 residents, businesses and village groups in Dunton have been challenged to create seasonal scenes in their windows. Windows throughout the village will be decorated and the scenes will be lit consecutively each evening at 6.00 pm. Some residents are doing outside displays.

The windows will be prepared by the houses, businesses, and groups involved and a photograph of each new window will appear in Dunton's Big Weekender facebook page.

To start Dunton's Living Advent Calendar, lights will be turned on at 6.00 pm, where Biggleswade Road meets the High Street, also known as Vicarage Corner. Their lights are to raise money for Letchworth Garden House Hospice and St Mary Magdalene Church and so please be generous. The first window will be lit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018. By Christmas Eve there will be many different windows to see and enjoy as you walk through Dunton - a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. All windows once they have been unveiled will be lit until the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2019, culminating with Dunton Folk Wassail 2019 at Church Farm Dunton and at the March Hare, Dunton.

A trail map will be made available for residents to walk around the village to see the 'Living Advent Calendar' on Dunton's Big Weekender facebook page with hard copies at the March Hare.

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## Neighbourhood Plan for Dunton Parish

There are only four individuals that are prepared to work on Dunton' Neighbourhood Plan, including 2 Parish Councillors. Unfortunately for the village to develop a Neighbourhood Plan, more Dunton residents need to get involved. Developing Dunton's Neighbourhood Plan provides a great opportunity for residents to have more influence on how Dunton Parish will change over time.

Dunton Parish Neighbourhood Plan will:-

- ✓ Develop a shared vision for Dunton Parish
- ✓ Identify important local green spaces
- ✓ Influence what new buildings should look like

However the policies in Central Bedfordshire's Local Plan will still apply to Dunton Parish, whether as a Parish we decide to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan or not.

The only way that Dunton's Neighbourhood Plan can be developed is by and with the Dunton community, which includes community organisations, landowners, local businesses and last but not least residents, with the support of the Parish Council.

Dunton Parish Neighbourhood Plan will require our community to reach a broad consensus on the key issues. Once adopted, policies from our Neighbourhood Plan will be taken into account when planning applications are determined.

We need more residents, community organisations, landowners, local businesses to join Dunton's Neighbourhood Plan Project Group, without you there will be no Dunton Neighbourhood Plan. Please contact Mandy Howard, Parish Clerk on [duntonpc@gmail.com](mailto:duntonpc@gmail.com) to join the group of for further information.

*Mandy Howard*



## CHRISTMAS AT THE MARCH HARE DUNTON



monday 24<sup>th</sup> ~ thursday 27<sup>th</sup> december 2018

come to the march hare over the christmas period for mulled wine and festive real ales!

our opening times over christmas are~

24.12.18	monday	christmas eve	midday – midnight
25.12.18	tuesday	christmas day	11.30 am ~ 3.00 pm
26.12.18	wednesday	boxing day	midday ~ midnight



New Year's Eve at

The March Hare, Dunton

monday 31<sup>st</sup> december 2018  
tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> january 2019



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The next event is a New Year's Eve party with music, nibbles, raffle, games, licensed bar etc. Tickets are just £5 (only 50 are available, so book early via Heidi)

For future events see the pavilion notice board or the village web site

The pavilion is a comfy 40 seat venue available for events or meetings at just £10 per hour. A pay bar can be provided if wanted.

Thank you to all who support the "100 Club". The next annual subscription will be collected in March 2019, with the first draw being April 2019. If you already take part please renew your subscription; if not please join! It provides much needed funds for running and maintaining the facilities.

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### **Thursday's 12:45pm - 2:45pm Dunton Memorial Hall Term time only!**

Baby Daze is being set up for parents, grandparents, childminders and carers for babies and children aged 0 - 5 years. It will run every Thursday, 12:45 pm -2:45 pm. Term time only!

We strongly feel that the community needs something for the little ones and those that care for them. It can be a lonely place and sometimes those days can feel very long, but not for long! We hope by setting up this group that each week it will give you and your little one a chance to socialise and have fun in a relaxed environment.

There will be a mixture of activities that you and your child can access (please be responsible for your own child).

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In return, all we ask for is a donation of £1.50 per adult and 1 child - additional siblings 50p. Additional adults welcome, please pop a donation in the pot for a cuppa, this is so that we can put the money towards the hire costs of the venue and towards the refreshments.

Please feel free to spread the word and bring along others!

Activities and suggestions are always taken on board!

We hope to see you there!

*Laura & Sam*



Lauren and Ellie are sorry to bring you this sad news but we have made the hard decision to step away from Dunton Youth Club after Christmas. We have been running the Youth Club for over 6 years and over that time we have seen many children enjoy their time with us. We are hoping that there are a couple of people out there who would like to

take over the running of our lovely group. The Youth Club is well attended each week and we hope that it can continue after we leave.

We have some trips planned with the children over the weeks in the run up to the festive period so we will have a lovely opportunity to say our goodbyes.

If anyone would like to know more about what we do/how youth club works before they commit to taking it on, then please message us and we will be happy for you to join us and see what it's all about. It's not as scary as it sounds.

We look forward to seeing all the children over the next few weeks and we will keep you updated on the future of Dunton Youth Club

*Lauren and Ellie*



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Dunton's Big Weekender Co-Ordination Group is setting up Dunton's first village yard sale on the 27.4.19. Watch his space for further information.



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!

### What a transformation!



The organisers of the 1951 Festival of Britain encouraged villages across Britain to organise their own local celebrations. It was also hoped that the festival would leave a legacy in local communities. As part of the festival, all if not many, Bedfordshire villages were given signs and perhaps Dunton's legacy is this sign.

The sign in this picture Has been here since 1951 and is showing 'signs of age'.

The Parish Council and a Dunton resident, Sean Desborough, have restored the sign. What a transformation!



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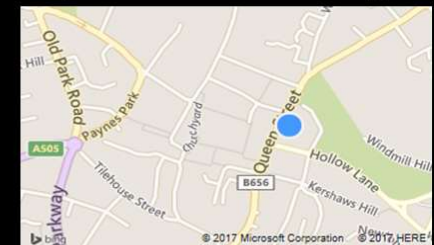
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### What is On In Dunton over the Festive Period?

Date December	Event	Where?	Time
1	Turning on of lights	Vicarage corner	6.00 pm
1	Rock and Roll with the Sandy Ukulele Group	March Hare	From 8.00 pm
2	Dunton Village Christmas Tea Party	Village Hall	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
2	Window revealed	St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00 pm
3	W I Window revealed	Village Hall	6.00 pm
4	Youth Club Window revealed	Village Hall	6.00 pm
5	Window revealed	Hallside	6.00 pm
6	DCGG display revealed	DCGG Trolley outside Lower School	6.00 pm
7	Window revealed	High Street	6.00 pm
8	Mulled wine, minced pies and more Window revealed	Pavilion	6.00 pm
9	Christmas Fair	St Mary Magdalene Church	11.30 am
9	Turning on of lights	Pond Close	6.00 pm
10	Hare Beer Bunch window revealed	March Hare	6.00 pm
11	Dunton Folk Display revealed	Church Farm	6.00 pm
12	Window revealed	Fen Reach	6.00 pm
12	Second window revealed	Fen Reach	6.30 pm
13	Window revealed	Cambridge Road	6.00 pm
14	Baby Daze Window revealed	Village Hall	6.00 pm
15	Window revealed	Boot Lane	6.00 pm
15	Winter Union Folk Night	St Mary Magdalene Church	8.00 pm – 11.00 pm

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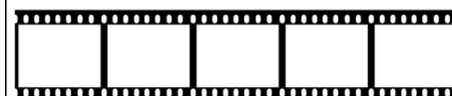
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Look out for upcoming PFA events!

**Thank You!**

**PFA**

### What is On In Dunton over the Festive Period?

Date December	Event	Where?	Time
16	Window revealed	Fen Reach	6.00 pm
16	Service of Lessons and Carols	St Mary Magdalene Church	6.00 pm
16	Hare Beer Bunch Christmas party	March Hare	Ticket only
17	Window revealed	High Street	6.00 pm
18	Window revealed	Boot Lane	6.00 pm
19	Window revealed	Horseshoe Close	6.00 pm
19	Carol singing with St Mary Magdalene	Meet at St Mary Magdalene Church, followed by fish and chips (must be booked)	6.30 pm
20	Window revealed	Cambridge Road	6.00 pm
21	Window revealed	Horseshoe Close	6.00 pm
22	Window revealed	Biggleswade Road	6.00 pm
23	Window revealed	Biggleswade Road	6.00 pm
24	Christmas Eve	March Hare	Midday to midnight
24	Crib/Chris Tingle Service	St Mary Magdalene Church	3.30 pm
24	Window revealed	March Hare	6.00 pm
24	Midnight Mass	St Mary Magdalene Church	11.15 pm
25	Christmas Day	March Hare	11.30 am – 3.00 pm
26	Boxing Day	March Hare	Midday to midnight
31	New Year's Eve	March Hare	Midday – 1.00 am
31	New Year's Eve Party	March Hare	9.00 pm – 1.00 am
31	New Year's Eve Party	Pavilion	8.00 pm



**Dunton Village Christmas Tea Party!**

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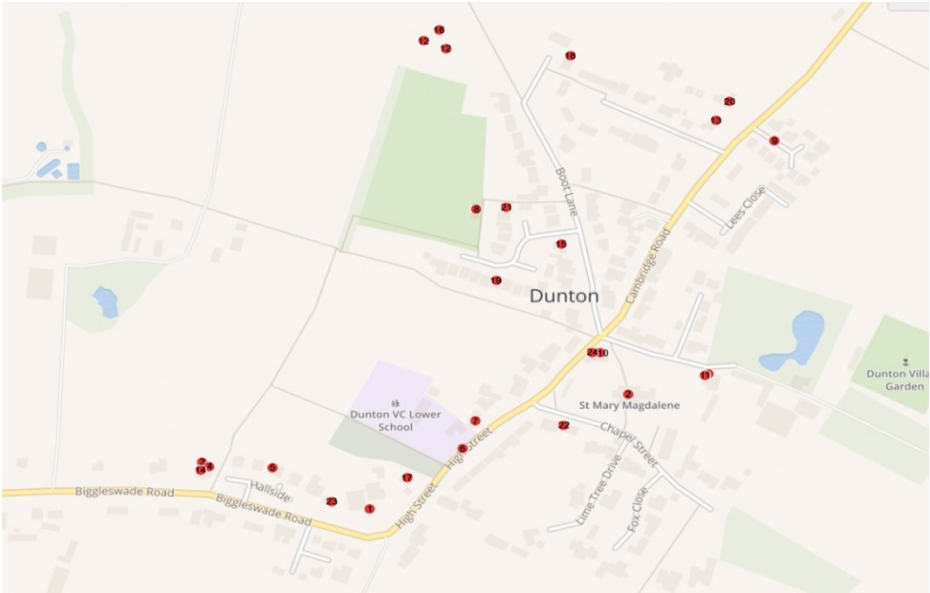


**What is On In Dunton over the Festive Period?**

**January**

1	New Year's Day	March Hare	Midday - midnight
5	Dunton Folk Wassail	Church Farm	6.30 pm

**Dunton's Living Advent Calendar**



*See Dunton's Big Weekender Facebook Page for more details of Dunton's Living Advent Calendar*

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