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Editorial

Dunton's Big Weekender held its first Yard Sale on 27.4.19, which is going to become an annual event. Have a look at this issue of Dunton News, on page 5 for an update on this event.

Pages 7 – 9 will introduce you to Dunton's Big Weekender from the 27.6.19 to 30.6.19, including the fete on the Recreation Ground on the afternoon of the 30.6.19. A big thank you to Weatherbreak and Voneus who are sponsoring Dunton's Big Weekender.

On page 18 you will see that volunteers are needed to tidy up Dunton on the 15.6.19. Also, if you have a couple of hours spare on the afternoon of the 30.6.19, please contact Dunton's Big Weekender team to volunteer at the fete. They really do need some help!

Stories from 'old Dunton' are being told to the editors, so if you have any memories or pictures of Dunton, including modern memories of Dunton from the 50s onwards, please do share them with the editors for inclusion in future issues of Dunton News.

There are lots of social activities available in the village. Many of which are run by volunteers and in this issue, page 23 – 24 we have included 'What's on in Dunton?' So do get along and support an event in Dunton.

Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills

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Making Tax Digital and VAT

1st April 2019 bought the biggest changes in VAT for many years with the introduction of Making Tax Digital for VAT being brought in for VAT registered businesses whose turnover are over the VAT registration threshold.

The new legislation means that for all VAT periods ending after 1 April 2019, business records must be kept electronically. The records must then be used to prepare and submit the VAT returns electronically, without the need to copy and paste or manually enter the values to the HMRC website.

There are various software packages available to help with Making Tax Digital for VAT, such as Sage One which can be provided by Harrison's Accountancy for £15 + VAT per month (normally £22 + VAT per month). There are many other software packages, such as Xero, Clearbooks, Quickbooks etc. You don't need to keep any more records that you're currently keeping for VAT, they just need to be kept electronically.

There is also the option to use spreadsheets but you will still need to use some Making Tax Digital compatible software to transfer the data from the spreadsheet to HMRC. This is called bridging software and Harrison's Accountancy also offer this bridging service.

If the business turnover is below the VAT registration threshold and the business is registered for VAT, the business can voluntarily join the Making Tax Digital scheme.

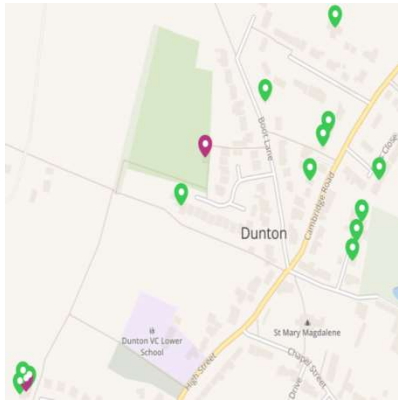
Businesses will need to sign up for a new HMRC account online and then authorise their software before they are able to submit the VAT returns using the Making Tax Digital system. It's suggested that this is done ASAP to ensure there are no delays to submitting the first return under Making Tax Digital.

Guidance is available from HMRC online or via Harrison's Accountancy, based in Biggleswade.

Daniel Harrison



Dunton's First Village Wide Yard Sale 2019



Dunton's Big Weekender's first Village Wide Yard Sale took place on the 27.4.19, where Dunton residents sold their surplus items from their driveways, front gardens and garages or had stalls at the village hall. There were 12 stalls braving the weather. Items included games from the Youth Club. Another stall was selling a Kettler go-kart, children's toys, books

and DVDs.

Refreshments were available at the Village Hall and Pavilion, including hot chocolate, fantastic for a cold and blustery day. One enterprising young lady sold refreshments in the village hall as part of her Cambodia expedition.

Despite the weather, from the stories emerging about the Yard Sale a great time was had by all including using it for teaching little ones how to use money.

At the Village Hall, Julie Hills raised £139.50 for Carers in Bedfordshire supporting Alzheimer and Dementia by selling second hand books.

It was felt that the event was worth repeating and so we will hold it again on the 25.4.20.



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Dunton's Big Weekender 2019, 27.6.19 to 30.6.19 Bringing the Dunton Community closer together

Based on the success of previous 'big weekenders' the organisers have decided to 'do it all again' in 2019, bringing everyone in Dunton together for a fantastic time and to support village charities and organisations.

Prior to the event you may have been making bunting, which will be an annual affair, so that we can put more and more bunting up at each fete.

Family Friendly Events

Event	Where?	Time
Dunton Lower School Summer Fete	Dunton Lower School	Friday, late afternoon, early evening
Exhibition based on church records	St Mary Magdalene Church	All day Saturday and Sunday
Church talk and walk	St Mary Magdalene Church	Saturday morning
Car Treasure Hunt	From the March Hare to villages around Dunton	Saturday morning
Dunton's Big Weekender 2018 Fete	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon

Adult Events

Event	Where?	Time
Pub games night	March Hare	Thursday evening
Race Night	Village Hall	Friday evening
Sandy Ukulele Players	March Hare	Saturday evening
Quiz, raising money for Dunton's Big Weekender 2019	March Hare	Sunday evening

Refreshments

Refreshments	Where?	Time
Summer Gin Fest	March Hare	From Thursday evening to Sunday evening
Sunday Breakfast	St Mary Magdalene Church	Sunday morning
Pimms and real ale	March Hare	Midday onwards on Saturday and Sunday
Ploughman's	Dunton Community Garden	Saturday lunchtime and afternoon

There will be a fete on Sunday afternoon at the Recreation Ground, from 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm.

Fete Family Friendly Events, including

50 50 Draw Wine Or Water Lucky Dip Name The Soft Toy Guess The Weight Of The Cake Marble Mayhem Plate Smashing Drop The 20p Hit The Clown With Bean Bags Lucky Letters Adult Bottle Tombola Family Tombola £1.00 In The Bucket Inflatables Fire Engine Soft Play For The Under 5s Charity Bookstall OSCAR Beat The Goalie Children's Races Garden Games including Tin Can Alley, Quoits, Limbo, Giant Jenga and Hook A Duck

Timetable for Arena Events, including

SOSA dance fitness BTCA Cheerleading Letchworth Morris Men and Dunton's own Singtastic Shefford Majorettes Limited Time band and Biggleswade Rugby Club

Refreshments available at the Fete

Pavilion Bar March Hare Outside Bar BBQ, Pulled Pork Baps and Wood Fired Pizza Ice Cream Van And Desserts Kids Cocktails Pimms And Prosecco Coffee Teas And Hot Chocolate

Handmade and local product stallholders, including

Chilli Jams Tie Die Jewellery Headbands Hand Decorated Jars Handmade Cards Personalised Gifts Pebble Framed Pictures Knitwear Forever Living

Of course, there will be a raffle to support Dunton's Big Weekender 2019 and so please buy as many tickets as you can. Raffle tickets are on sale before the event at the March Hare or through volunteers from these organisations, Village Hall, Parents and Friends Association of Dunton Lower School, Dunton Community Garden Group, St Mary Magdalene Church and during the weekend events. 1st Prize £250.00.

A big thank you to Weatherbreak Windows and Austin Jones for very kindly donating DBWs new PA system. Voneus have also contributed substantially towards our printing costs.

We are also looking for **volunteers** to help at some of the events, such as the fete. Please contact bigweekender@hotmail.co.uk even if you can only spare an hour of your time.



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Annual Report From Dunton Parish Council

Councillors Nigel Coomber, Gary Besant and Julie Hills continue to put 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.

Land west of Dunton has been identified as a location for future development which is subject to a partial plan review. This land has a potential capacity of up to 5000 homes, but does not contribute to Central Bedfordshire Council's original local plan target of 39,350 homes. 1,500 of these houses immediately to the east of Biggleswade was approved by Central Bedfordshire Council in February 2019.

Dunton's Big Weekender 2018 took place from the 28.6.18 to 1.7.18 with many organisations from the village taking part. Our Parish Clerk ran the plate smashing stall and Gary Besant was the Dunton Parish Council representative on the co-ordination group. Dunton Parish Council was the lead body at the fete on the 1.7.18.

At an Annual General Meeting in February 2019 the Parish Councillors decided not to participate in East West Rail's Bedford and Cambridge Route Option non statutory Consultation.

The Festival of Britain Sign has been here since 1951 and Dunton Parish Council has completed its renovations.

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

The land adjacent to the March Hare Pub has been successfully sold to the March Hare.

The decision that Dunton Parish Council would not set up a Neighbourhood Plan Group is being reviewed by the Parish Council.

During the year the Parish Council has assessed several planning applications which in the main related to residential properties.

To enhance the village environment more spring bulbs have been planted.

We currently have vacancies for 2 Parish Councillors and are looking for Dunton residents who would like to join the Parish Council. If you are interested to find out more, please contact Mandy Howard at duntonpc@gmail.com or phone Nigel Coomber on 01767 318882.

Mandy Howard Parish Council Clerk

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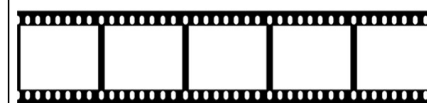
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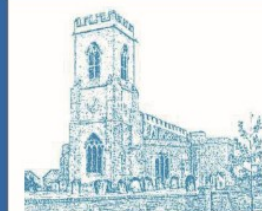
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2nd Sunday	8.00 am Said Holy Communion followed by continental breakfast
3rd Sunday	Benefice Service
4th Sunday	Sunday Praise
5th Sunday	Benefice Service

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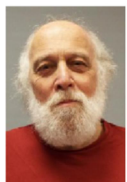


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Dunton Memories by Josiah Hayes

You may remember from our last issue of Dunton News that 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. Walter Hills remembered that 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. Well Josiah remembers this incident as well, he actually as a boy participated in the raid because at the time he lived at Lower Farm, Edworth. He was about 12 or 13 and two young lads sat on the hay wagon!. It was almost a disaster for Josiah because during this invasion, the horse almost started to bolt but the driver of the hay wagon managed to get them under control. The horses name was Captain and he was a grey.

Josiah remembers 2 machine gun nests as you came into Dunton from Edworth and another machine gun nest just before the village hall.

He also remembers the bombs that were dropped near to the A1.

Apparently, 200 yards from his house in Edworth was an army camp which picked up in its search lights a bomber before it dropped a 'bread basket' which included a cluster of incendiary bombs. This landed near a cattle shed on Millow Road on a binding machine which caught fire. Luckily the green oats were still moist and so they didn't catch fire.

As children Josiah and his friends found incendiaries which they used to take to the soldiers. They would dismantle them and the children would make incendiary fireworks with them. They were not allowed to pick up a little green bombs because these had a delayed fuse.

Edworth not being far from Hinxworth, Josiah and his friends used to go to 'socials' at Hinxworth Village Hall and the soldiers at night used to put the search light on for them to show them the way home.

When is a zig-zag not a zig-zag?



There have been concerns about motorists who were parking on the zig-zags outside Dunton Lower School making it dangerous for the children heading in and out of the school.

After investigation, it transpired that when Central Bedfordshire Council painted the zig-zags, CBC did not apply for the relevant 'Traffic Regulation Order', so even if traffic wardens came out and caught someone parking on the lines, they could not issue tickets! CBC have now done the paperwork and there is a new sign warning motorists that they cannot park there.

Traffic wardens may come out to enforce, so watch out!

Councillor Adam Zerny



Tidy Up Dunton, 15.6.19, 10 am – midday

Volunteers needed to tidy up Dunton on the 15.6.19. Just come along to the Village Hall at 10.00 am. Well 'urned' tea, coffee and biscuits in the Village Hall afterwards!

Dunton's Scarecrow Festival, association with the March Hare's real ale festival 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.



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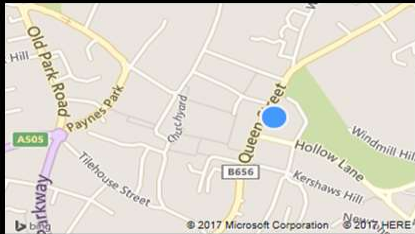
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Dunton Community Garden News. Spring 2019

What a wonderful Easter weekend. Time to enjoy the garden and the sun, but in the Community Garden we are anxiously looking out for rain. Our crops are in the ground and in the poly tunnel.

We are planning a number of drop-in afternoons. These will be on Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. Keep an eye out for dates. One is taking place on the 1.9.19. Come and enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our beautiful garden. Bring your friends and family. Members will be on hand to show you round, or just rest awhile in our quiet garden. It's a lovely place for a picnic. Should the children want something more energetic there is a digging plot for them and lots of open space!

You will know from previous posts in Dunton News that we are always seeking new volunteers – so if you want to help in anyway please contact us. Our website address is <http://www.duntongarden.org/>
Celia Walpole

Dunton Recreation Association

Work continues to maintain this important village facility, well used by families in the village. It is mainly funded by hiring the playing field and pavilion to Youth Football. A big thank you to all who support the 100 club, part of our fund raising activities. The monthly draws resumed at the end of April and winners are notified directly. The results are published on local media including the village web site, Facebook and The Biggleswade Chronicle. We are looking into the possibility of grants to renovate the children's play area.

Current maintenance projects include repairs to increase the security of the pavilion

Dunton's Big Weekender fete will be held on the Recreation Ground on Sunday June 30th. It is also planned to open the bar on Summer Sundays. Dates to be announced or just look out for the open sign on the pavilion. The pavilion can also be hired subject to availability for private events. It has a bar area, furnished and carpeted function room that can accommodate 40 people seated at tables or up to 60 standing. A fully licensed cash bar is available on request at functions. Our website address is www.duntonvillage.org.uk/dra
Alan Dansey

Dunton Memorial Hall

Have you been inside Dunton Memorial Hall? I imagine the majority of Dunton residents will have visited the hall at some time, either to attend W I meetings or an exercise class or party or village meeting. You may well have noticed that the date on the front of the building is 1925, but how much do you know about its history?

An application was made to The Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 19th March 1945 and this was signed by Arthur Simeon Lee of Church Farm, Dunton, Farmer.

The aim of the charity was to be, ".....the maintenance of a Village Hall for the purposes of physical and mental training and recreation and social, moral and intellectual development, through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments or otherwise as may be found expedient, for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Dunton, without distinction of sex or of political or other opinions."

The Memorial Hall is still run by a committee made up of interested villagers and representatives of the organisations that use the hall. The original representatives were from:-

- The Parochial Church Council of Dunton
- The members of The Baptist Chapel at Dunton
- The committees, acting jointly, of the Dunton Cricket Club and Dunton Football Club
- The Dunton Branch of the British Legion
- The committee of the Dunton Nursing Association.

How times have changed!

The current committee are working extremely hard to ensure that the hall is a modern, environmentally efficient and pleasant 'Hall for All'. We always welcome new committee members. Could it be you? If you would like any further information, don't hesitate to contact Rachel Coomber at duntonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com

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

Date June	Event	Where?	Time
1.6.19	Dunton Folk, Daria Kulesh	Church	8.00 pm – 11.00 pm
9.6.19	Summer Fair	Church	11.00 am – 2.00 pm
10.6.19	WI Midshires Search And Rescue	Village Hall	7.45 pm
15.6.19	Dunton Tidy Up	Village Hall	10.00 am – midday
22.6.19	Dunton Folk, Katie Doherty and the Navigators	Church	8.00 pm – 11.00 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	Dunton Lower School Summer Fete as part of DBW	Dunton Lower School	5 pm – 7.00 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
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	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
7.9.19	Beetle Drive	Church	TBA
14.9.19	Church Quiz Night	Church	7.30 pm
21.9.19	Dunton Folk, Trials of Cato	Church	8.00 pm – 11.00 pm

Date	Event	Where?	Time
27.9.19	Grin and Beer It 8 Beer Festival	March Hare	5.00 pm – midnight
28.9.19	Dunton Scarecrow Trail	Village Wide	TBA
28.9.19	Macmillan Coffee Morning as part of Dunton's Scarecrow Trail	Community Garden	TBA
28.9.19	Grin and Beer It 8 Beer Festival as part of Dunton's Scarecrow Trail	March Hare	midday – midnight
29.9.19	Dunton Scarecrow Trail & Festival	Village Wide	TBA
28.9.19	Harvest Festival	Church	TBA
29.9.19	Grin and Beer It 8 Beer Festival as part of Dunton's Scarecrow Trail	March Hare	midday – 10.30 pm
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	TBA
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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27.6.19, pub games night, from 8.00 pm come and play or learn to play CRIB, Backgammon and other games

27.6.19 to 30.6.19, the finest gins in one place, throughout the weekend you will be able to take your taste buds on an expedition through an array of gins, favourites and new, including summer gins for the modern gin drinker

29.6.19, car treasure hunt commences from the march hare from 10.30am

29.6.19 & 30.6.19, pimm's will be available

29.6.19, sandy ukulele players will be playing a 60s and 70s sing along at 8.00pm. no charge, but ticket only event

30.6.19, from 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm our outside bar will be at dunton's big weekender 2019 fete

30.6.19, quiz night, from 7.30pm teams of up to 8 may play. in aid of raising money for next year's dunton big weekender. minimum donation of £3.50 per player

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Central Beds sees big swing to Independents

On 2nd May Dunton residents went to the polls to elect Central Beds Councillors. The results were as follows:

Potton ward

Wendy Bater	(Labour)	102
Daniel Cherry	(Labour)	166
Grant Fage	(Conservative)	375
Doreen Gurney	(Conservative)	440
Tracey Wye	(Independent)	2,151 (elected)
Adam Zerny	(Independent)	2,729 (elected)

Electorate 6,327
Voted 3,192

Turnout 50.1%

This was the second highest turnout of the 31 wards and was way above the average which was 35%.

Tracey and Adam attended the count at Priory House, Chicksands first thing the next day and watched as the Potton ward papers were counted.

Thank you to each and every one of you who voted for us, your support was hugely appreciated and I don't mind admitting we both found it a very emotional moment when the numbers were read out.

We are extremely grateful for your support and for the many heart-warming comments received in recent weeks. We look forward to working on your behalf.

Across Central Beds 13 Independents were elected. Prior to the election there were just three Independents on Central Bedfordshire Council and so there is now a big Independent voice.

Adam Zerny and Tracey Wye (Independent councillors for Dunton and Potton)



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