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Edition 9

Easter 2017

Chenisse Marie



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march hare homebrew
competition

we are hosting our very
first homebrew
competition.

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will judge the beers on
Saturday afternoon.



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3rd best brews of the day.

for those not inclined to brewing, please do
feel free to come to the march hare to give the
competitors support.

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this is not 'bake off' rather a 'brew-off' and
a bit of fun

get brewing and best of luck!

for further details and an entry form speak to
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Editors Janice Pritchett and Julie Hills

Editorial

Welcome to the Easter 2017 edition of the Dunton News. This is the 9th issue of Dunton News and so we are celebrating the first 2 years of Dunton News. We would like to thank the residents and organisations in Dunton for their continued support of Dunton News. We have enjoyed editing your articles.

The photograph on the front cover was taken by our resident photographer, Chenisse Marie Matthews

Easter is a time to put that spring back in your step and go and explore the great outdoors after the confinements of winter, whether it be walking, gardening, jogging or cycling, once accomplished what could be more rewarding than a lovely cup of tea/coffee or a tippie of your choice with a great big slice of chocolate cake. Chocolate drip cakes are very fashionable right now so why not have a go and make your own. See recipe on page 22.

Village activities in June includes 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.

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

<p>All copy and advertising for inclusion in the June 2017 edition must be emailed to janice@themarchharedunton.co.uk or jules_wrangles@yahoo.co.uk by 6.5.2017</p>
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Dunton Recreation Ground

Those of you who walk around the Recreation Ground will have noticed the improvements that have taken place. The hedgerows on the south and east sides have been cut back and cleared of all rubbish and the concrete blocks left around the park area have been broken up and removed. Our thanks go to the many volunteers who assisted the committee members in achieving this, including Adam Lee, Martin Spring, Daniel Eaton, and Phil Albone. Also, our thanks to Stuart Fardell who repaired the north side fencing, following damage by vandalism.

In the play area a new improved safety entrance to the large slide was installed by Daniel Spring Carpentry. The exterior to the clubhouse has been improved by repainting the woodwork and installing new windows in the changing rooms, thanks to kind support by Amos Brand and WeatherBreak Windows.

There is still a large programme of improvements to all aspects of the recreation ground, to which we trust all will be appreciative and help the committee by keeping the area clear of litter, so all can enjoy the facilities available.

The Clubroom remains available to hire for parties or group activities at the very reasonable rate for Dunton residents or organisations of £6.00 for the first hour, and £3.00 for subsequent hours; for further information please contact Eileen Bone.

On Sunday 18th June we will be holding a fete as part of the Dunton's Big Weekender event. The fete will include children's races and competitions, stalls, a barbeque and a real ale tent, with teas and cakes in the pavilion. If you would like to be involved, or would like to have a stall, or a car boot sale, please contact Eileen or Arnold on 01767 315350.

Arnold and Eileen Bone

Dunton Folk 2017

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22nd April	The BeauBowBelles
20th May	Sunjay
17th June	Tim Edey
23rd September	Jack Rutter and Greg Russell
28th October	Kara and The Foxglove Trio
18th November	Cardboard Fox
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13 March 2017

Shackleton's Forgotten Men by Debbie Horsman

10 April 2017 – (Note meeting to start at 7.30pm)

AGM and Puzzle Evening

8 May 2017

Western Herbal Medicine by Kate Rouse

12 June 2017

The Evil Sheriff of Bedford by Amanda Goody

10 July 2017 (AFTERNOON)

Afternoon Trip to Henry Moore Studios and Gardens

14 August 2017

Summer Party – Boule Competition – Drinks and Nibbles

11 September 2017

Taster Evening or Quiz TBC

9 October 2017

American Rock and Roll of the 1950s by Joe Chapman

13 November 2017

Pottery Evening with Sally Strong

11 December 2017

Christmas Celebration in Dunton Church

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

Visitors are always welcome

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Dunton Parish Council

We are holding a Great Britain Spring Clean Event on Saturday 4th March 2017 to remove litter from the footpaths and pavements in Dunton. Please come and join in, we meet at 10am at the Pavilion, Horseshoe Crescent and will be giving out litter pickers and waste bags to use to collect the litter. All volunteers will be given an area of the village to litter pick. Refreshments will be provided free of charge for volunteers at the Pavilion at the end of the event.

Dunton Parish Council are buying a large bag of mixed spring flower bulbs and need help planting them in the verges around the village. Date and times in early autumn are to be confirmed, but if you would like to be involved, please contact Dunton Parish Clerk, Mandy Howard, on 01462 735220.

With the warmer weather and the new growing season almost upon us, please could we request that hedges and bushes are trimmed back so that they do not obstruct the pavements and footpaths making it difficult for pedestrians and individuals with disabilities to use.

Mandy Howard, Dunton Parish Council Clerk

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1st. Sunday	9.30 am Parish Eucharist
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 SERVICES @ ST. MARY'S

Wednesday 1 st March	7.30 pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist
Sunday 26 th March	10.30 am Mothering Sunday Service
Sunday 9 th April	Palm Sunday Pilgrimage to Wrestlingworth
Thursday 13 th April	7.30 pm Lord's Supper at Wrestlingworth
Friday 14 th April	2.00 pm Holy Hour
Sunday 16 th April	9.30 am Easter Day Parish Eucharist

Dunton and Wrestlingworth C of E Lower School

It is a useful time to bring you up to date with the workings of the Dunton and Wrestlingworth Governing Body. It is a full year since we appointed Mrs Sheehan, initially as acting Head and then, after a full and rigorous interview, as substantive Head Teacher.

Last year we decided to reduce the number of committees and instead have two full meetings each term (in the past we had held one meeting plus a number of committee meetings). We do, of course have a Finance meeting every term just before the full meeting, and have available a number of governors who can come together to make decisions on particular issues that may arise.

However, this structure means that the whole Governing Body feel more informed and involved in the whole business of the school. All Governors have subject links which they take opportunities to discuss with the relevant members of staff and at times make presentations to the whole Governing Body. For example, last year we had presentations on Maths, English and Early Years. Many of the Governors also have class links and are able to come in and see the children working (of course all our Governors are DBS cleared).

We also did a skills audit last year and I am happy to say that we have a very strong range of skills and knowledge on the Governing Body. The only slightly weaker area is our knowledge of local businesses, so if you are involved in businesses within Dunton or Wrestlingworth, please let us know. We would love to build up links with the schools.

In 2016 Mrs Sheehan held a consultation day last year to look at the vision, strengths and areas for development. This informs our School Development Plan.

Dunton School is facing quite a turbulent year with the prospect of two new classrooms being built to replace the 'temporary' classrooms which have become quite a fixture in the school. . Mrs Sheehan gave an opportunity for parents and neighbours to look at the plans during January. There will be more information for everyone once the plans are finalised and the tendering process is complete.

I hope this is helpful in letting you know a little of our work and structure.

From Chair of Governors- Lynne Monck

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

On the 28th November 2016 and 23rd January 2017 at the March Hare representatives of many of the village organisations and individuals met to discuss a village show in June. It will be an extended weekend and the dates will be Thursday 15.6.17 to Sunday 18.6.17 and it will be a celebration of Dunton where the village will be a hive of activity. Dunton's Big Weekender should bring everyone in the village together and all should have a great time. In the main the event 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 Events

Event	Where?	Time
Dunton Lower School Annual summer fayre	Dunton Lower School	Friday afternoon
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	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, 5 aside football, stalls, OSCAR	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon
Songs of Praise in the Church	St Mary Magdalene Church	Sunday afternoon

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	March Hare	Sunday evening

Refreshments

Refreshments	Where?	Time
Tea, coffee & cakes	Village hall	Saturday morning
Pimms and real ale	March Hare	Midday onwards on Saturday and Sunday
March Hare Outside Bar	St Mary Magdalene Church	Saturday evening
Hare Beer Bunch Real Ale Tent & BBQ	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon
Pavilion Bar	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon
Maynards Ice Cream	Recreation Ground	Sunday afternoon

If you are interested in joining us to develop Dunton's Big Weekender our meetings will continue to be held in the March Hare on the 4th Monday of each month at 8.00 pm and include 27.3.17, 24.4.17 and 22.5.17. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Is there anyone or an organisation out there who would be able to sponsor the printing of the Big Weekender's programme?

For further information contact the editors, Julie Hills and Janice Pritchett.

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is a health hazard to others, principally children, and of course, unsightly. If dogs continue to leave excrement in the village, it can upset other villagers. For those individuals who do not carry a bag with them, please do so and pick up the excrement left by your dog and place in one of the bins provided in the village for that purpose.

Central Bedfordshire Council U-turn on bus cuts is good news for Dunton

Public pressure has resulted in a u-turn on a Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) to cut bus services in Potton, Dunton, Sutton, Wrestlingworth and Everton

Back in October, CBC voted to remove subsidies to bus services to the 188 and 190 routes which connect Potton and the surrounding villages to Biggleswade, Sandy and Hitchin. At the time CBC said it could only defend half the existing services. I highlighted that a 50% cut would have major repercussions for those who rely on the buses to get to work and see friends.

I invited CBC officers to our area to talk to people about the bus services and why they are so important. This they agreed to do in January. However, since then I have witnessed huge numbers of emails sent to the council requesting it rethink the decision and criticising it for the lack of consultation beforehand.

And so when CBC officers did attend the public meeting in Potton last month, they announced the council had been able to keep pretty much all the existing services.

Since then I've been trying to get hold of the revised timetable to see for myself. I have now seen them.

The main change is that the last service each way on the 188/190 service is to be removed. CBC insists these services had few passengers. I still believe it is wrong that any services are removed at a time when the area is being forced to absorb more housing.

There is still time to comment and I will be happy to pass all feedback to CBC. Please let me know if you are affected.

The full bus timetables are linked to my current email newsletter, so if you don't already receive it, please email me at adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk

Adam Zerny



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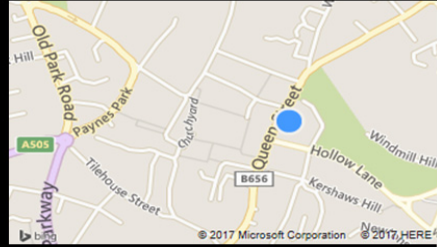
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Dunton Community Garden Events 2017

March	Saturday 18th	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon	
April	Saturday 22nd Note: 4 th Sat. of the month	Coffee morning from 10.30am PLUS Spring Tidy Up Open volunteering day until approx. 4pm (TBC)	Come for a coffee or pitch up and pitch in with our spring tidy up. All kinds of jobs for all abilities. You don't have to be a gardener. Complimentary lunch for helpers
	Thursday 27th	AGM 7.30pm at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Dunton	All welcome
May	Friday 19th	Plant sale & coffee morning from 10.30am - 12.30pm	Launch of pumpkin & sunflower growing competitions. Plants for sale
	Saturday 20th	Plant sale & coffee morning from 10.30am - 12 Noon	As for Friday, but with extra children's activities
June	Saturday 17 th as part of Dunton's Big Weekender (Thursday 15 th to Sunday 18 th)	Afternoon picnic and fun activities	Bring your own picnic. Children's activities will be provided by Dunton Youth Club. More details to follow
July	Saturday 15 th	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon, preceded by Bird Walk for early birds. Meet at the garden at 8am	Bird walk leader: Frank James
August	Saturday 19th	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon	
September	Saturday 16th	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon	
October	Saturday 14 th	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon	Note: 2 nd Saturday of the month
	Sunday 29th	Halloween event Time TBC	Pumpkin competition weigh-in & sunflower measuring. Details to follow
November	Saturday 18th	Coffee morning: 10.30am - 12 noon	
December	Sunday 10th	Stall at Dunton Church Xmas Fair	

Dunton Youth Club

Lauren and Ellie have made the decision to step away from the youth club, which they have run for the last 4 years.

Dunton Youth Club is a thriving organisation which sees children attending each week, who enjoy coming along and getting involved with the activities. We are looking for at least 2 volunteers (preferably 3) to take over the general running of the youth club. This includes opening up each week, setting up the equipment you choose to use that evening, supervising the children between 6.30 pm and 8.30pm, packing away and locking up the building. Outside of the club there will need to be some shopping to be done to stock the tuck shop and minimal time required to set up some activities, craft/cooking for example.

The current volunteers will stay on until the Easter break to show how we do things and ideas/tips we have come across over the years, although once the club has been taken over it will be completely up to the new volunteers how they run it. We need to find new volunteers in the next 2 weeks, in order for DBS checks to be completed.

If we don't get any volunteers we will have no option but to begin formal proceedings to permanently close Dunton Youth Club.

We really hope that we can find some people to continue with the great organisation we have created. We would like to invite anyone who may be interested, to come along to any of the youth club sessions between now and 14th March to see what we do and ask any questions you may have before committing to the role. The volunteers do not have to be parents so please share with anyone over 18 that you feel may be interested. Any queries please contact Lauren 07724 755494.
Lauren Kemp

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Chocolate Drip Cake by Karen

Classic chocolate cake

200g unsalted butter
200g caster sugar
3 medium eggs
200g self-raising flour
60g good cocoa powder
2 tablespoons milk

1. Grease and line 2 18 cm round tins. Preheat oven 180c, fan 160c, gas 4.
2. Put all dry ingredients into a mixing bowl and mix well, then add the rest of the ingredients and mix thoroughly for about 3 mins. Your mixture should be lovely and silky.
3. Divide between the tins and bake on the middle shelf for 25/30 minutes. Allow to cool in the tins for 3 minutes before turning out.

Buttercream

300g unsalted butter
600g icing sugar
60g cocoa powder (I also melt some chocolate as well)

1. Put all ingredients into a mixing bowl and mix until lovely and smooth. You should have no lumps. If using melted chocolate as well make sure it has cooled down before adding to your creamed mix.
2. Sandwich the 2 cakes together with some buttercream and put in the fridge to set, once set cover the whole cake in buttercream (it's best when your cake is still cold). Smooth it with a cake scraper or a pallet knife. When you're happy put back in fridge for at least an hour. Your buttercream is set when you tap your finger onto it and it comes away clean.
3. Melt some chocolate of your choice and keep hot. Take your cake out of the fridge and with a teaspoon drizzle the melted chocolate on the edge of the cake. The chocolate should run down and set. Continue all around the cake.
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Hare Beer Bunch

As readers of previous 'Dunton News' may recall the Hare Beer Bunch (HBB) is an informal group of real ale and pub enthusiasts. We are based, as the name suggests, at our own Dunton local the March Hare, where members of the HBB can very often be found enjoying an excellent pint or two and talking nonsense about beer and anything else that comes to mind. On the second Monday of every month, at 8.00 pm, we attempt to take things a little more seriously and hold a meeting at the March Hare, where sterling efforts are made to agree upon and organise beer related events.

Successes since the last published article include our 2016 annual barbeque and our ever popular Christmas social, both at the March Hare. In January we returned to the Straw Bear Festival in Whittlesea, suffice is to say the 20 or so of us that made this trip enjoyed a great day out, followed by a fantastic evening at the March Hare. More recently we were delighted to again support the winter beer festival, 'because the beer won't drink itself' here at the March Hare.

Our excursions and events are not solely for HBB members – all are welcome. The next trip is planned for Saturday 13th May, when we hope to organise a visit to Bury St Edmunds. Many of us will be taking the opportunity to sample the best pubs that the city has to offer, but there is no compulsion to come to all or even any of these – there are, as I understand it, numerous, shops, restaurants, and sights to be enjoyed, as well as the pubs. More details will be available at the March Hare very soon.

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The Good Old Days of Dunton

Picture this summer view of Dunton. Lee's meadow now Lees Close were full of Buttercups, Cowslips, Daisies, Dog Daisies, Scabias, Tom Thumbs and Totty Grass, Bath's field was a golden carpet of cowslips and buttercups. White's hedgerow was decked with Kings and Queens. Lees meadow, now Greenfield Way produced Bethlehem Stars. Periwinkles were found in Cambridge Road and violets adjacent to Biggleswade Road. Where have all the flowers gone?

During the 1930s the main cereal crops grown around Dunton were wheat, barley and oats. Shire horses still worked on farms. During harvest time, the horse keeper, would rise at 5.30 am to feed the horses at 7.00 am. Boys would leave school at 14 years of age to work at the local farms. During harvest time, young boys, aged 11 yrs – 12 yrs helped with the harvest. Farm workers ate their 'baver' between 9.20 am and 10.00 am. A baver was a packed breakfast. Horses were harnessed three abreast with a young boy riding on the middle horse. The horses were 'geared up' to a 'binder'. The horses were controlled by the man sitting on the binder. There was another set of three horses and they were changed every two to three hours.

Harvesting commenced with a couple of men mowing a 6 foot 'swathe' round the edge of the field with a scythe. The corn was gathered and tied into sheaves by hand. The horses and binder would then cut the field.

When the field was partially cut, three men would start 'stooking' They would have two rows each and six rows would make one stook. Stooks were when the sheaves stood upright. Stooks in Bedfordshire were known as 'shocks'. After the sheaves had stood for two weeks they were made into stacks in the stackyard. To make a stack a bed of straw was laid to protect the sheaves from the damp ground. One man 'jacked' the sheaves to the 'stack builder' who bound the sheaves in after the outside row of sheaves had been laid. When the stack was finished, it would be thatched

with straw from the previous harvest by a contractor from Wrestlingworth. The thatch would keep the sheaves dry. Lengths of 3 foot long hazel called 'spits' were placed into the thatch. Sheaves were set at an angle about two feet apart so that water did not filter into the stack. String secured the thatch.

During the winter months, the corn stacks were thrashed. The thrashing machine was called a 'drum.' The straw was either stacked, cut into chaff or baled. The appropriate machine was placed behind the drum. A tractor was placed at the front of the drum, with a pulley and a lone wide belt. This was used to drive the drum. Three men stood on the corn stack to pass down the sheaves and two men on the drum. One to cut the string, the other to feed the sheaves into the machine.

Straw needed for bedding was carried on an elevator to a stack, which three men built.

Chaff required as animal feed was cut with the 'chaff cutter' behind the drum. One man would feed the machine and two to three men would transport the chaff in hessian sacks to the store. They carried these full hessian sacks on their backs up a ladder and tipped them into the 'chaff house.'

Surplus straw was baled into large rectangular bales weighing about 50 kilos, tied with wire and sold to straw merchants.

One or two men would weigh each sack of corn and then carrying it on their backs to the corn barn, where it would wait for the millers to pick it up.

The 'cavings man' would rake out all of the short pieces of straw from the drum and either carry it away or make a pile of it by the side of the drum.

It was the job of young boys to find and kill with a stick, mice and rats who had made their homes in the corn stack.

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Paul and Wendy

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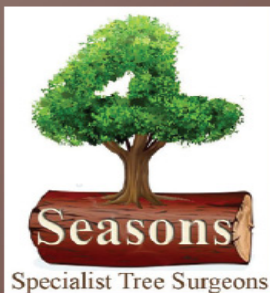


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