

## D U N C H U R C H VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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#### Welcome 2021

uring our two years of publications, we have been delighted with the support and feedback of other groups and individuals in the village who have contributed interesting and informative articles for all to enjoy. It has been particularly rewarding to be able to provide an outlet for the free advertising of other community groups, not only in the magazine but also our Facebook page, website and members' newsletter. In fact, printing and delivery of the magazine is only possible thanks to those businesses who have placed paid advertisements and we thank them for their continued support.

Sadly, Covid has brought restrictions and the demise of some of the social occasions we would normally have included. Despite this, our community has managed to stay connected and as we continue to work our way through this pandemic, we should remain mindful of others who may feel isolated and not have access to the benefits of social media.

As Reverend Pat so eloquently puts in her article, the effects of a small act must not be underestimated. Simply picking up a phone and checking in with someone who may be isolating can bring so much pleas-

ure to an otherwise boring and lonely day. Let's commit to doing this and continue to look out for others, no matter what challenges 2021 may present.

Happy New Year everyone. Let's hope it brings health, peace and a returned freedom for all of us.

#### Winter Wonderland Windows

We certainly finished 2020 on a high with lots of initiative shown by our village friends and neighbours.

Seventy properties took part, raising money for the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG), and all over the village windows were decorated, and properties were adorned with lights. A map split into two separate routes, pinpointed every participating property and was uploaded onto the FODS Facebook

page, website and sent out to members in our newsletter. Those participating were also able to request a personalised children's letter and poem from Santa and



No parking fine here!



Winning entry on the Gold Route



Winning entry on the Red route



A chilly scene on the Gold route



Voted most popular by the children



A Christmas window

over 70 were individually addressed and delivered by hand, creating a little extra magic for those who received one.

We have received wonderful feedback and requests for this event to be repeated. Who are we to disappoint? You can look forward to December 2021 when once again, with the help of

the community, we will be bringing some extra sparkle to the village and this time, raising money for the Dunchurch entry into Britain in Bloom 2022.

Thanks to everyone



As the two Ronnies would say 'Fourcandles!'

who took part and to those who donated to the CCLG in memory of Fred Bennett. We are waiting to hear just how much was raised and will let you know in due course.



#### Santa's story time

In the four days leading up to Christmas, Santa took time out from his very busy schedule to read four bedtime stories by Zoom. Those

who signed up (there were 100 places available) were able to enjoy Stick Man, Elmer's Christmas, Mog's Christmas and on Christmas Eve, the wonderful poem, The Night Before Christmas. We are delighted to say, Santa will once again join us in December 2021 to bring more story time fun to the little people in our village. Hopefully, with more advanced notice, many more will be able to enjoy this very special treat.

We send our special thanks to Santa for 'Zooming' to Dunchurch, all the way from Lapland. The line was so clear, you could almost believe he was already in the village!

#### A special Christmas message

To the delight of young and old, our special canine friend, Woody the school dog recorded a Christmas message on our Facebook page. Woody's messages to Dunchurch are fast becoming what

the Queen's Christmas message is to the Nation! Thank you Woody, our furry, FODS friend



#### **Britain in Bloom**

Sadly, due to the continued uncertainty around the pandemic, Britain in Bloom has once again been postponed until next year. However, it has been replaced with the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Community Awards for which, as a last time winner, Dunchurch has been invited to participate and we have accepted this honour. These awards will be entirely digital and FODS will need to submit our entry by written form, photos and video.

There are five categories in total and we may enter a maximum of three. The categories are:

- I. Nourishing your community
- 2. Planting with purpose
- 3. Nature friendly gardening
- 4. Green solutions, and
- 5. Cultivating your community.

Over the next weeks, we will be finalising our three categories but regardless of what they are, we will need to add to our list of volunteers. This is an exciting opportunity for people of all ages, especially at a time when we are all looking for safe ways to keep ourselves occupied.

We would particularly like to add to our list of helpers for the Hall Close Orchard project, (this is likely to be included in our submission to the RHS Community Awards), and for volunteers

to mow the central greens near the crossroads. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to help out when you can and a desire to be part of a very friendly team. We will of course be abiding by any socially distancing regulations. Please email us for more information or to register as a volunteer.

#### Tree planting

We are grateful to David Harris who has donated to FODS, eight sweet chestnut trees for planting in the village. Three of them will be planted on the site of the village sports field (our thanks to the Village Hall Trustees for granting permission) and the others are destined for The Heath. Already 6–7ft high, they will make a welcome addition to both sites and would fit nicely into the RHS Community Awards category of Green Solutions.

#### **And finally**

As the vaccine rolls out, we hope we will have a new freedom to resume previously 'mothballed' projects such as our blooming barrows scheme and provision of hanging baskets. Over the coming weeks, we will be planning lots more to include in our Community Awards entry. This will be communicated on our FODS Facebook page, (it was great to 'smash' through the 1,000 members figure on Christmas Eve), on our

website and in our members newsletter. If you have not already signed up to receive the latter, (it not only provides information on FODS activities but also promotes other village organisations as well), email us and we will keep you right up to date with all of the latest village news.

In the meantime, stay safe and well everyone. Let's hope springtime brings us sunshine and by our next issue in June, we have even more reasons to celebrate living in our beautiful village.

#### Thank you

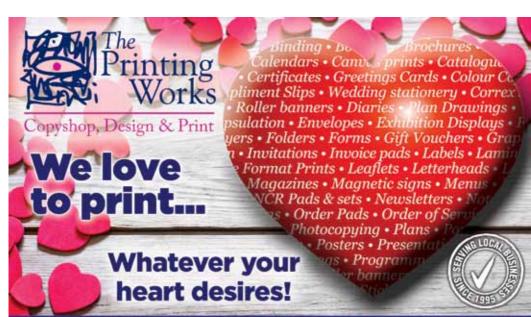
Not so much 'The Likely Lads' but definitely the very likeable lads!

Hiding behind their masks are Phill and Matt. These are the good guys who in all sorts of inclement weather, climb ladders to put the small Christmas trees above the shops and properties in the village. In January, they began the



task of removing them and environmentally disposing of them.

Thank you both. You really are 'treemendous!'



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#### Dunchurch Festival Group

By Rob Collings

n Sunday 6th
December, the
Dunchurch Christmas tree lights were
officially switched on by
Hattie Grey the current
Miss Dunchurch. Sadly, the

nativity play and celebrations normally performed by other village organisations to accompany the ceremony, could not go ahead due to current Covid restrictions. However, rather than cancel, it was decided that something should be done to mark the occasion and an impromptu ceremony was organised with just a few officials saying a few words to the delight of passers-by. Rev Patricia Townshend of St Peters Church and Baptist Minister Dave Woods (pictured below) provided short but sweet readings that were recorded and sent out to parishioners to start off the Christmas experience.





On the 14th and 15th December, a few Dunchurch Festival Group members walked around the village helping Father Christmas spread good cheer in these difficult times. Dressed as elves and with Santa in his sleigh, they visited many houses in the area collecting for Myton Hospice who are in much need of funding. Many children (and it has to be said, adults) were very excited to see Santa and his helpers who collected over £800 for such a good cause. In keeping with government limiting numbers for persons meeting outdoors, the elves - Wendy, Fiona, Amber and Nigel - did really well collecting donations in fishing nets so they could easily socially distance. The Dunchurch Festival Group would like to thank all those who donated.

May this year be a better one and hopefully enable us to hold our village fete on Saturday 26th June.

Happy New Year everyone.

#### **Dunchurch Parish Council**

#### by Gill Peacock, Clerk

ell, we are all still in this together as at the time of writing we are experiencing Lockdown 3! As you will know from the recent Government guidelines, I have not been able to resume going into the Parish Office, nor open the Community Library. However, I am still working from home and working on behalf of the community in Dunchurch, so it seems to be timely to say that if anyone needs any extra help or support, please don't hesitate to get in touch and I will try and help - contact details below. If you would like to contact a Councillor direct, all of their emails are available on the DPC website.

#### www.dunchurchpc.org/downloadcategory/declarations-of-interest/

Planning has taken up quite a lot of time and I am delighted that our newest Councillor, Paul Le Poidevin, is taking the lead on planning issues. The DPC is currently formulating a response to Application: R20/I026 – Units I & 2 Tritax Symmetry Site. As you may be aware, one of the most important tasks that the DPC does is to respond to a variety of planning applications each month which can usually be seen via the minutes on the DPC website and the Rugby Borough Council (RBC) Planning

Portal https://planning. agileapplications.co.uk/ rugby/search-applications

## Are you interested in the future of development in Dunchurch?

#### If so, we need you!

The DPC has also held Dunchurch Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings in the last couple of months and as I mentioned previously, it is really, really important in respect of future development in and around Dunchurch. Planning rules are changing and communities can set out what they want to see for the future of their community on planning matters. When the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is adopted by RBC, it is classed as a material consideration when considering planning applications.

We are also encouraging potential volunteers for the Dunchurch Community Speeding Group and if this is something that you would like to be involved in, please get in touch with me or one of the DPC Councillors.

The DPC has recently purchased a new oak noticeboard because the previous one was sinking into the ground as the wooden legs were rotten, and this will be installed shortly.

Finance is always a priority for the DPC, and details of income and expenditure can be found on the council website <a href="https://dunchurchpc.org/agendas-and-minutes.php">https://dunchurchpc.org/agendas-and-minutes.php</a>, together with the latest finance reports. The DPC has also set its budget for the financial year 2021/2022 and this can be viewed on the website or by contacting me for a hard copy.

The DPC has been holding Zoom Meetings each month and anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact me and I will send you the registration details. The new redesigned website contains much more information and we hope, will be a lot easier to navigate.

## **Dunchurch Parish Council Community Grants**

Applications for the Parish Council community grants are invited from community organisations in Dunchurch.

Applicants must be not-for-profit organisations with a constitution and a bank account, and which publish their accounts, where applicable. The grants applied for should show a benefit mainly to the residents of Dunchurch parish.

Applications not conforming to these criteria will not be considered.

Please obtain an application form (which explains the criteria in more detail) from the Clerk, Gill Peacock: email clerk@dunchurchpc.org and ensure it is received either by email or post at Dunchurch Library, School Street, Dunchurch, Warwickshire, CV22 6PA by Friday, 26th March 2021 at 5.00 pm. Applications will be considered at a DPC meeting and, if successful, paid in April 2021.

#### **CENSUS** 2021

#### Census day is 21st March 2021

The census is coming – Sunday 21st March. It's an easy to complete survey, and by filling in your census return you will help shape your community for the next ten years. There's a range of services to help you, including support in different languages and accessible guidance. For further information visit: www.census.gov.uk.

Your answers on the Census questionnaire will help form decisions about services that shape your community such as healthcare, education and transport.

The next full DPC Zoom meeting will be held on Monday, 8th March 2021, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Clerk: Gill Peacock, tel: 01926 814491 or 07474 705061. email clerk@dunchurchpc.org

Chair: Tracey Price email: tracey.price@dunchurchpc.org

## The next elections are on 6th May 2021 Stand for what you believe in!



#### **Become a Parish or Town Councillor**

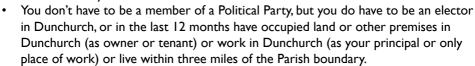
The best way to find out what it's like to be a Parish or Town councillor is to talk to someone who's doing it right now. Council meetings are open to the public, so come along to a Parish Council meeting (via Zoom now) and/or speak to one of our councillors to find out what they think about what they do, or contact the Clerk. You could also take a look at the DPC website <a href="https://www.dunchurchpc.org/download/dpc-meetings-in-2021">www.dunchurchpc.org/download/dpc-meetings-in-2021</a>

By becoming a Parish Councillor, you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance, and support as a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the community and the people that you will serve.

#### **Getting elected**

To stand for Election to a Parish Council, you must:

- Be a UK or commonwealth citizen; or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland:
- Be at least 18 years old;



#### What do Parish Councils do?

The Parish Council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the Parish of Dunchurch. It is the lowest and most important level of local government, and helps with the following:

- · planning matters
- · crime prevention
- roads, highways, and speeding
- it gives you the ability to negotiate with other decision-making organisations such as the borough, district, county or unitary councils, health authorities, police etc.
- · youth service and play areas
- · improvement of local area

### How much time does it take up?

Councils usually meet once a month for the council meeting to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings may last two or three hours, depending on what's on the list of items to discuss. In addition, between I-2 hours a week, to respond to emails and depending on how involved you would like to become.

## How long do I serve for as a Parish or Town Councillor?

Once elected, Parish or Town councillors sit on the council for four years. If they then want to stay in the post they can stand for re-election. This does not mean that you must stay for four years. If you find it's not for you, or you can no longer meet the commitment, you can stand down.

For more information, please contact the Clerk if you would like an informal chat on tel: 07474 705061 or email: clerk@dunchurchpc.org

#### Katherine Hancock MBE

or many years, Katherine has been known to most of us as friend, neighbour and adult leader of Girlguiding UK. However, in last year's New Honours list, it was Katherine's 27 years' service as a Special Constable that brought her due recognition.

Speaking of Katherine's MBE, Warwickshire Chief Constable Martin Jelley said:'I am delighted that Katherine's enormous contribution as a volunteer to policing in Warwickshire has been recognised with this award.'

Far from sitting back and enjoying this accolade, Katherine continues to be a key member of the force's Local Policing Command Team working on a variety of important issues, including working with the force's roads policing teams and carrying out activities to support national campaigns in relation to speed enforcement and wearing of seat belts.

Promoted in 2019 to Chief Officer of Warwickshire Police Special Constabulary, Katherine said of her award 'I am shocked, surprised and extremely happy to be awarded an MBE. I am very proud to have been a part of the Warwickshire Police family for the past 27 years and love every opportunity this brings to help others. I am privileged to lead the 91 Specials we have, who in 2020 have dedicated tens of thousands of hours of their time to help

protect people in our county. When I joined the Specials in 1993 I wanted to give something back to my community. I look forward to continuing to do this in both my Specials role and within



Girlguiding for many years to come.'

During Katherine's front line duties, there have been many highlights including coordinating support for The Ryder Cup, Warwickshire's 'Global Gathering' festival, the Queen's visit to Stratford-Upon-Avon and the Olympic Torch relay for which Katherine received two Chief Constable Commendations. However, one of Katherine's most important achievements was spearheading a campaign to raise £6,000 for a memorial stone at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Now in situ, this reads, 'In recognition of the dedication to duty by members of the Special Constabulary protecting and serving their communities and to commemorate those Specials who have died in service to their country.'

We add our voice of congratulations for Katherine's outstanding contribution, with perhaps just a little more pride knowing that she is a member of our own community, a neighbour and friend.

#### Have a wildlife-friendly garden where you live!

erhaps if we all have wildlife eco homes in our gardens it would not only be very interesting for us and our families but would help our local wildlife too.

Private gardens represent half of wildlife habitat in the UK. Our wildlife needs help from us.

Bees, hedgehogs and even sparrows are all in decline and by considering them when planting our flowers and shrubs we can help them.

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home as well as an attractive feature for our gardens.

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If you would like to have a Phill Freeman wildlife eco home email Phill directly – phillfreeman@talktalk.net



Phill's payment terms are cheque or cash upon delivery.

#### 'Lockdown' - a child's perspective

arely have we had a submission to our village magazine that goes right to your heart. This article is an exception and requires no further explanation.

#### By Emily aged 12 and Sophie aged 9

'Lockdown has changed lives for young people so much, we aren't even going to school. We think our teachers have done amazingly well to make our education as fun and as interesting as possible from home. We really miss seeing our friends but we are extremely grateful for technology like Zoom. We enjoy having video calls to catch up and play games but it's frustrating when it crashes!

We miss our grandparents, cousins, aunties and uncles. We are very lucky that our grandparents live nearby. We have been able to go on a few walks with them, but we really want to give them a big hug.

We were disappointed when our holidays were cancelled but we understood why. Now we are even more eager and excited to go on holiday when it is safe.

It is fun doing online clubs like Brownies, keyboard and violin lessons. It makes us feel happy that we have something sort of normal to do and that we have people that we know, going through the same things as us.

We have also been doing lots of outdoor activities including sledging when there was snow! We have been for lots of walks and sometimes it gets very muddy! Earlier in the first lockdown, we went on bike rides and walks to get our daily exercise. We feel that it is a good way to get active and it is also nice to see other people doing their walks and spreading smiles.

We have both always loved reading but now we are reading even more and our parents can't keep up on finding new books! We have been creative and have done arts and crafts, learning to knit and exploring new challenging recipes to bake. We grew our fruit and vegetables in the summer.

School has definitely become the hardest thing to work around but we can get through it. In the end we always find a positive.'



#### So that's who it was!

n our last issue and part I of our feature on Lord John, we asked 'who will he be?' We now know. The Dunchurch elves worked their magic and turned this now notorious statue into Peppa Pig. In doing so, our village was once again in the national press and TV news. Thank you

elves for keeping this tradition alive and for providing a link into part 2 of our 3 part history of the gentleman himself.



#### Lord John Douglas Montagu Douglas Scott (Part 2)

#### By Freda Bennett

On Saturday 7th January 1860, The Rugby Advertiser announced: 'Death of Lord John Scott.'

With much regret we have to announce the decease of this much respected nobleman. His health had become failing for some time past, and on Tuesday morning, the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst., he departed this life about half past two o'clock, a.m., at Cawston Lodge, his residence near Dunchurch. Lord John was an excellent Landlord and very popular with his tenantry and neighbours and his loss will be much felt. The family vault is at Warkton, near Kettering but he will be interred in the Chancel of the Parish Church, Dunchurch, at his own request, among his tenantry, on Wednesday next.'

On Saturday 14th January 1860, The Rugby Advertiser announced:

'Interment Of Lord John Scott

Wednesday, January the Eleventh, Eighteen hundred and Sixty, will long

be a memorable day in Dunchurch, and several other contiguous villages, as the day on which were conveyed to their long home, the mortal remains of a nobleman, universally respected. The usual quiet of the Village and neighbourhood were broken early in the day by persons passing rapidly to and fro, engaged in the all absorbing business of the day. The bells of the venerable church tower. gave a muffled solemn tone as though to speak of a more than commonly deep and heart-felt sorrow. The tenantry met by appointment at The Dun Cow Inn and proceeded at 12 o'clock to Cawston House. At half past twelve o'clock, the coffin, which was covered with black cloth having on it an engraved plate bearing the following inscription:

John Douglas Montagu Douglas Scott, third son of Charles William, Duke of Buccleuch and Queensbury Born 13<sup>th</sup> July 1809, died 3rd January 1860 was placed in a hearse, unadorned (by request) and was preceded by six dignitaries including S.B. Bucknill Esq., M.D., His Lordship's Medical Attendant and carried by eight pall bearers. His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, (Chief Mourner) followed with Lord Dalkeith, Earl of Courtown, Lord Walter Scott, Lord Charles Scott, The Hon. P.F. Cust, Lieut.-Col. J.F. Cust, Lord Romney, The Rev. E. Moore, Colonel Spottiswood, Viscount Sydney, Sir Hugh Hume Campbell, Archibald Gage, Esq., Mr. Nicholls, Mr. E. Eve (Steward) and the Servants of the

Then came the whole body of the Tenantry, who, at their own request, were

permitted to follow. The whole cortege numbered about 150 persons, including some gentlemen and tradesmen of Rugby. During the morning a heavy mist, in sombre and appropriate keeping with the occasion, hung all around. As the procession neared the village, the clouds gradually rolled away, as though to remind all of a brighter day to come. The church was crowded to excess. After the interment the coffin had been inspected by the relatives and friends of the deceased and the tenantry, persons were allowed to descend into the vault thus preventing the workmen from proceeding with their duty of closing the vault, so that it was not until late in the afternoon. the work was completed.'

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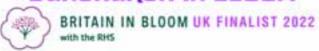
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Village Green House, The Green, Dunchurch, CV22 6NX. Tel: 07837 182114. Email: friendsofunchurch@gmail.com

#### DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM



#### FODSGARDENS PHOTOS ARE COMING BACK FOR 2021!

Let our gardens be enjoyed by the whole community

Following on from the success of last year's **FODSGARDENS** photos we are bringing this very popular project back for this Spring/Summer.

Spring is almost upon us!

So let's once again photograph our gardens, plants, trees, flowers, shrubs, vegetables and wildlife or even the village's public spaces and share them through Spring and into Summer.

Your photos will be shared in our FODS



enewsletters and will also be posted on FODS Facebook group page for all to enjoy as well as being part of the online **FODSGARDENS** photo gallery on the FODS website.

Please start taking your photos and email to Barb info@vghrugby.co.uk

Our first **FODSGARDENS** photos will be shared from **1st April** and will be displayed daily until the end of the Summer.

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Scotched egg covered with minced lamb.	Prawn with spinach cooked in spices & served in puri bread.
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Prawn Cocktail £4.25	King Prawn Bahar
Reshmi Kebab£4.75	and onions.  Garlic Chicken Tikka£4.95
Mince chicken shallow fried.	Chicken roasted in clay oven with garlic.
Tandoori Jhinga £6.95 Roasted king size prawns	CHEFS SPECIALITIES
Chicken Pakora £4.25 Chicken fried with batter and breadcrumbs	Khasia Lamb£8.50 Mouthwatering Madras- hot lamb, slowly simmered and
King Prawn Butterfly£5.95 King prawn in spicy batter with breadcrumbs, deep fried.	sliced with garlic and authentic herbs tip soft and melting.
Tandoori Combination	Masala Chom Chom£11.95 A hot spicy dish with shelled king prawns, infused with ginger, garlic, capsicum and chefs own aromatic spices.
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Tandoori Chicken (half on the bone) £7.50	Tawa £8.50 Tawa cooked with onion, green pepper, strongly spiced
Tandoori King Prawn£11.95	and herbs, served on a sizzling pan.
Chicken or Lamb Shashlick £7.95	A medium spiced bhuna dish served piping hot in a traditional
Tandoori Combination£9.95	Khorai dish, garnished with coriander & tomatoes.
Paneer Tikka (Indian Cottage Cheese) £8.50	Allergy Guide
Fish Tikka Biran (Cod)£9.95 Scottish Pink Salmon Tikka£11.95	If you suffer from food related allergies please inform us at the time of ordering.  Dairy Gluten Nuts V Veg

## TRADITIONAL MAIN COURSE

COUNT	
Prawn	£7.95
Chicken	
Lamb	
Chicken or Lamb Tikka	
Tandoori Chicken (Off the bone)	
King Prawn £	10.95
Keema (minced lamb)	£7.50
Paneer 0	
Mixed Vegetable V or Mushroom V	£7.50
Fish Tikka	£9.95
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All of the above items can be cooked using a sauce of your choice from the following selection:

#### CURRY

Basic medium spiced sauce.

KORMA 00

Very mild sauce cooked with coconut & almond,

MALAYAN @

Cooked with pineapple, in a mild smooth sauce,

BHOONA

Cooked with onions, green peppers, tomato & fresh herbs

DOPEAZA

Medium dish cooked with onions.

**ROGAN JOSH** 

Cooked with green herbs & spices, garlic, onions & tomatoes.

DANSAK

Cooked with lentils in a thick, hot, sweet & sour sauce.

PATHIA

Cooked with tomatoes, onion, fresh herbs & spices in a hot & sour sauce.

MADRAS

Cooked in a fairly hot spiced sauce.

SAAG WALLA

Cooked in garlic and spinach sauce.

VINDALOO

A very hot dish made from red chilli.

Any vegetable can be added to your dish, such as mushroom, potato, spinach, cauliflower, chick peas, bhindi, lentils, mixed vegetables and peas for an extra 65p.

#### **POPULAR BALTI DISHES**

The strength of these dishes can be prepared to taste. You can ask for mild, medium, slightly hot, madras or vindaloo hot.

Mixed Vegetable Balti V	£7.50
Keema Balti	£7.50
Chicken Balti	£7.50
Lamb Balti	£7.95
Chicken or Lamb Tikka Balti	
Tandoori Chicken Balti (Off the bone)	£8.50
Paneer Balti @	£8.50
Prawn Balti	
King Prawn Balti	£11.95
Fish Tikka Balti (Cod)	

#### CELEBRATION SPECIALITIES

Some fish dishes may contain bones	ILES
Sunar Bangla Mach	£9.95
Tandoori Trout Masala @ 0	
Rainbow trout cooked in a mild creamy sauce.  Roop Chand Masala	£9.95
Silver promflet fish cooked in a mild creamy sauce.  Fish Bengal Masala	
Bengal fish cooked in mild creamy sauce.  Murghi Masala (9 (9)	
Chicken cooked with mince lamb, egg and tomator	
Spicy but mild dish. Chicken/Lamb Tikka Masala @ 0	£8.50
Cooked in a mild, creamy sauce.	

Jhinga Zafron © 0.....£11.95 King prawn cooked in a mild sauce with zafron. Tandoori Murghi Chana Palak ......£8.50

Dakeswari £8.50
Lamb cooked in a spicy sauce. Slightly hot.
Badami ③ ④ £8.50

Chicken or Lamb cooked with various nuts and cream, a very mild dish.

Rajeswari.....£8.50

Chicken or Lamb cooked in a slightly hot sauce with plum tomatoes and cheese.

To suit your taste the next selection of dishes may be cooked with any of the following.

cooked with any of the following.	
Mixed Vegetables V	£7.50
Chicken	
Lamb	£7.95
Chicken or Lamb Tikka	
Tandoori Chicken Balti (Off the bone)	£8.50
Paneer 0	
Prawns	
King Prawns	
Fish Tikka (Cod)	
ZALFREZI	
	0.0

Cooked with capsicums, onion, fresh green chillies and fresh herbs in a hot sauce.

#### **ACHARI**

Cooked with homemade pickles, medium with tangy taste.

#### **GARLIC MASALA**

Cooked with garlic, spicy or medium

#### SOUTH INDIAN CHILLI MASALA

Cooked in a smooth, spicy hot sauce.

#### JAAL JHUL

Cooked Bengal style with garlic, cinnamno and herbs. Hot and spicy.

#### ROTHON MASALA @ 0

Cooked with fruit cocktail and cream, very mild dish.

#### KARAHI

Cooked with tomatoes, onion and capsicum, spicy medium dish.

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You may ask for a different strength sauce, madras, vindaloo, etc

Chicken	£8.95
Lamb or Prawn	£8.95
Chicken or Lamb Tikka	£9.95
Tandoori Chicken (off the bone)	£9.95
Paneer Tikka ①	£9.95
King Prawn	£10.95
Mixed Vegetables V	£8.95
Special Combination	£10.95
B	V

#### Persian or Malayan extra 65p. Extra Mushroom 65p

EUROPEAN DISHES
Following dishes are served with chips

Sirloin Steak	£13.95
Chicken Omelette	£9.95
Mushroom Omelette	£8.95
Prawn Omelette	£9.95
French Fried Chicken	£9.95
Fried Scampi	£9.95

#### **VEGETARIAN COURSE**

To accompany your main meal we have selected the following vegetable dishes. We recommend them to compliment the meat that you order.

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San	Side	Main
Saag Cream Mild 🖭		
Vegetable Bhajee V	£3.95	£7.50
Mushroom Bhajee V	£3.95	£7.50
Bombay Aloo V	£3.95	£7.50
Saag Bhajee V	£3.95	£7.50
Saag Paneer V 0	£3.95	£7.50
Aloo Gobi V	£3.95	£7.50
Vegetable Curry V	£3.95	£7.50
Saag Aloo V	£3.95	£7.50
Bhindi Bhajee V	£3.95	£7.50
Cauliflower Bhajee V	£3.95	£7.50
Tarka Dhall V	£3.95	£7.50
Chana Bhajee V	£3.95	£7.50
Mottar Paneer Mild 0	£3.95	£7.50
Baigon Bhajee V	£3.95	£7.50

#### RICE

Lemon Fried Rice	£2.95
Garlic Fried Rice	£2.95
Chilli Fried Rice	£2.95
Aloo Fried Rice	£3.50
Steamed Basmati Rice	£2.75
Pilau Rice	£2.95
Fried Rice	£2.95
Egg Fried Rice	£3.25
Vegetable Pilau Rice	£3.25
Special Pilau Rice	
Mushroom Pilau Rice	£3.25
Keema Pilau Rice	£3.50
Chana Pilau Rice	£3.25
Rothon Pilau Rice	£3.25

#### **NAAN & SUNDRIES**

Special Stuf	fed Naan O	@£3.50
		ces topped with
green chilli and	cheese.	

Stuffed Fruit Naan @ @	£3.50
Naan bread stuffed with small p	pineapple pieces,
giving it a fruity taste.	

giving it a fruity taste.	
Naan @ @	£2.75
Keema Naan O O	£3.25
Garlic Naan @ @	£2.95
Peshwari Fruits & Nuts Naan @ @ @.	£3.25
Kulcha Naan @ @	£2.95
Cheese Naan @ @	£3.25
Chilli Onion & Coriander Naan @ @	£2.95
Tandoori Roti @	£2.25
Paratha @	£2.95
Stuffed Paratha @	£3.25
Chapathi @	£1.95
Puri ③	£1.95
Raitha O	£2.50
Popadom	£0.90
Masala Popadom	£0.95
Chutneys/Pickles	£0.70
Tamarind Sauce	£0.70
Selection of Chutneys	£1.95
Chips	£3.25

#### **TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR DINING IN**

Each person must order atleast one main course; Only one promotional discount/voucher can be used per group/table; Promotions cannot be used in conjunction with other offers; Vouchers are not valid on Friday, Saturday, Bank Holidays, Valentines Day, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Eve or New Years Day.

#### **Dunchurch Allotment Association**

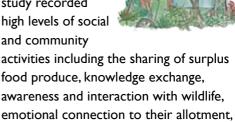
#### By Paul Sanders

t was one of those dull, cold and dank lanuary days when I visited the allotments to sort out a few maintenance tasks. You would expect that in such a bleak and misty day there would be no one tending their plot, but wrong, there was Richard turning over his soil with spade and another Richard doing the same with a motorised cultivator. Across the fields Dave was striding out no doubt having just harvested a few parsnips for Sunday dinner.

For many people the allotments in Dunchurch have become a haven during lockdown, giving some semblance of normality. In a recent study published in the British Food Journal the authors found that evidence is emerging about the wide range of social and environmental benefits 'grow your own' can provide. Allotmenteering can increase mental and physical well-being, as well as improving nature connectedness, social capital and community cohesion. Participants in the

study recorded high levels of social and community

around them.



It is possibly that the desire to be in the great outdoors has prompted the unprecedented rise is the number of people requesting an allotment. In April 2020 Dunchurch Allotments had two people on the waiting list; by January 2021 this had risen to twenty two.

appreciation of time spent outside and

aesthetic delight in the natural world

At a time when waiting lists for allotment plots in the United Kingdom are on the rise, and allotment land is subject to multiple pressures from other forms of development, the British Food Journal study demonstrates that these spaces are important sites not only for food



production but also for health, social capital and environmental engagement.



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#### The alarming rise of allergies

llergies are becoming more common and, according to the NHS, affect more than one in four of the UK population. It is particularly concerning that a large increase has been seen in cases involving children.

After Natalie, from Dunchurch, discovered her daughter Ella had anaphylactic food allergies, she made it her mission to raise awareness about life-threatening allergies and encourage us all to take steps to ensure those living with allergic disease are kept safe, healthy and happy.

## Allergy training for nurseries, schools and clubs

Natalie launched The Allergy Badge two years ago. It started life as a colourful range of allergy alerts – pin badges, lunchbox stickers and t-shirts – all designed to give parents some peace of mind when leaving their children in someone else's care.



More recently The Allergy Badge has also become an accredited training provider after Natalie qualified as a trainer. The business offers online/on-

site courses to
nurseries, schools,
clubs — even
parents who
might just be
starting their
allergy journey.
All courses
(excluding
parent
sessions) provide

attendees with a Vocational Training Qualification (VTQ), which is fully recognised by HSE, CPD certified and endorsed through Skills for Care.

The courses cover everything from how to use an auto-injector through to mental health and wellbeing. As a mum who lives it every single day, Natalie is extremely passionate about sharing her knowledge to help create safe, inclusive environments for anyone trying to live their best life with an allergy. Visit theallergybadge.com, instagram @theallergybadge.com if you'd like any more information or think it may be useful for your school or nursery.

Our thanks to Natalie for providing information for this article and for working to make a difference to the lives of others. We wish her every success in the future

#### Know your village

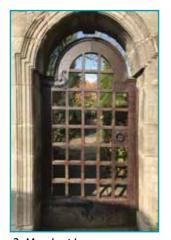
an you identify where in Duchurch these highly visible items are located? Answers are on page 35.



I.A giant teapot



2.A milestone or mounting block



3. Metal grid gate



6.The Millenium time capsule



4.A large golden bird (special appearance by Walter the crow!)



5. A FODS bug box



7.A blue plaque



8.Ye olde water pump

## Owners of graves in St Peter's churchyard

If you are concerned about the condition of a grave or headstone in the churchyard — it might need clearing of vegetation, levelling, cutting back grass or just cleaning of the headstone — let us know. The St Peter's gardening team (all volunteers) will be happy to take a look and discuss your needs. All we ask is a modest donation to the churchyard fund. Contact Chris Sarson on 01926 632408 or at candjsarson@btinternet.com.

#### Dunchurch Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers



We meet on a week night during term time and have a fantastic programme that we work from. This gives GIRLS aged 5–18 years the chance to have fun, make new friends, learn new skills, go to new places and challenge themselves in a safe environment. Badges can be earned for their achievements. There is a wide variety of experience gained from being part of a large female-only organisation. Girls are encouraged to choose what they would like to do from the available programme. There is only a small weekly fee to pay plus an annual insurance.

Come along and see what we do by emailing: www. girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/ register-your-daughter and look for units near you. We look forward to hearing from you soon.



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#### **Doctors in Dunchurch**

#### Part 8: Changes

By Dr John Airlie Hunter, Dunchurch GP 1963-1998, and Dr Ian Czerniewski, Dunchurch GP since 1991

he prefabricated leasehold surgery behind the Dun Cow which had seemed so modern in 1967 had become dated by the eighties and new premises were needed. The doctors had to locate and finance a site and satisfy the Health Authority (to meet modern standards of provision), the patients (location and access) and of course local planners (and neighbours).

Dr Blundstone, the senior partner who had established the old surgery, once again led the laborious and protracted process of developing the new one. After numerous false starts and dashed hopes, a site was finally secured at Dunsmore Heath keeping the practice at the heart of the village, only a stone's throw from the previous premises. (The new surgery is in the left background of the demolition picture.)

Although foundations had been laid and construction begun, the project was sad-



Demolition on Rugby Road 1992



The new surgery in 1991

ly not completed before

Dr Blundstone's retirement in 1991. Like his predecessors, Dr Blundstone worked in Dunchurch for almost all of his career and his retirement dinner at Bilton Grange School, where he was Medical Officer, was a celebration of over 36 years as a respected family doctor and valued colleague. He was a quiet and reserved man, ready to listen and consider, unfailingly courteous and respectful and always impeccable in appearance. He delivered many residents of Dunchurch,

knew almost everyone and was widely trusted for his clinical skill and integrity. He was admired by his colleagues as an effective and exemplary senior partner. As well as full-time medicine and alternate nights on-call throughout his career and



Dr Blundstone in 1995

his devotion to his family, Dr Blundstone also found time to be the master of a Masonic Lodge and an accomplished and popular local golfer. He died in 2004 but is fondly remembered and mentioned by patients to this day.

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#### School news

#### By Ian Dewes, Executive Headteacher

t the time of writing both Dunchurch Infants and **Dunchurch Boughton** Juniors have had to make rapid adjustments in line with government COVID guidelines. Overnight, we were instructed to close to all children other than those who are considered vulnerable and those who have a parent who is a critical worker. This is still a fairly high number of pupils - over a third have attended each day. In addition, the nursery remains open at the infants to all pupils whose parents would like them to attend. I am very grateful to all of the staff for adapting to the changes so quickly. As well as catering for the pupils still attending, a lot of work has gone into providing remote learning for those pupils not in school. My hope is that by the time you read this, life will be closer to normality.

This will be the last time I write for the Friends of Dunchurch magazine as I leave the village schools at Easter. Since January I have been working parttime in a new role in Derby alongside Dunchurch, but I will move to my new job full-time at the end of the term. I will be sad to leave Dunchurch. I began working in Dunchurch in 2012 and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the two schools. Dunchurch has a true village feel and a strong sense of community, at a time when many villages have lost this. Walking to the schools from my home in Rugby I have noticed that people avoid eye contact and trudge past consumed in their own world, until I get past Sainsbury's when people start saying 'good morning' as you pass them. In the village there is an awareness of others and a willingness to engage with them. Thank



those in the village who have made me feel so welcome during

#### Farewell Ian

my time here.

We would like to send thanks and add our good



wishes to Ian Dewes as he moves on to pastures new. Ian has been a great supporter of all aspects of our village life but a particularly good friend to FODS. Since its inception. lan has contributed to each issue of our magazine and of course, who could forget the school's enthusiastic involvement in our successful entry into Britain in Bloom. We wish lan every success in his new role and send thanks to him for his most generous support.

We now looking forward to working with Tracy Miller, Interim Executive Headteacher, and we wish her every success in her new role.

#### The Act of Remembrance

ovember's Act of Remembrance was a much smaller, socially distanced event. Lasting only 15 minutes, the occasion still managed to capture the solemnity of the occasion as Paul Smith read out the names of the 'fallen' and a lone trumpeter sounded the Last Post.

To the backdrop of St Peter's Church and the beautiful knitted poppies that decorated The Square, several wreaths were laid, some of which were from the younger members of our village.

These included Girlguiding, Scouts and a beautiful hand made wreath from the Rugby Montessori Nursery School. Others were from the Parish Council, The Royal British Legion and FODS. There

was also a number of beautifully painted stones added to the growing collection, one of which had been painted by Gayle Cigdem, Harold Read's daughter in remembrance of her father who had sadly died earlier in the year. Harold of course never missed the occasion, always smartly turned out in his British Legion uniform.

The entire service was streamed live on St Peter's Facebook page, so it could be followed from home.

After the main event, a very small party moved



Recycled bottles on the door of St Peter's Church



Wreath made by the Rugby Montessori Nursery children



Stone painted by Gayle Cigdem, in remembrance of her father Harold Read

to the Halifax Bomber Memorial on The Heath where two further wreaths were laid. The first by Roger Higggerson

on behalf of himself and David George, founders of the memorial and the second by Paul Waller on behalf of FODS. FODS laid a further wreath at the thatched bus shelter which is a memorial specific to the second world war.

#### We've pulled out all the stops!

#### The restoration of St Peter's Church pipe organ

#### By Nicky Lowe and Joan Wade

any readers will remember the photo in the March 2020 magazine of Richard Young and Tristan Moore (from the organ builders and restorers R & S Young of Bilton) sitting inside the casing of the organ in St Peter's church. They were in the process of removing the complex network of 900 organ pipes for restoration and re-tuning.

This photo shows the organ in all its restored glory, being played by deputising organist Director of Music Peter Lock. He comments that:

"The organ has been wonderfully restored, refurbished, regulated and carefully tuned by R & S Young. The metal pipes had been severely damaged during the first 48 years of life, affected by seasonal temperature changes. For music by Bach, Mozart and Buxtehude, the organ is a joy to play, very versatile in its range of tones, including an impressive array suitable for wedding music. Carefully maintained, it should last 50 to 60 years."

The successful restoration of this masterpiece Grant, Degens & Bradbeer Tracker organ is due to the generosity of many members of the church and wider community and grants from charitable trusts. The amazing sum of £32,000 was

raised which covered the cost of the restoration.

Huge thanks are owed to everyone who con-



tributed financially; those who gave their time publicising and organising the restoration; and the Parochial Church Council and Diocese for approving the project.

Due to this overwhelming support, the organ in St Peter's can now resume its proud place as the smaller sibling of those in New College Chapel Oxford University, the University of York, and Northampton Roman Catholic Cathedral. Its rich tone has also been likened to that of the organ in Coventry Cathedral.

One important factor in restoring the organ, which had become too damaged to use by 2019, was the part it plays in providing superb and moving music for services and ceremonies within St Peter's. Having the mellifluous sound of the organ creates the atmosphere for an occasion and provides a lasting memory. Also, part of the project was to enable visiting and student organists to

use it, and to have concerts open to the Dunchurch community and beyond. That is intended to include a celebration and dedication of the organ.

As we all know, because of the pandemic, ceremonies within church are sadly restricted in numbers for the time-being. The organ can be played for example for funerals but subject of course to the stringent public health requirements for those attending church. Concerts, recitals and choral events are not yet on the horizon.

However, we must regard the future with hope, and part of the proposed celebration of the organ restoration can be thanksgiving and commemoration. Organ music at St Peter's will once more have the power to move and enthral us, and to bring joy to the Dunchurch community.

Again, with sincere thanks to everyone who has helped with and encouraged the restoration, not least Richard Young and Tristan Moore, and all the generous benefactors.

#### St Peter's Church

#### A message from Rev Pat Townshend

he Coronavirus pandemic has really taken grip of our nation. This crisis is urgent and many of us may feel powerless. There is a saying, 'If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.' Perhaps feeling small is the best reminder as a community of the need for prayer. Prayer is how we actively practice believing, so simply and confidently that God has the whole world in His hands.

For many of us, Christmas was very different, not being able to meet with as many friends and family as usual, but the Christmas message of Jesus coming into the world as a baby is a miracle that still remains and He is our light to our lives in these days of darkness. As Christians we believe in miracles and, indeed,

believe that having a vaccine developed in only nine months is a



Stunning photo, used (on magazine cover too) with the kind permission of Barrie Lambert

Our hope for 2021 is that God will provide a further miracle so that we can emerge from the chaos of our lives; that a program rolling out the vaccine to the vulnerable and to those working on the front line will be met with the demands on our fragile society, so that regardless of age or personal situation we will all benefit in receiving the vaccine over these coming months.

It is impossible at this stage to predict what will happen over Easter regarding

services, so you are encouraged to see our Facebook page or our web page (www.stpeters-dunchurch.org) to keep up to date.

May God keep you and your families safe, free from anxiety and protected from infection.

If there is anyone who is struggling emotionally and needs to chat, needs to offload emotions, needs any sort of pastoral help, or simply needs to make contact with another person, please do not hesitate to contact me, Rev Pat (01788 461987). That is what I am there for!

#### **Dunchurch Baptist Church**

#### By Claire Siddaway

aster is approaching, the most important celebration of the year for the church. The self-giving death and astonishing, world-changing resurrection of Jesus is the pivotal moment in history when God broke into our world in person to call us back to himself, through sending his Son.

Jesus said: 'This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again' (The Bible: John 3:16-17, Message translation).

So, this is our message of hope at this time. However hard it is; whatever you've done or whatever you're going through, God loves you. At the time of writing we can't really predict what services we'll be able to have for Easter, or how free we'll be to meet in person but almost certainly, our Sunday 10:30am services will be continuing online, found at the usual location on YouTube: look for 'DBC Digital' or follow the link from www.dunchurchbaptistchurch. org.uk (services remain available to view during the following week).

We're currently hoping to open our new church building this September and are excited about the extra space we'll be able to offer the village for groups and activities, not to mention the extra possibilities it gives us as a church. We have great hope for the future!





## Friends of Dunchurch Society Neighbourhood Watch Scheme



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Some fake emails and computer pop-ups are well made and are very convincing, but you must never click on links within them and never divulge any personal information, especially bank details of any kind.

Reputable organisations like the police, banks, NHS etc will NEVER send you

an email asking for money or account details. If you think it involves something that you are genuinely involved with, such as a house purchase, phone the organisation using a number that you know is genuine.

Delete suspect emails, print screen if possible before deletion and report it to the National Cyber Security Centre at www.ncsc.gov.uk and searching on that site for 'phishing'.

Never press any phone links suggested in a message (such as 'Press I to be put through to our advisor') or you may end up with a hefty phone bill!

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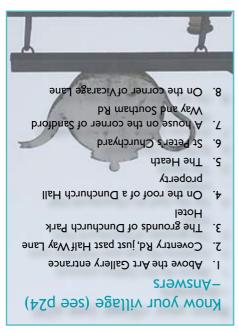
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