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## Welcome

**B**y the time you receive this magazine, we hope to be only a couple of weeks away from a complete lifting of 'lockdown' and looking forward to a freedom that will enable us to hug family and friends.

Although, as you would expect, the impact of Covid 19 has featured in our recent magazines, it is a testament to our community that it has not been a dominating force. Instead, it has been overshadowed by wonderful acts of humanity, support for each other and a sheer determination to find a way through whilst creating some kind of 'normal' in the process.

We are so fortunate to live in a village that has such a variety of opportunities for all ages and as the groups and organisations begin to 'open up,' we will surely support them with a renewed interest and enjoyment.

### Dunchurch in Bloom

Although there is no Britain in Bloom until next year, as a National Finalist in the large village category, Dunchurch

has been invited and accepted into the Heart of England in Bloom and the Royal Horticultural Society Community Awards. Our entries will be submitted digitally and we will be judged in the same way. Shortly, we will begin writing our submission and taking lots of photos to accompany it. In the meantime, below are details of some of the floral and community initiatives that will form part of our entry.



### 'Whitehead' Tantalizing

**Troughs:** You can't fail to have noticed our front cover which shows Posy and friend from Butterflies Childminding Service, sitting in one of the 31 troughs that have been planted by willing volunteers. As cute as these toddlers are, they have now been 'potted on' and replaced with plants! The bees and the ladybirds on the trough design have been created by children using their finger-prints and this

*Hope gives a thumbs up to her Tantalizing Trough*





*Daisy and Bobby helped to deliver 19 wheelbarrows*

together with others will shortly be on display in the village for you to enjoy.

### **Blooming barrows:**

We now own 19 very distinctive wheelbarrows and we are grateful to Nigel Ferrar

at Jewson's of Rugby who donated three of them. These have been delivered to groups throughout the village who will be planting them up and in due course, these too will be displayed in a variety of village locations so keep a look out for them.

**FODS signs:** We will be providing both troughs and wheelbarrows with signs to show who has created them. Each of these 'planters' will provide a wonderful splash of colour for our village and we are most grateful to everyone who has taken part. This combined, community effort will really help with our submission. Thank you all.

**Hanging baskets:** One hundred of these are on order and are being offered for sale to central village businesses and

properties to provide even more colour to the village. Our thanks to everyone who has purchased one.

**Gateway planters:** We have now taken delivery of some fabulous planters which will provide a welcoming and colourful display when planted and positioned at the village gateway signs. We are grateful to Dunchurch Baptist Church who have volunteered to care for the one on the Coventry Rd and if anyone else would like to offer help for the others, we would love to hear from you.



### **Dunchurch Allotment Association:**

The advice and help of the DAA has been invaluable throughout the planning of our awards entry and we are most grateful to them for their help. Thank you.

**Wildlife booklet:** We delivered free of charge to 1,700 homes, our *Guide to Producing a Wildlife Friendly Garden* and have been pleased with the positive feedback we received. It is hoped that many more will



join us in creating wild-life habitats in their own gardens as the importance of bio diversity cannot be underestimated.

**Hall Close orchard:** At our request, the Tree Officer from RBC has visited the orchard and is arranging to tidy the snapped branches, sever the ivy which is strangling the trees and remove any major dead wood so that our volunteers may begin work on the site. Our prime consideration is to keep the orchard a wildlife friendly area, but we will also be working toward making the site easy access for all. We are contacting other village groups, particularly those involving children to seek their views on how they would like to use the area. Some suggestions have included individual group growing plots for flowers and vegetables and an area for bee keeping. We will keep you posted on progress.

**Large troughs:** We are most grateful to the Hill St Centre in Rugby who donated two large troughs.



*Hall Close orchard. Pathway created by a volunteer*

These will shortly be planted with herbs and placed in a public area for all to share.

**The wishing tree:** We have purchased 75 wooden tags and once 'lockdown' is lifted, we will be placing these at the base of a tree on the war memorial

green. Please stop by and leave a positive message for others to read or even a small drawing to be enjoyed by others. Thank you.

### Keep Dunchurch tidy

You may have seen our volunteers out in their distinctive hi vis jackets. Usually meeting on a Sunday morning, they weed, sweep, trim edges and even wash bins as they go, and we are very grateful to them for helping to maintain our lovely village. If you see them, do stop for a chat. It is great to hear your views and if you would like to join them, ring Sue on 07983 345381. The usually one-hour



*Sunday volunteers*



sessions often end with a coffee and a chat, so it is a great way of meeting new people.

### Virtual balloon race

Like many organisations, our fundraising has suffered during 'lockdown' so, we were pleased to be able to have some Easter fun with our virtual Balloon Race which raised £200. There were daily prizes of Easter eggs and £25 for the overall winner. This went to Harry and his aptly named balloon Haribo. Harry generously shared his winnings with his older brother and together, they bought some new garden toys. Thank you everyone who took part.

### Finally

Work is scheduled to begin on the controversial changes to the village crossroads in June and will continue for an estimated 12 weeks. This is likely to cause significant disruption to our village and delays in travelling times will need to be factored in. Let's hope that our planting and community projects will provide a welcome distraction.

Our next publication will be out on the 1st September and we look forward to bringing you lots more news about our community. Until then, enjoy issue 11 of the village magazine and have a great summer.

## Plant Sharing is Caring

### FODS Plant and Veg Share Scheme

Grown too many plants?

Got some cuttings you could share?

Changing your garden design?



### Don't let your plants go to waste!



FODS invites you to offer your excess plants to the Dunchurch community.

Simply post details of your surplus plants including where to collect them from, and if possible a photo, on our **FODS Facebook Group: Friends of Dunchurch Society** page and share away!



If you don't have access to Facebook, don't worry! Contact Barb on 07837 182114 or email [info@vghrugby.co.uk](mailto:info@vghrugby.co.uk) and she will post on Facebook on your behalf!

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# Dunchurch Festival Group

By Rob Collings

## Grand raffle

For the past 45 years, the Dunchurch Festival Group has been raising money for the village and making donations to other village groups by way of grants towards a variety of submitted projects. Obviously, during the pandemic, all fundraising has ceased but we will be renewing our fundraising efforts with a grand raffle and we would appreciate your support.

We will be dropping raffle books through doors during June and we have lots of fabulous prizes on offer including a £100 cash first prize so please join in. 'You have to be in it to win it!'

## Family fun day

Although we have taken the decision to postpone our traditional June village fete, we are delighted instead to invite you to a Family Fun Day at the village hall on Sunday 5th September. Although a smaller event than the fete, there will still be lots of fun activities for all to enjoy as well as a bar, BBQ, village stalls, trade stalls, entertainment and a picnic area. There will also be an opportunity to see the fabulous Dunchurch Model Village with its many latest additions.

As this will be our first event since lockdown and possibly the first opportunity for the village to gather in numbers, we have decided to make the admission free

and we hope that many of you will come along and join us for what promises to be a wonderful, much overdue get together. Look out for posters and more details nearer the time. We hope to see you there.



Happy days. Photo taken at our last fete day in June 2019

## Dunchurch Parish Council

by *Gill Peacock, Clerk*



**W**ell, we are all still in this together and we are just coming out of 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 email addresses are available on the Dunchurch Parish Council (DPC) website.

<https://www.dunchurchpc.org/download-category/declarations-of-interest/>

Planning has taken up quite a lot of time

### **We need you!**

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

**If so, we need you! Please consider getting in touch with us so you can join our friendly Dunchurch Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

and I am delighted that our newest Councillor, Paul Le Poidevin, is taking the lead on Planning issues and has recently taken on the Dunchurch Neighbourhood Plan.

The DPC has held several Dunchurch Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings in the last couple of months and as I mentioned above, 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 Rugby Borough Council (RBC), it will be classed as a material consideration when considering planning applications.

The DPC has recently formulated a response to Application: R19/I047, which is a Reserved Matters application for 86 dwellings and associated works at Dipbar Fields, Daventry Road. Outline planning permission has already been granted by RBC, therefore the DPC is not able to object to the proposals; however, we can raise concerns, which we have done in the strongest terms. As you may be aware, one of the most important tasks that the DPC does is to respond to a variety of planning appli-



cations each month which can usually be seen via the minutes on the DPC website and the RBC Planning Portal <https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/rugby/search-applications/>

As you may know, the DPC is short of three Councillors to represent the community in Dunchurch and legislation demands that if ten electors in Dunchurch request an election, by law we must have one. An election should have taken place on 6th May; however, I was advised by RBC that no one had submitted their nomination papers. Therefore, all the polling cards in Dunchurch had to be altered and posted out again. This is obviously an admin fee burden that the DPC is liable for. Again, due to the same legislation, RBC is required to organise and administer another election for three DPC Councillors and I will be notified of the date shortly. Once again, the DPC will be liable to meet the cost out of public funds.

If you are considering becoming a Parish Councillor, you can obtain nomination papers from either RBC or myself.

Finance is always a priority for the DPC,

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**Chair:** Tracey Price,

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and details of income and expenditure can be found on the council website <https://dunchurchpc.org/agendas-and-minutes.php> together with the latest bank reconciliation reports. The DPC has set its budget for the financial year 2021/2022 and this can also 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.

The next full DPC Ordinary meeting will be held on Monday, 14th June 2021 commencing at 7.00 pm. Depending on the circumstances, this meeting may be held outside the Library.

### Valentine's day hearts

See a few of the windows decorated around the village for Valentine's day throughout the pages of this magazine.



*I: Hearts of Hope*

# Art in Dunchurch 2021

In partnership with Warwickshire Open Studios Summer Art Weeks, we are delighted to announce that Dunchurch, once again, will be the venue for one of the largest gatherings of talented, local artists in this part of the county since our last highly commended show in 2019. Eighteen artists representing a wide range of artistic disciplines will be showing, demonstrating and selling their work.

Our amateur and professional artists include print makers, weavers, painters, sculptors, potters and wood turners, many of who will be demonstrating their work. There will be opportunities for the public to chat to the artists who will be keen to share their skills and experiences. It is sure to be an enjoyable event for all ages, and interests.

Their work will be displayed in the tranquil walled gardens of Inglenook, a 16th century cottage in the heart of the conservation area in the village.

In accordance with Government guidelines, we hope to provide refreshments in Inglenook's delightful cottage garden courtyard.

We look forward to you visiting and



sharing  
with us our  
passion and  
enjoyment



for creating a wide range of artefacts.

We would like to thank Art Friends  
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## Valentine's day hearts



## Dunchurch & Thurlaston WI



By Anne Gilbert

We have been closed now for over a year but if Government ruling allows us to re-open in the early summer, here is a taste of the programmes we have put in place.

8th July – A Miniature Display and Garden Tea Party

9th September – Wildlife and the

Countryside – Speaker Nick Martin

14th October – A Fun Craft Evening for all with a Christmas theme

11th November – AGM and Games Night

9th December – A Christmas Celebration

Hopefully the pilates and keep fit classes will re-start in May and the Hall is always available for parties and other activities.

New members are always welcome to boost our membership which at present is around 50. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Enquiries to Anne Gilbert – Secretary on 01788 811837.

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## Lockdown feathered friend

by **Henrietta age 7**

*Our thanks to Henrietta for this charming article about her lockdown friend*

**R**ainbow is my pet chicken. He is a great friend which I have had since he was a chick and I trained him to follow me. I brought him with my pocket money in the first lockdown. He is very clever because when he is cold he stands at the back door and flies up to the window to get my attention. I open the door and he hops on my hand. Before I am allowed to have him in the house I have to take him upstairs to clean his feet in the shower, I dry his feet with kitchen roll, he is then allowed to sit on my lap with a blanket and we watch television. Sometimes he even helps me with my homework or listens to me reading a story.

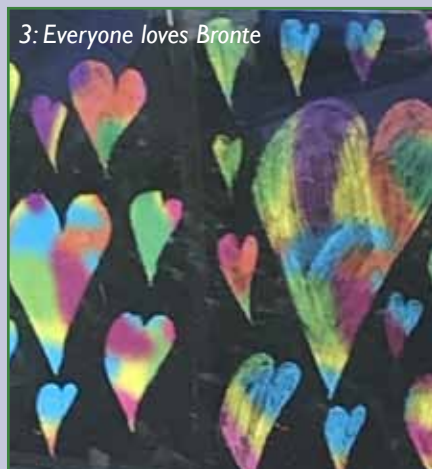
He is very cute and well behaved and we even take him for walks but my daddy has to pick him up if we see a dog. Once during lockdown, he was in the school zoom meeting and met my school friends. If he is good I give him a special treat like grated cheese or half a grape. Sometimes when I have my dinner I give him a bowl of what I am having but he always offers me some and tries to share his food with me before he eats



any himself because that is what cockerels do with their hens! I have learnt a lot about chickens in lockdown, how they behave, and I recommend chickens as pets because you get eggs with hens, they are easy to clean and look after and they all have different personalities, a bit like people and can be great friends and great company!

### Valentine's day hearts

3: Everyone loves Bronte







**A**nother great 'start up' project for Dunchurch. A Dunchurch Community Garden is being constructed outside the library and already, in only a few weeks, great progress has been made. If you would like to become involved in this exciting new project, email [victoriaputt@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaputt@gmail.com)

No experience is necessary, just an interest in growing fruit and veg and a

desire to meet with like-minded people.

Follow the group on [facebook.com/dunchurch-community-garden](https://www.facebook.com/dunchurch-community-garden)

*Bottom left: Members of Bronte Close Community Garden reciprocating on the first day of construction of the growing beds outside Dunchurch Library.*

*Bottom right: Members of the Parish Council joined volunteers to lend a helping hand.*



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## Young litter pickers lead the way

These environmentally aware youngsters asked if they could go on a litter pick and in only twenty minutes, collected three large bin bags full of rubbish from a wooded area close to their home. We congratulate William 6, Elizabeth 5 and Madeleine 3 for taking the initiative and helping to keep Dunchurch tidy.

Mum Anne-Marie explains, 'the two big ones are most definitely inspired by none other than Sir David Attenborough, he's a bit of a hero to them.'

We have a feeling that Sir David would whole-heartedly approve of their efforts and in recognition, FODS has presented the youngsters with a Children's Special Environment Award.

Thank you and keep up the good work.



If so, please email details to [fodnews1@gmail.com](mailto:fodnews1@gmail.com) We would love to hear from you.

### Certificates of recognition

Do you know of any youngsters who have gone 'above and beyond' and deserve a FODS certificate of recognition?



### Valentine's day hearts

4: Zach has a smile to melt any heart



## Lord John Douglas Montagu Douglas Scott (Part 3)

By Freda Bennett

**L**ady John Scott erected a loving monument at Cawston to her husband's memory, in the form of a sundial, designed by her ladyship on the model of the old royal one at Holyrood. The dial which is globular, is supported by a pillar with serpent twining upwards. On the panels of the base are the armorial bearings and the mottoes of the families of Scott and Spottiswoode, and on the capital surmounting the pillar are engraved the initials of Lord and Lady John, with the mottoes: United In Time – Parted In Time – To Be Reunited When Time Shall Be No More.

It became the Tenants' determination to subscribe to a memorial to Lord John and it was decided that it should take the form of a statue. The subscription list included most of the tenants and several tradesmen from Rugby and upwards of 300 guineas was raised. Again, we have the Rugby Advertiser to thank for recording the following event. This extract is from 14th September 1867.

### Unveiling of the Statue of Lord John Scott

The execution of the statue was entrusted to Mr. Durham A.R.A. and a very beautiful work of art is the result. His Lordship is represented in ordinary walking costume, with plaid and wide-awake. The figure, 7ft 6in high, is in Portland stone and stands on a pedestal of the same material, the total height being 17ft 6in. On Monday 2nd September 1867 the statue was formally presented to His Grace the Duke of Buccleuch. Shortly after one o'clock the Duke of Buccleuch and Lady Scott, accompanied by the Earl of Dalkeith, C.N. Newdegate Esq., M.P., Colonel Cust and C.M. Caldecott Esq., were met by a number of the tenantry and conducted to a stage close to the statue, which was surrounded by a large number of the residents of Rugby, Dunchurch and the neighbourhood. After the statue had been unveiled, Mr. H.J. Bromfield of Cawston read the address, and afterwards presented the parchment containing it to the Duke of Buccleuch. The Duke replied that he would gladly accept the guardianship of the monument. He added for Lady Scott how much she felt and appreciated this occasion. About forty of the Duke's tenants dined at the Crown at half-past two, the Duke himself being present. At four o'clock about forty of the principal Tenants, who had received invitations from Lady John Scott, sat down to a most sumptuous repast at Cawston



Lodge. A number of photographs of the statue were taken, from different points, by Mr. T. Johnston, Gallowtree Gate, Leicester.'



# Dunchurch Allotment Association

By Paul Sanders

Allotment members in Dunchurch are pleased to welcome nine new allotmenters this season.

A decade ago, they would most likely have all been men. Times have changed and the new batch of allotment holders are overwhelmingly women. Membership of Dunchurch Allotment Association is edging towards equal numbers of male and female, with a waiting list predominantly made up of women. The likelihood is that female allotment holders will outnumber male in the near future.

This is not just a local phenomenon; a recent study carried out by Imperial College London found of the 682 sites in London, over 60% of the plots were held by women.

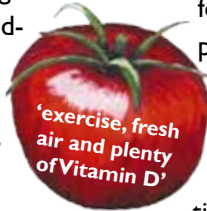
In times gone by, the allotment was largely the preserve of working men who were there primarily to produce food for the family table. In recent times allotmenting has become more of a recreational activity than a budgeting necessity. The recent female members of the allotments at Dunchurch give a variety of reasons for

taking on a plot – for some it's teaching children

about food and gardening, for others it's concern for the planet and reducing food miles and for many, it's a place to retreat to, where they can work, relax and exercise in an outdoor environment.

Spring is probably the busiest time of the year for vegetable gardeners; preparing the beds, nurturing seedlings and adapting to wide swings in weather. For the new gardener, it's a time when lots of helpful advice will be freely offered – which seeds to sow, when to plant and how far apart. Enthusiastically, the hundreds of seeds in the packet will all have been planted and the experienced gardeners will nod and with wry smiles note the abundance of seedling lettuces emerging on the new plot, knowing very soon they will be offered a salad bonanza to take home.

It can be confidently said, allotments are all about sharing stories, experience and produce.



## Covid 19 and the effects on business

It will take many years for the world economy to fully recover from the effects of the global pandemic. However, closer to home, our own village businesses have been hit hard and some, like the hairdressers and beauty salons, will sadly have been unable to trade at all by the nature of the business they run. However, others have shown great resilience and initiative in an effort to 'weather the storm'.

Tony and Sandy at the post office have done a sterling job to keep going, by operating a 'one in one out' policy.

Square Coffee switched from a 'sit in' café to a takeaway service including some weekend meal takeaways, both of which seem to have been well supported.

Paula at Wanda's made great use of social media by recording videos of new stock arrivals on the new Friends of Wanda's Facebook page – and how great to see the shop feature on BBC CWR Radio and in a short film *The Sound* to herald the re-opening of small businesses in Coventry and Warwickshire.

Other businesses have shared with us in their own words how they have coped.

### Anne-Marie's Florist

Anne-Marie explains, 'I was relieved to receive the government grant which has helped with the financial burden and the furlough scheme was also beneficial. However, having lost two members of staff, it has been left to me and just one other part-furloughed member of staff to run the shop. I have worked every day pretty much since the 23rd March 2020 and it has been exhausting in both body and mind, but I have managed to keep my shop going by carrying out safe distance delivery and collections by prior appointment. Sadly, the funeral work has been immense and recently, I lost a very good friend to Covid who was only just 61 years old. Like many others, the emotional strain of the past year has taken its toll.'

### Rugby Flooring

'While our fitting teams are currently operating as normal, being classed as a non-essential retailer has meant that our village showroom had to close during the national lockdowns.

This has obviously made it more difficult to show potential customers our flooring products but we have overcome this by ordering swatch samples direct to our customers' homes or by taking our larger sample boards out on quotation visits.

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Mixture of tandoori dishes.	
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<b>Tandoori King Prawn</b> .....	<b>£11.95</b>
<b>Chicken or Lamb Shashlick</b> .....	<b>£7.95</b>
<b>Tandoori Combination</b> .....	<b>£9.95</b>
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<b>Sheek Mach</b> .....	<b>£6.95</b>
Rainbow trout roasted in clay oven.	
<b>Chandu</b> .....	<b>£6.95</b>
Silver pomfret fish roasted in clay oven.	
<b>Masala Mach Biran</b> .....	<b>£6.95</b>
Cod fish cooked on the grill with fried onions and tomatoes.	
<b>Stuffed Roshun Pepper</b> .....	<b>£5.50</b>
Green pepper roasted in clay oven with minced lamb or vegetables ②.	
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Chicken shallow fried in batter.	
<b>Lamb Chops</b> .....	<b>£6.95</b>
Spicy marinated chops grilled in clay oven.	
<b>Chat Masala</b> .....	<b>£4.75</b>
Chicken or potato ② cooked in a tangy sauce.	
<b>Paneer Tikka</b> ① .....	<b>£5.50</b>
Indian cottage cheese roasted in clay oven.	
<b>Jhinga Puree</b> ③ .....	<b>£6.95</b>
King prawn cooked in spices with spinach & served in puri bread.	
<b>Chot-Poti</b> .....	<b>£4.75</b>
Chicken or lamb cooked with chana dhal and green chilli.	
<b>Chingri Puree</b> ③ .....	<b>£4.95</b>
Prawn with spinach cooked in spices & served in puri bread.	
<b>Tandoori Stir Fry</b> .....	<b>£4.95</b>
Chicken fried with onion, capsicum & mushrooms.	
<b>King Prawn Bahar</b> .....	<b>£6.95</b>
King prawn roasted in clay oven with capsicum, tomatoes and onions.	
<b>Garlic Chicken Tikka</b> .....	<b>£4.95</b>
Chicken roasted in clay oven with garlic.	

## CHEFS SPECIALITIES

<b>Khasia Lamb</b> .....	<b>£8.50</b>
Mouthwatering Madras- hot lamb, slowly simmered and sliced with garlic and authentic herbs tip soft and melting.	
<b>Masala Chom Chom</b> .....	<b>£11.95</b>
A hot spicy dish with shelled king prawns, infused with ginger, garlic, capsicum and chefs own aromatic spices.	
<b>Naga</b> (HOT) Lamb, chicken or prawn. ....	<b>£8.50</b>
Authentic extra hot bangladeshi chilli (naga) in a bhuna style sauce. Giving a distinctive aromatic flavour.	
<b>Shatkora</b> .....	<b>£8.50</b>
Traditional bangladeshi shatkora (Citrus) vegetable from Sylhet cooked with lamb or chicken, enhancing the flavour.	
<b>Handi</b> .....	<b>£8.50</b>
Tenderised meat or chicken dish cooked to perfection with chefs own extensive aromatic blended spices and herbs	
<b>Tawa</b> .....	<b>£8.50</b>
Tawa cooked with onion, green pepper, strongly spiced and herbs, served on a sizzling pan.	
<b>Lamb Chops Akbor-E</b> .....	<b>£10.95</b>
A medium spiced bhuna dish served piping hot in a traditional Khorai dish, garnished with coriander & tomatoes.	

### Allergy Guide

If you suffer from food related allergies please inform us at the time of ordering.

① Dairy ② Gluten ③ Nuts ④ Veg



## TRADITIONAL MAIN COURSE

Prawn.....	£7.95
Chicken.....	£7.50
Lamb.....	£7.95
Chicken or Lamb Tikka.....	£8.50
Tandoori Chicken (Off the bone).....	£8.50
King Prawn.....	£10.95
Keema (minced lamb).....	£7.50
Paneer ①.....	£8.50
Mixed Vegetable <b>V</b> or Mushroom <b>V</b> ..	£7.50
Fish Tikka.....	£9.95

All of the above items can be cooked using a sauce of your choice from the following selection:

### CURRY

Basic medium spiced sauce.

### KORMA **N** ①

Very mild sauce cooked with coconut & almond.

### MALAYAN ①

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.

### DANSACK

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 <b>V</b> .....	£7.50
Keema Balti.....	£7.50
Chicken Balti.....	£7.50
Lamb Balti.....	£7.95
Chicken or Lamb Tikka Balti.....	£8.50
Tandoori Chicken Balti (Off the bone) ...	£8.50
Paneer Balti ①.....	£8.50
Prawn Balti.....	£7.95
King Prawn Balti.....	£11.95
Fish Tikka Balti (Cod).....	£9.95

## CELEBRATION SPECIALITIES

Some fish dishes may contain bones

Sunar Bangla Mach.....	£9.95
Bengal fish cooked with aubergine and a touch of green chilli.	
Tandoori Trout Masala <b>N</b> ①.....	£9.95
Rainbow trout cooked in a mild creamy sauce.	
Roop Chand Masala <b>N</b> ①.....	£9.95
Silver pramflit fish cooked in a mild creamy sauce.	
Fish Bengal Masala <b>N</b> ①.....	£9.95
Bengal fish cooked in mild creamy sauce.	
Murghi Masala <b>N</b> ①.....	£8.50
Chicken cooked with mince lamb, egg and tomatoes.	
Spicy but mild dish.	
Chicken/Lamb Tikka Masala <b>N</b> ①... ..	£8.50
Cooked in a mild, creamy sauce.	
Tandoori King Prawn Masala <b>N</b> ①... ..	£11.95
Cooked in a mild creamy sauce.	
Jhinga Zafron <b>N</b> ①.....	£11.95
King prawn cooked in a mild sauce with zafron.	
Tandoori Murghi Chana Palak.....	£8.50
Chicken cooked with chick peas & spinach, medium.	
Pasanda Nawabi <b>N</b> ①.....	£8.50
Lamb cooked with pistachio, a very mild dish.	
Dakeswari.....	£8.50
Lamb cooked in a spicy sauce. Slightly hot.	
Badami <b>N</b> ①.....	£8.50
Chicken or Lamb cooked with various nuts and cream, a very mild dish.	
Rajeswari.....	£8.50
Chicken cooked in a spicy sauce. Slightly hot.	
Makani <b>N</b> ①.....	£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.

Mixed Vegetables <b>V</b> .....	£7.50
Chicken.....	£7.50
Lamb.....	£7.95
Chicken or Lamb Tikka.....	£8.50
Tandoori Chicken Balti (Off the bone) ...	£8.50
Paneer ①.....	£8.50
Prawns.....	£7.95
King Prawns.....	£11.95
Fish Tikka (Cod).....	£9.95

### ZALFREZI

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 **N** ①

Cooked with fruit cocktail and cream, very mild dish.

### KARAH

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



## SELECTED BIRIANI DISHES

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 ② .....	£8.95
Special Combination.....	£10.95

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.

	Side	Main
Saag Cream <i>Mild</i> ① .....	£3.95	£7.50
Vegetable Bhajee ② .....	£3.95	£7.50
Mushroom Bhajee ② .....	£3.95	£7.50
Bombay Aloo ② .....	£3.95	£7.50
Saag Bhajee ② .....	£3.95	£7.50
Saag Paneer ② ① .....	£3.95	£7.50
Aloo Gobi ② .....	£3.95	£7.50
Vegetable Curry ② .....	£3.95	£7.50
Saag Aloo ② .....	£3.95	£7.50
Bhindi Bhajee ② .....	£3.95	£7.50
Cauliflower Bhajee ② .....	£3.95	£7.50
Tarka Dhall ② .....	£3.95	£7.50
Chana Bhajee ② .....	£3.95	£7.50
Mottar Paneer <i>Mild</i> ① .....	£3.95	£7.50
Baigon Bhajee ② .....	£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 .....	£3.25
Mushroom Pilau Rice.....	£3.25
Keema Pilau Rice.....	£3.50
Chana Pilau Rice.....	£3.25
Rothon Pilau Rice.....	£3.25

## NAAN & SUNDRIES

Special Stuffed Naan ① ② ..... £3.50  
Finely chopped chicken tikka pieces topped with green chilli and cheese.

Stuffed Fruit Naan ① ② ..... £3.50  
Naan bread stuffed with small pineapple pieces, giving it a fruity taste.

Naan ① ② .....	£2.75
Keema Naan ① ② .....	£3.25
Garlic Naan ① ② .....	£2.95
Peshwari Fruits & Nuts Naan ① ② ③ .....	£3.25
Kulcha Naan ① ② .....	£2.95
Cheese Naan ① ② .....	£3.25
Chilli Onion & Coriander Naan ① ② .....	£2.95
Tandoori Roti ② .....	£2.25
Paratha ② .....	£2.95
Stuffed Paratha ② .....	£3.25
Chapathi ② .....	£1.95
Puri ② .....	£1.95
Raitha ① .....	£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.

## His Royal Highness Prince Philip

**H**is Royal Highness, Prince Philip died on Friday 9th April 2021, just short of his 100th birthday and as a mark of respect, St Peter's Church tolled a single, half-muffled bell at noon on Saturday 10th April.

Other tributes were displayed in the village.

*Right: A message of condolence and a floral tribute was laid on The Green by Dunchurch Parish Council on the behalf of village residents. Below: St Peter's Church created this stunning display inside the church and the flag on the church tower flew at half-mast.*



A beautiful red, white and blue arrangement created by Anne-Maries Florist was placed in the library foyer and the light was left on to illuminate it.

## From Hollywood to Dunchurch

By Marie Rowe

I'm sitting around a large table in a film studio with several actors, including Dustin Hoffman on my right, Robert DeNiro on my left and across from Woody Harrelson and Willie Nelson. An eclectic group to be sure and I seemed to be the odd one out. But it wasn't a dream. I was an important part of the pre-production process of the film *Wag the Dog* and was working with the director Barry Levinson and the actors on the script.

When I was 13 and studying shorthand at school in Coventry, I never imagined that this skill would open doors for me in the Hollywood film industry. I had actually dreamed of being in Hollywood since I was a little girl, probably influenced by my mother who was 'film star mad'. Every Christmas she bought me one or two film star books, which I always thought were more for her than me and she would tell me the storylines of films she'd seen, such as *Gone with the Wind*, and films starring George Raft and James Cagney. She particularly liked George Raft because apparently, he'd been a ballroom dancer before he was an actor. Since my mother was a pretty good dancer herself – she'd won a silver cup for her talent at the tango – I understood the affinity she had with Mr. Raft.

Her interest and knowledge of film stars of the day clearly rubbed off on me and I nurtured a desire to be an actress.



I was an active member of the school drama group and according to my wonderful English Literature teacher, Mr. Wildsmith, had talent. However, my regional Coventry accent didn't really pass muster, so he recommended I take elocution lessons. He put me in touch with a friend of his, Miss Simpson, a woman in her mid-fifties and 'terribly proper', who taught lessons at the local community centre and whose diction was more Queen's English than Coventry slang. The lessons cost one shilling and I took this out of my two shillings and six pence, or half a crown, pocket money every week.

I absolutely loved the classes with Miss Simpson and encouraged my best friend, Carolyn, to come along. Even though we did a lot of giggling because the exercises seemed silly: 'How Now Brown Cow'; 'Father's Car is a Jaguar' and 'Betty Botter Bought Some Butter', they were effective in helping us round out the vowels and in reducing our 'common' way of



speaking. Of course, when we were back at school, we had to make sure we didn't speak with 'hoity-toity' accents, so that we weren't ostracised.

With the help of Miss Simpson, I achieved certificates from the English Speaking Board as well as the Royal Society of Arts, and when I was 15, one of the RSA adjudicators recommended me for a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) in London. However, my mother was against this, arguing that I was too young to leave home and go to London, 'And besides, what's the point because after all, you'll just be getting married, having babies and scrubbing floors.' So, that put an end to that. She could not stop me from acting



*Marie with Robin Williams...*

though and I was accepted into a community theatre group, which I was part of for eight years, always playing leading roles. I was somewhat on the shy side and loved being able to escape into a character and being appreciated for who I was. The sound of the applause was so rewarding and gave me great pleasure, as well as giving my self-esteem a boost. I think it was Sir Laurence Olivier who said that 'actors were strange creatures because they were only happy being someone else.'

Marriage to a fellow thespian, followed by divorce, set me on a journey of real-life dramas. My path eventually led to Toronto where I worked in television and PR, and then on to Los Angeles and a career in the film industry.

I worked with the Samuel Goldwyn Company as an executive assistant for a couple of years, then was a publicist on the American Cinema Awards, produced by David Gest, who you may recall later married Lisa Minnelli (Michael Jackson was his best man). David subsequently came to England and became a reality star before his death here in 2016. The show he was producing was to honour old movie stars who had never won an award and suddenly, I was surrounded by so many of the stars I'd seen in my film star books, and in charge of making sure all their needs were met. Remember Butterfly McQueen from *Gone with*

the *Wind*? Her famous quote was: 'Oh, Miss Scarlett! I don't know nothin' 'bout birthin' babies!' She was there, so was Jennifer Jones, Angie Dickinson, Cesar Romero, Dorothy Lamour and so many more. Now, I realise these are names that younger readers may not be familiar with, but believe me, they were among the crème-de-la-crème of old Hollywood. It was such a thrill for me.

Next, I was back in television helping two famous comedy writers create sketches for an episodic TV show, with the help of my shorthand skills, of

course! The director of this series was Barry Levinson, who was fascinated by this unique and now outdated form of recording words and asked me to work with him on his next screenplay, *Tin Men*, when he returned from directing *Young Sherlock Holmes* in England.

Although I did many other jobs in television, including writing my own scripts for day-time TV and adding sound effects to the comedy series, my work with Barry Levinson gave me the opportunity to work in feature films and work with 'A' list actors. As well as being his personal

## Lifetime Achievement Award

Congratulations to Marie Rowe who won a Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's Ladies First Network event in aid of The Katie Piper Foundation.

Although Marie's Hollywood career is impressive, there is so much more to celebrate, not least establishing Radio Women which concentrates on women's issues, and producing *Incest – the Great Taboo* for radio which focused on her voluntary work with girls who had been abused. Marie also worked as a drug abuse secretary at an American Army Hospital in Stuttgart. It was here she worked with drug addicts who had served in the Vietnam war

and suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder as a consequence. Marie explains, 'This is where I found my voice and a side of my character I didn't know existed. As part of the drug therapy group, I stood up for these young men when they were being abused and disrespected.'

However, ask Marie about her greatest accomplishment and she will likely answer, 'my volunteer work as mentor, big sister and special friend to underprivileged children and teens. Supporting and encouraging them in their need to be seen and heard has been a validating experience and given me immense joy and satisfaction.'



And of her recent award? 'I was beyond surprised to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from Ladies First. It was so unexpected, but I'm thrilled.'

And by the sound of it, it was an award thoroughly deserved.

assistant and working on screenplays with Barry, I cast actors for such films as *Tin Men* with Danny DeVito, *Good Morning, Vietnam* with Robin Williams, *Rain Man* with Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman, and *Disclosure*. In the latter film, I renewed my acting career ...and with Dustin Hoffman by playing the role of 'Mrs. Ross' opposite Michael Douglas and Demi Moore. It was a pivotal role, but don't blink or you'll miss me!

I was a producer on a few films, including *Jimmy Hollywood*, starring Joe Pesci with



a cameo by Harrison Ford, and *Avalon* starring Joan Plowright. I also worked with Warren Beatty on the script of *Bugsy* and Al Pacino on a TV film *You Don't Know Jack*.

Well, I could go on and on dropping names of the famous people with whom I've worked closely but,

I bet you're curious to know how on earth I ended up in Dunchurch? Well, just like a good TV serial 'cliff hanger', I'm afraid you'll have to wait until the next issue of the magazine!



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# Dunchurch and Thurlaston Community Trust

## Charity Number 223 267

**T**he Trust exists to 'relieve either generally or individually, persons resident in the area of benefit (that is, the villages of Dunchurch and Thurlaston) who are in need, hardship or distress.' This could include assistance (where not otherwise met by Statutory Services) to pay for medical aids or equipment in the home.

The income of the Trust

is derived principally from investments, which in turn result from bequests made in the 18th and 19th centuries. The Trust is also the owner and administrator of the land along Coventry Road known as The Allotments. A small portion of the Trust's income is derived from the rental of these allotments.

In recent years the Trust has been active in providing financial assistance to, amongst others, the following:

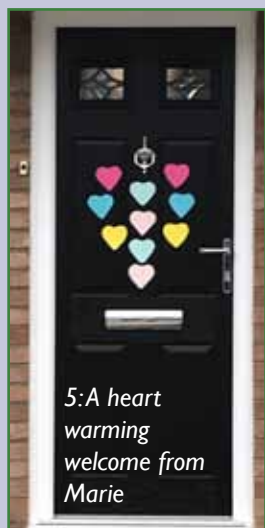
- A child resident in the area, who is physically handicapped and in need of physiotherapy, was given a grant to enable her to attend specialist treatment sessions in Cardiff and to attend a Disability Swimming Therapy Week.
- A contribution was made towards the installation of a defi-

brillator at Dunchurch Village Hall.

- A grant was made to Thurlaston Village Hall to assist in the provision of a 'disabled-friendly toilet facility' in the hall.
- Grants were also made to Myton Hospice. During the period April to December 2020, notwithstanding the Covid pandemic, Myton looked after 11 villagers who received a total of 134 days of in-patient care. The Hospice also made a total of 359 home visits during this period.

Any resident of Dunchurch and Thurlaston who feels they might benefit from the Trust is invited to apply to the Clerk of the Trust at [clerk@dtctrust.org.uk](mailto:clerk@dtctrust.org.uk) or in writing to: 11 Critchley Drive, Dunchurch, CV22 6PJ.

### Valentine's day hearts





## School news

**by Tracy Miller, Interim Executive Headteacher**

It has been a very strange spring term at school. We were delighted to welcome all the children back to school on 8th March and they all settled back in very quickly. I would like to thank all the staff at both schools, who worked so hard during this challenging time. I would also like to praise the children, who put in a marvellous effort with their home schooling. Parents were very supportive and patient when tackling this challenge.

We are planning improvements to the outdoor area on our field, so children from both schools can experience more outdoor learning. A team of staff and parents are helping to design this area, including a new pond. We will be asking the children for their thoughts and ideas. The project should be completed during the summer holidays.

The junior school children were able to visit St. Peter's church for our Easter service and as always, we were welcomed by Pat and Steve. It was a pity that we couldn't have our wonderful choir singing, but it was a lovely service.

On 1st April, we said a sad farewell to Ian Dewes and I would like to thank him for the support he has given both schools and me personally. I know he will stay in touch and he will always be welcome to visit us.

The infant school PTA has donated £300 to year 1 children to develop the area outside their classrooms. The children wrote to the PTA who sent a rhyming poem back with a cheque. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Lewis, who are helping to develop this area.

As lockdown restrictions are lifted, both schools will have a busy summer term. We are hoping to have our sport's days and the junior children will be walking around Draycote. Year 2 and 3 teachers are planning transition events for the year 2 children.

It has been a very busy spring term, with our governors continuing their monitoring activities and meetings remotely. I recently met with Reverend Pat, Chris Tabor, Dave Woods, Celia Jones, Chris Burgess and Liz Broderick to discuss our links with the community. I would like to thank our governors and this group for their support.

The summer term has started well. The year 5 children have enjoyed watching chicks hatch in school and then grow and develop so quickly in 10 days. The infant children are enjoying reading lots of new books that were purchased recently.

We thank FODS for our wheelbarrows to plant up and I know the children at both schools will enjoy this activity.



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## Doctors in Dunchurch

### Part 9: The 1990s

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



*This, with one or two 'extras', was the expanded practice team of the 1990s on the occasion of Mrs Baynes' retirement*

When Dr Blundstone retired in 1991, he was replaced by Dr Ian Czerniewski and as the village grew the partnership increased when Dr Elizabeth Roberts joined the practice six months later.

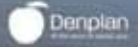
Interviews were held at the old surgery, but with the promise of modern new premises which were under construction. To the interviewees, Dunchurch was welcoming and friendly with a distinctive village atmosphere and it was clear that the practice was well thought of locally. It was also clear that Drs Hunter and Holcroft genuinely cared about their patients offering traditional, personal 'cradle to grave' family medicine. Even then, many practices were losing this continuity of personal care.

The welcoming ethos of the practice

was fostered by the partners with the help of the Practice Manager, Mrs Margaret Baynes and her close knit team. Practice management had developed over the 1980s and managers have had an increasingly pivotal role in the running of the practice. The practice team also continued to expand with more practice nurses, district nurses, health visitors and midwives being integrated into the team.

Ian had worked in Bristol and Liz in Lincolnshire and both brought new skills, fresh ideas and varied experiences from outside the area. They wanted to develop the practice at Dunchurch with computerisation and new services but were also keen to preserve the traditional elements of general practice. They were delighted to be appointed as partners at the surgery and looked forward to an exciting future.

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## A reflective view

**By Rev Pat Townshend of St Peter's Church**

I walked through our church yard recently and as ever, gloried in the peace and tranquillity of the place, noting the signs of new life, of trees budding, flowers blooming, birds singing their hymns of spring. I think, more than ever, in this season of lockdown, many people have knowingly or unknowingly, met God in their gardens and in nature, just as Mary Magdalene met the resurrected Christ in a garden.

As I write this, the easing of lockdown and success of the vaccine rollout gives us hope for the future. At St Peter's we were fortunate to be able to hold services in church on Easter day and to have the bells ring out our Easter joy. Now we look forward to opening up gradually and to doing everything we could do in the past. But I wonder if we truly want to return to all the old ways. Perhaps, after a year of restrictions, there are new ways that have become ingrained and

that we all want to retain. It will differ for everyone but gardening and spending more time together as a family might be some of them. There will of course, be much to which we will want to wave goodbye. Have we however, really considered what it will be like for those who have been pretty much isolated for a year? Social interaction may well be threatening for those who have become unused to it. Much as we long for that closeness, it might take time for us to feel safe again.

As we celebrate the Resurrection in the season of Easter, we celebrate new life and growth, not only in the church calendar, but also in our community.

My prayer for you all is that you continue to find God, as you know him (or her), in nature and that this season may deepen our awareness of God's life-giving Spirit moving among us, inspiring us and drawing us together in love.

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## Commonwealth War Graves signboard

**By Nicky Lowe**

Visitors to St Peter's Churchyard will have noticed the new signboard setting out the locations of the eight Commonwealth War Graves: four from each World War.

The signboard is located on the right side of the main path leading along the right-hand side of the church and placed so that the two groups of four graves are visible from the board. It is also

angled at 45° to enable wheelchair users to position themselves under the front edge of the board to view the names and locations.



The sign was designed and created by Phil Taylor, a traditional sign-writer from Leamington Spa. Hand-painted and with the names gilded, it is made of Tricoya for extreme durability and Phil informed me that it is meant to last 50 years. As he does not anticipate anyone requesting him to do repairs then, the current guarantee is for ten years.

Owing to its historic importance for Dunchurch, half the cost was met by three private donations. As St Peter's met the remaining half from its Legacy Fund, anyone wishing to make a further donation (whether small or large) would be most welcome.

The war memorial outside the church gates contains the names of 60 service personnel who gave their lives in the two World Wars: 43 from World War I and 17 from World War II.

As shown by the list of Rugby Area service personnel killed from 1914 (link from the Archive Pages – Memorials, on the FODS website), the majority died overseas. There was an official policy of non-repatriation so that only those who died in military hospitals in the UK as

result of their war service or killed in action in the air over the UK or in coastal waters, were buried in UK cemeteries.

Those commemorated on the new signboard

are shown on the next page. There is no respect for age in this list of the deceased as it ranges from 18 to 50. Private Hughes died on Armistice Day and Private Hopkins and Lance Corporal Evans just before, which must have intensified their families' grief. Harry Evans's parents proudly noted that he had been wounded three times in action.

Interestingly, his name does not appear on the Dunchurch war memorial and only his initial H is mentioned on the CWGC website. Fortunately, the reference to Thurlaston assisted me as it was imperative that the names on the signboard were accurate. Brian Bowsher of St Edmund's Thurlaston helpfully confirmed that Harry Evans's name is read out there with the names of the Fallen on Remembrance Sunday.

Flying Officer Warren died only 16 days after Britain declared war on Germany. Sapper Bell died 2 years 5 months after VE Day.

There is clearly much more to these men's stories than appear in the bare details of dates, ranks and units. Perhaps

it is not too late to ask readers of this article if they have more information to share for future articles. In the mean-

time, please take a look at the signboard and the war graves in St Peter's beautiful churchyard.

### Commemorated on the signboard

#### Private James Amos

**Hughes** of the Ox & Bucks Light Infantry. Died 11 November 1918 aged 22. Son of Mrs Harriet Hughes of Daventry Road.

#### Private Leonard John

**Hopkins** of the Devonshire Regiment. Died 30 October 1918 aged 18. Son of Mr and Mrs E. Hopkins of The Green.

#### Company Sergeant Major Jonathan

#### Mulcaster of the

Manchester Regiment. Died 13 June 1917 aged 50. Husband of Elizabeth Mulcaster of 35 Daventry Road, and veteran of the Boer Wars in S. Africa.

#### Lance Corporal Harry

**Evans** of the King's Royal Rifle Corps. Died 6 November 1918 aged 23. Son of William and Annie Evans of Thurlaston. Wounded three times.

**Sapper Donald Bell** of the Royal Engineers. Died 29 September 1947 aged 35.

Son of Robert and Julia Bell, husband of Sarah.

#### Flying Officer John Henry

**Warren** of 605 Squadron RAF. Died 19 September 1939.

#### Marine Dennis Roy Miles

of the Royal Marines. Died 1 June 1943 aged 19. Son of Donald and Amelia Miles.

#### Flying Officer Desmond

**George Mitchell** of 15 Squadron RAF Volunteer Reserve. Died 24 August 1943 aged 20. Son of Leslie and Mabel Mitchell, and possibly a musician.

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## Dunchurch Baptist Church

*By Minister Dave Woods*

It's been a year like no other but we truly hope that by the time you are reading this, the church will gradually be emerging from lockdown and putting its programme of activities back together again. Initially, we'll be at the Methodist Church but soon afterwards, we hope, at the new Baptist Church on our Coventry Road site. At long last, we are heading into the final stages of fitting out the new building. We give thanks to God for his provision.

During the autumn, to

celebrate the opening, we will run a series of events to enable as many visitors from the village as possible to see the new premises, including a families' day and a songs of praise service.

Another such event will be Art To Celebrate (see below): get creative with art to celebrate the seasons!

Lockdown or no lockdown, our Sunday services continue, and even when we do fully return to the building, we hope to maintain an online presence. Services can be found



on YouTube under 'DBC Digital' or follow the link from [www.dunchurch-baptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.dunchurch-baptistchurch.org.uk).

Weekly service details can also be found at South Rugby News, [www.southrugbynews.co.uk](http://www.southrugbynews.co.uk).

If you'd like to know any more about our church and its activities please contact the Minister, Dave Woods, at [minister@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:minister@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk).

### Art To Celebrate

Are you a budding artist? Do you love to create? Then enter Dunchurch Baptist Church's new competition, Art To Celebrate. On the theme of 'seasons', there will be classes for photography, recycled art, woodwork, jewellery, fine art, textiles, ceramics, fibre crafts, multimedia and a children's section (up to year 11). An exhibition of all the entries will be held on Saturday 20th

November from 10am to 4pm, to be followed by a musical evening the same day. The competition is open to all ages and costs £5 per entry, which includes a ticket to the exhibition. Proceeds will go to the church building fund. The closing date for entries is Monday 29th September. To find out more contact Fleur Wayman on 07828 054170 or [fleurwayman@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:fleurwayman@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk).



## What goes around, comes around!

**C**ourtesy of Freda Bennett, over the next few issues we will be including some newspaper articles about our village from yesteryear. As we all wait with bated breath to see the outcome of the changes to the village crossroads which will include a reduction of the island around the Lord John statue, this article from 4th March 1958, Coventry Evening Telegraph seemed the most pertinent one to start with.

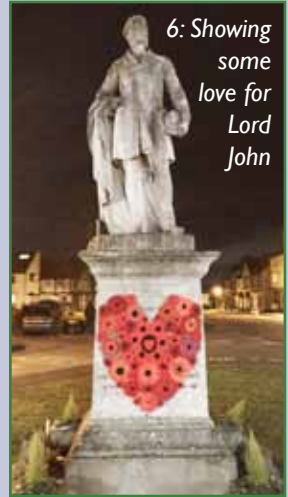
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Dunchurch and Thurlaston WI	Meetings 2nd Thursday of each month, 7.30pm at the WI Hall, Southam Rd.	Anne Gilbert 01788 811837 annegilbert1@hotmail.com
Dunchurch Band	Senior and training band	www.dunchurchband.co.uk dunchurch.band100@yahoo.com
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