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Formed by likeminded residents who love Dunchurch and its heritage and wish to protect and enhance its environment in order to make the village a better place to live in, work in and visit.



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## Welcome

If only our Lord Scott statue could talk. He would certainly have a tale or two to tell!

Although we had been expecting the roadworks on the crossroads, few of us had anticipated the initial disruption it would cause. Drivers becoming impatient and driving through on a red light caused the changing sequence to reset resulting in longer waiting times for many and increasing the risk of accidents. Thankfully, things do seem to have settled more of late. However, there has been a negative impact on the village businesses and some have reported a dramatic decrease in footfall.

These shops are at the very heart of our community and we are lucky to have such a wide variety of goods and services on our doorstep. As Christmas approaches, let's support them and 'shop

local'. Just pop in and take a look. You may be surprised at what you find.

## FODS News

### Royal Horticultural Society Community Awards

Outstanding! That was the judgement given for our submission to the RHS Community Awards. Out of a total of 118 groups who entered overall, Dunchurch was one of only five who received this accolade in the 'Cultivating Your Community' section. This is testament to the hard work of FODS volunteers, our wider village community and the other groups who supported our entry. Thank you. Together, we made a formidable team and to mark this outstanding achievement, we have been presented with a slate plaque which has been displayed outside the Village

Green Hotel which is the registered FODS address. In the meantime, we were delighted to receive this message from

An 'outstanding' RHS  
plaque



*Business open as usual*





*Some of the FODS team*

Roger Tait, Chair of Heart of England in Bloom:

'I just wanted to pass on my congratulations and those of the Heart of England in Bloom committee on your fantastic award in the Cultivating Your Community category of the RHS Community Awards 2021. It's very well deserved and brilliant to see the Friends of Dunchurch Society flying the flag for our region. Well done to all in your group.'

We also received Achievement Awards for our Green Solutions and Nature Friendly Gardening projects, both of which are in their infancy so we were delighted to have been acknowledged.

We have really raised the stakes now for next year and our Britain in Bloom entry as the Heart of England representatives in the large village category. Thinking caps on everyone! We will need to 'pull out all the stops' if we are to repeat our success.

## Heart of England in Bloom

Dunchurch struck Gold! Our FODS portfolio detailing village community activities and fabulous summer blooms obviously impressed and we are grateful to everyone who took part. You can find a copy of this portfolio on our website under the Britain in Bloom section.

## Rugby in Bloom

Yet more good news as the Dunchurch Community has been awarded a Gold accolade from Rugby Borough Council as part of the Rugby in Bloom initiative. Thank you RBC and congratulations on your own Gold award.

## The Wishing Tree

Stop by The Square and have a look at the messages left on The Wishing Tree. There are some lovely, inspiring words and artwork and we have included just a few photos of them throughout this issue.



*Wise words on the Wishing Tree*

## Orchard

Overgrown with nettles, we are beginning to tame the orchard although it is

not merely a case of cutting back and mowing. We are mindful of other plants that may be growing there and of course the wildlife and are delighted that since the addition of bird boxes, the smaller birds have started to move in. We are researching the history of the site and more recently, have been able to establish via the RHS, the apple trees are Bramley Seedlings, a delicious cooking variety (see page 7). We believe these may previously have provided fruit for the Winton Hall School kitchen.

Regarding community use, having spoken to leaders of children's groups, we have contacted a forest school expert to see how best we may utilise the space as a teaching environment and we are also investigating the viability of a pond. The help of Claire Siddaway and the Rugby Natural History Society has been invaluable throughout this process. Thank you.

## Winter Planting

FODS will be financing and planting up



the containers around the Lord Scott monument and the Dunchurch gateway signs to provide a

*FODS winter planting scheme*

warm welcome to the village and a splash of winter colour.

## Spring Bulbs

Recently, a delightful group of young ladies from Rainbows, Brownies and Guides met with FODS volunteers to plant another 200 crocus bulbs by the stocks on The Green. These are sure to make a spectacular display next spring and we thank the children, their group leaders and parents who came along to help.



*Spring planting for a brighter future*

## Winter Wonderland

We had hoped to hold our second Winter Wonderland market on The Green this December. However, in view of the difficult and sometimes dangerous conditions experienced by pedestrians during the crossroad alterations, we have decided to postpone for safety reasons. Previously, we had also used part of the road behind The Green for stall access. In the current economic climate, we felt it more important to leave this clear for customer parking for the village businesses. Hopefully, we will be able to resume this popular event in December 2022.



*Dust off your lights and check your bulbs!*

### Winter Wonderland Windows

It's full steam ahead with our plans and we hope to build upon the 70 entrants we had last year. We invite all Dunchurch residents and businesses to decorate a road facing window or the front of their property with a Christmas theme for all to enjoy. Please email [fodnews1@gmail.com](mailto:fodnews1@gmail.com) with your address by Saturday 11th December and your property will be added onto a trail map for others to follow. We will split the map into two separate halves so if you wish, you may follow the map on your own side of the village without the need to cross at the lights.

Let's bring some extra sparkle to the village this Christmas. Thank you.

### Santa's Story Time

As a special treat for our young folk, we have arranged for Santa to read four wonderful stories and you are invited to listen by Zoom. The stories, times and dates are:

Tuesday 21st December 2021 6:30pm  
Stick Man

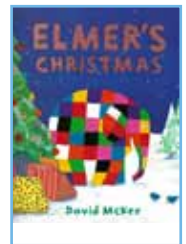
Wednesday 22nd December 2021 6:30pm  
Elmer's Christmas

Thursday 23rd December 2021 6:30pm  
Mog's Christmas

Friday 24th December 2021 6:30pm  
The Night Before Christmas

There are 100 places available on a first come first serve basis and as Santa is 'Zooming' from Lapland, he regrets, there is no pre-registration facility. You can log in daily just before the start time and we will post the link, meeting ID and Password on our Facebook page each day.

Our thanks to Santa for taking time out from his very busy schedule to help make this Christmas a very special one for the children in our village!



*Join Santa  
and Elmer  
for Christmas  
storytime*

### Finally

Hopefully, Christmas will be quite different this year with no restrictions on when or how we meet up with our friends and family, and we look forward to welcoming in 2022 with a renewed optimism about the future. Wherever or with whomever you spend the festivities, have a wonderful time. Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year to all.



## The Queen's Green Canopy

**T**his is a unique tree planting initiative to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and invites people from across the UK to 'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee'.

Everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, schools and more, will be encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees during the official planting season between October to March. Focusing on planting sustainably, this will create a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the nation. This will benefit future generations and in turn create a legacy of its

own, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.

As well as inviting the planting of new trees, The Queen's Green Canopy will dedicate a network of 70 ancient woodlands across the UK and identify 70 ancient trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

FODS will be applying to become part of this initiative and we will keep you updated with our progress.

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## Bramley Seedling Apple

**T**his ultimate English cooking apple has a sharp taste with one of the highest acidic contents of any variety. This helps it to maintain a diced shape during cooking and makes it one of the most popular of cooking apples. It provides a profusion of juice also making it popular with cider brewers.

The trees are generally quite large and long lived and it is reported that the first tree appeared in a garden in Nottinghamshire in 1809. Amazingly, it still survives to this day.

Let's get ready to crumble!

### Christmas apple crumble

Serves 6

Preparation time 25 mins

#### Filling

850g Bramley apples

2 ripe pears

½ lemon, juice only

250g mincemeat

75g golden caster sugar

½ tsp ground cinnamon

¼ tsp freshly grated nutmeg

125g marzipan

#### For the crumble

225g plain flour

150g unsalted butter, diced and chilled

pinch salt

50g golden caster sugar

50g flaked almonds



#### Method

Preheat the oven to 180°C/ 160°C Fan/ Gas 4.

Peel, quarter

and core the apples and pears. Cut the fruit into bite-size pieces and put in a large bowl. Squeeze over the lemon juice and toss the fruit well to coat in the juice.

Add the mincemeat, caster sugar, ground cinnamon and nutmeg to the fruit and mix again.

Cut the marzipan into small dice the size of a raisin and stir into the mixture. Tip into an ovenproof dish, spread evenly and cover with foil. Bake on the middle shelf for

10 minutes while you make the crumble.

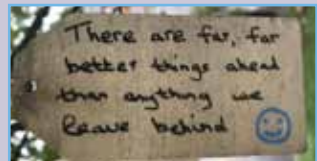
For the crumble, tip the plain flour into a large mixing bowl, add diced butter and a pinch of salt. Using your fingertips rub the butter into the flour until the crumble starts to look like sand.

Continue rubbing in until the crumble starts to form clumps. Add the sugar and flaked almonds and mix again to combine.

Scatter the crumble over the fruit in an even layer. Return to the oven, uncovered and cook for 45 minutes, or until the fruit is bubbling and the crumble is golden-brown.

Serve with custard or brandy cream and enjoy!

### More from the Wishing Tree





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## Dunchurch Festival Group

By Rob Collings

### Family Fun Day

On the 5th September we held our Family Fun Day. It was touch and go if any event could go ahead at all as the fete takes a good deal of planning and at the start of the year, we had no idea if government restrictions would be lifted. However, a date was set and we crossed our fingers. Because things are booked well in advance, we had to plan for a much smaller event in case we had to cancel at the last minute and as a result, we had fewer of our regular attractions. The weather for the day forecast torrential rain but a few days before, the gods shined on us, the winds blew in our favour and we had glorious sunshine.

The local stalls provided wonderful entertainment and was added to by trade stalls selling many exotic items. Other attractions included the alpacas, cuddly ferrets, the very popular BBQ and bar and top-class singers entertained every-

one and there was much dancing on the field. Attendance was high with many stalls having

*Al Paca and his two friends*



a roaring trade and the smiles on the faces of villagers showed the day was a

huge success. Thanks to all those who helped put this great event together and all who supported us. The day including the raffle raised £6,330 for local good causes.



*Bee-autiful Woody won best fancy dress*

### Dunchurch Festival Players.

For the past 20 years or so (Covid excepted) the Dunchurch Festival Players have staged a comedy play or a Variety Show celebrating National Events. This year it was decided to stage a comedy play *Ladies Day* for three nights on 7th, 8th and 9th October.

In the middle of last winter and lockdown, the 'players' took the brave decision to start zooming rehearsals at a time when they didn't even know whether they would be able to get on stage. However, when rules relaxed the cast Sara Galligan, Alison Orr, Sue Protheroe, Sandy McLean and Paul Le Poidevin under the direction of Mike Judge were able to start rehearsals together, courtesy of Sandy and her



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*Ladies Day cast in full tic tac mode*

newly converted stables. They recorded the play so they could rehearse with headphones whilst doing other things and only managed to access the village hall to rehearse properly ten days before opening night, rehearsing all day and all weekend, while the technical crew, Phill Freeman, Les Pearce and George Eden built the set, lighting and sound system late at night to avoid hall bookings.

All that effort was rewarded by three sell-out, socially distanced performances which raised £1,053 for local good causes and extremely positive responses from audiences immensely grateful to get closer to normal. Generous contributions to our 'famous' raffle and our bucket collection on behalf of the Air Ambulance and the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group, (in memory of 14-year-old Fred who sadly died last year) raised a further £400. This will be split equally between the two charities.

As many people said, our village is blessed to have a great bunch of talented people to put on such a fun show.

## Festival Group at Christmas

As Christmas approaches, the DFG will be busy putting the Christmas trees up above the village businesses and helping out at the Nativity play on 5th December with the Village Christmas Tree lights 'switch on' at 4pm, performed by our new Youth Ambassador Adrija Ganguly.

## Looking Forward

We are now planning next year's events including a Pub Quiz, Gin Tasting Night, Jubilee Variety Night and much more, including the Grand Fete back to its regular spot in June with a procession along Rugby Road from the centre of the village to the village hall.

The DFG does a great job collecting money throughout the year and over the last six years nearly £45,000 has been given away to local good causes.

If you want to know more about the group's activities look on the Festival Group Facebook page and the website [dunchurchevents.org](http://dunchurchevents.org).

## Vaccination Centre Volunteers urgently needed – Locke House

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- Meet and greet
- Checking in (using a computer)

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*Thank you!*

## Dunchurch Parish Council

by Gill Peacock, Clerk

**W**e now seem to be working to a 'new normal' and I am still working from home for much of the time although you will see me in the library at least once or twice a week now. However, I am very pleased to say that the library itself has re-opened on a Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, which is great news! In the meantime, 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 DPC website by following the link [www.dunchurchpc.org/download-category/declarations-of-interest](http://www.dunchurchpc.org/download-category/declarations-of-interest).

One of the most important tasks that the DPC does is to respond to a variety of planning applications each month. These can all be seen via the minutes on

the DPC website and the Rugby Borough Council Planning Portal <https://planning.agile-applications.co.uk/rugby/search-applications>. Councillor Paul Le Poidevin continues to do a splendid job taking the lead on planning issues and the Dunchurch Neighbourhood Plan.

The DPC has held various Dunchurch Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings as it is important to gain the views of the community on 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 is adopted by Rugby Borough Council, it will be classed as a material consideration, which means that when planners consider all planning applications, they must take more notice of what we say on your behalf!

The DPC is delighted to welcome Jon Marlow and Ian Grogan on to our friendly team, which brings the total number of councillors to nine. There will be another election shortly, so if anyone is interested, please give me a call and we can have a chat.

Finance is always a priority for the DPC, and details of income and expenditure



### **We need you!**

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can be found on the council website <https://dunchurchpc.org/agendas-and-minutes.php>, together with the latest bank reconciliation reports, which are completed monthly.

We are also pleased that we have been able to fund over £15,000 into community projects this year.

The DPC agreed to appoint a contractor to re-furbish the Thatched Bus Shelter; however, we decided to delay the start of the works until February or March next year when the work at Dunchurch crossroads is complete.

Unfortunately, there were a few teething problems with the crossroads re-modelling, but we are in constant touch with the contractors, so if you are experiencing any issues, please contact us.

The DPC has started face-to-face meetings again and everyone is welcome to attend. The next few meetings will be on the second Monday of the month: 13th December 2021, 10th January 2022 (Budget Meeting) and 7th February

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2022 (although I will be absent from this meeting as I will be on annual leave).

And finally, and most importantly: all the Dunchurch Parish Councillors, the Clerk and our Handyman, Darren, wish you all a very, very merry Christmas and every success and happiness in 2022!



We would also like to take this opportunity of thanking all the members of FODS and all the other unsung heroes who have made Dunchurch a better place to live and work in during 2021.

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## 2 GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS! HEART OF ENGLAND IN BLOOM LARGE VILLAGE CATEGORY GOLD



## ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY NATIONAL COMMUNITY AWARDS 2021 OUTSTANDING ENTRY (top award)

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY  
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## A Terrific 'Guy'

Since 1605, our village has been synonymous with the Gun Powder Plot but the November 5th village celebrations will never be quite the same again. Sadly, on the 2nd August, we lost another much loved village character with the passing of Brian Forbes. Brian had lived in Dunchurch for many years and never missed an opportunity to dress up and spread some fun. Most will remember him as Guy Fawkes, regularly appearing at a variety of village functions, including our 2019, gold award winning entry for Britain in Bloom where he charmed the RHS judges with his stories of 'Gun Powder Treason and Plot.' Always good humoured,



Brian will be sorely missed.

Donations to FODS in memory of Brian currently stand in excess of £800. As per Brian's wishes, we are looking at purchasing a rather splendid bench, to be positioned in the village as a permanent and fitting memorial to him. RIP Brian.

## Dunchurch Model Village

*By Paul and Julia Sanders*

Dunchurch Model Village was displayed for the final time at the Family Funday Day in September 2021.

This 2020 lockdown project involved many members of the community making clay models of the village which were subsequently fired and arranged on a village plan. The first showing took place in July 2020



after which more structures were created by villagers who were inspired by the project. The outcome was that around forty homes, businesses and village structures were made.

It is now time to disband the model village and return the models to their makers. Please contact Paul on 07929 752535 to arrange collection of your masterpiece.

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## Dunchurch Pantomaniacs

By Sue Protheroe

**S**adly, we have once again taken the decision to postpone our next pantomime until 2023. Although we would have loved to have performed The Pie-Rats of Penzance, (an original script of swashbuckling pirates, witches and lovable rodents,



Kate and Sidney Pie), we thought that with such a large cast and the uncertainty around increasing Covid numbers, the risk to health and the improbability of being able to put on the show was just too great. However, we will be back as soon

*Ann presenting our famous DAFTA Awards!*



as we can and hope you will come along and enjoy all the fun and organised chaos that your village panto has to offer.

If you are interested in joining us either on stage or behind the scenes, email [sueprotheroe@gmail.com](mailto:sueprotheroe@gmail.com) or [paul.lepoidevin@btinternet.com](mailto:paul.lepoidevin@btinternet.com) or telephone Sue on 01788 815989. We would love to hear from you.

## An Albino Squirrel in Dunchurch?

***Our thanks to Robert Townsend who has sent in this photo***

There have been several sightings of this white squirrel over the past couple of months but is it a genuine albino squirrel or just a rare genetic morph that has resulted in it being born with white fur? The only real way to tell is by studying the eyes which in the case of albinos are red. Having studied the photo, it does appear that we do indeed have this rare phenomenon in Dunchurch.

Albino squirrels are so rare with only an estimated 50 of them living in the UK.



Albinism is known to affect around one in a million grey squirrels and is caused by an absence of melanin, which affects the colour of their fur and eyes.

If you have any photos of wildlife visitors to your garden, please send them to [fodnews1@gmail.com](mailto:fodnews1@gmail.com). We would love to include some in our future issues. Thank you.



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## Dunchurch Allotment Association

By Paul Sanders

The recent scarecrow festival day held at Dunchurch Allotments was a great success. Many allotment holders made scarecrows to celebrate the founding of Dunchurch Allotment Association ten years ago. Families from the village were invited to find the scarecrows by exploring the allotment site and recording as many named figures as they could. Most popular were characters from films such as Captain Jack Barrow, Harry Pothead and 'May the Fork be with you' Darth Vader. There was also a local connection, with Guy Forks looking

particularly threatening. Visitors were invited to partake of refreshments

whilst splat the spud and the potato shy were popular with the kids.

The Allotment Association sees itself as being an integral part of village life and participates actively in relevant events. This year two of our members took up the challenge of growing all the flowers for the village hanging baskets, a task that was both demanding and caused some unease with the responsibility. As I look out of my window now in mid-October, I have to thank Tony and Simon for the still flourishing blooms in my basket.

For the past couple of years, the allotments association has processed the



Above: 'May the Fork be with you'  
Darth Vader,  
Right: Captain Jack Barrow



village grass clippings which are carefully composted again by Tony. The resulting compost will eventually be used to mulch around the fruit trees in the orchard.

If you have friends with an allotment, you may well be the recipient of the excess fruit and veg as plot holders attempt to off load their bumper crop into your grateful hands. At Dunchurch Allotments much of the excess fruit and veg

is also collected by member Bharat who delivers it to



*Bug hotels enthusiastically created by children at the Family Funday*

a local food charity. This summer large quantities of beans were given away along with giant marrows and large juicy tomatoes.

The successful village Family Funday saw the Association in attendance but this time working with families making bug hotels. The sight of young

people frantically hammering cans into cans was a joy to behold. We expect to see a profusion of pollinators take to the air in Dunchurch next spring.

[www.dunchurchallotments.org.uk](http://www.dunchurchallotments.org.uk)



*A few more scarecrows: Scary Mary, Nurse Gladys, Guy Forks, Burrowing Bill, Harry Pothead, Babak*





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<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.	
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Cod fish cooked on the grill with fried onions and tomatoes.	
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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 (HOT) Lamb, chicken or prawn.</b> .....	<b>£8.50</b>
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<b>Shatkora</b> .....	<b>£8.50</b>
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<b>Handi</b> .....	<b>£8.50</b>
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<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.

🍗 Dairy 🍋 Gluten 🍌 Nuts 🍋 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 V or Mushroom V ..	£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 ① ②

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.

### 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 .....	£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 ① ② .....	£9.95
Rainbow trout cooked in a mild creamy sauce.	
Roop Chand Masala ① ② .....	£9.95
Silver pomflet fish cooked in a mild creamy sauce.	
Fish Bengal Masala ① ② .....	£9.95
Bengal fish cooked in mild creamy sauce.	
Murghi Masala ① ② .....	£8.50
Chicken cooked with mince lamb, egg and tomatoes.	
Spicy but mild dish.	
Chicken/Lamb Tikka Masala ① ② ...	£8.50
Cooked in a mild, creamy sauce.	
Tandoori King Prawn Masala ① ② ...	£11.95
Cooked in a mild creamy sauce.	
Jhinga Zafron ① ② .....	£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 ① ② .....	£8.50
Lamb cooked with pistachio, a very mild dish.	
Dakeswari .....	£8.50
Lamb cooked in a spicy sauce. Slightly hot.	
Badami ① ② .....	£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 ① ② .....	£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 V .....	£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, cinnamon and herbs. Hot and spicy.

### ROTHON MASALA ① ②

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 v .....	£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 Mild ① .....	£3.95	£7.50
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 ①.....	£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 ① .....	£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 .....	£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
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Raitha ② .....	£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.



## Our Caring Community

If you wanted to see an example of a caring community, you need look no further than Dunchurch. There have been many instances where we have

shown that we care for our neighbours and in some instances, strangers. Here are two more excellent examples worthy of our support.

## Guys and Ghouls Halloween Trail

Organised by Louise Dillon Bennett in memory of her son Fred, this event provided hours of fun over the Halloween weekend and raised more money in support of the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group. In case you missed them, here are just a few of the many wonderful Halloween displays.

The event created such a friendly atmosphere, and it was heart-warming to see so many families out



*From top: Just clowning around!  
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and about and enjoying the spooky creations. Also, a 'shout out' to Square Coffee who provided a free, warming hot chocolate for children with any coffee purchased.

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## Dunchurch Pantry

This brand new initiative, the brain child of Paul Hayden-Hart, seeks to provide essential food for anyone in the village who is struggling with the rising cost of living and the recent reduction of benefits. Donated food may be left in the foyer of the library, and everyone is encouraged to give what they can and others, to take what they need.

Paul says: 'Nobody in the village should be going hungry and the

thought of kids going to school, or going to bed, with an empty belly is not a good



thought. Please pop in, pick up what you need and pop out. No questions asked. This will just keep everyone in the village sharing and helping each other. Sainsbury's have kicked us off with a big donation to get us going.'

Now it's over to us to follow Paul's example and support those who need it.

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## Doctors in Dunchurch

### Part II – By Dr Ian Czerniewski, Dunchurch GP since 1991

**D**uring the 1990s the practice enjoyed the breathing space of the new surgery and learned to use computers which have, of course, become an essential part of working life. The fundamental work of caring for patients from cradle to grave had not changed though and the practice ethos was to maintain the traditional continuity of care.

Dr Czerniewski continued Dr Blundstone's minor surgery clinics at the practice, removing moles, cysts and warts while Dr Roberts developed gynaecology and Family Planning services.

Dr Holcroft continued to practice homeopathy within her role as a GP and continued independent homeopathy after retiring from NHS General Practice in 1997. She was respected for her straightforward honesty and common sense and her understanding of holistic care and the need to avoid over-medicating patients. She had many loyal patients, some of whom had moved to the practice with her and who still remember her with great affection. Although she was too modest to mention it at work, Dr Holcroft was also a keen and very successful golfer.

Dr Hunter has also written a little about his time at the Practice. During his 35 years at Dunchurch Surgery he looked af-

ter consecutive generations of several families, looking after pregnant women, whom he had himself delivered. Longstanding patients speak of the long-haired, leather-jacketed, young assistant doctor of the 1960s who formed many enduring professional relationships with patients for whom he was a trusted confidante. His concern for vulnerable patients and his obvious compassion for them were striking examples of good traditional family medicine, which quickly became apparent to his new partners. His commitment to the patients and to working at all hours was truly vocational and he, too, is often mentioned with great affection 23 years after his retirement in 1998.

Following these retirements Drs Czerniewski and Roberts' search for new partners culminated in the appointment of Dr David Carne (all the way from Melbourne) and shortly afterwards, Dr Kate Reynolds, (all the way from... Sawbridge.)

Dr Carne had been involved in GP Training at his previous practice and we hoped to use his experience to help the practice to meet the requirements to become a Training Practice.

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*Dr Holcroft*

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## A Reflective Account

**By Dr John Airlie Hunter, GP in Dunchurch 1963–1998**

I arrived in Dunchurch in 1963 with my wife and baby and was greeted by the active partner Dr Blundstone who introduced me to Dr and Mrs Edmondson. The Edmondsons lived at Rose Ash on the Bilton Grange estate which the headmaster, Rex Machin, had made available to them after their home Dunsmore House was bombed in 1940.

As Dr Edmondson became increasingly crippled by Parkinson's Disease the burden of running the practice caused Dr Blundstone to look for an assistant, and that is where I came in.

The surgery was a small two-roomed brick building, the walls of which had been reinforced for use as an air raid shelter during the war. It had previously been the pavilion of the Dunchurch Bowling Club located behind the Dun Cow. It comprised a waiting room, a consulting room, a passage with an Elsan toilet and a rear exit. Apart from Mrs Lee who kept it clean, and an occasional secretary, there was no ancillary staff. Surgeries were held every morning including Saturday from nine until ten, when the door was closed. When the last patient had been seen, Dr Blundstone and I drove to Rose Ash where Mrs Edmondson gave us tea and,

in the presence of Dr Edmondson, discussed the calls that she had received from patients.



Armed with this information we went out on home visits. The wife of the doctor on duty would pass on any other incoming enquiries or calls, day and night. Evening surgeries were from six to seven. An antenatal clinic preceded the Tuesday evening surgery, and home confinements were the norm.

After Dr Edmondson's death in 1964, I became a partner and we planned a new surgery adjacent to the old one which was demolished in 1966. The new single storey prefabricated premises were larger and had a phone – a novelty. Administrative staff and a practice nurse were employed. Over the next two decades the patient list expanded as more houses were built. When Dr Holcroft joined the practice in 1981 the unused bicycle porch was converted into her consulting room.

Dr Blundstone retired in 1991 just as the existing surgery was erected on Dunsmore Heath. I enjoyed seven more years working at our splendid new premises with Dr Holcroft and my new partners Drs Czerniewski and Roberts.

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## School News

*We are delighted to receive this first contribution from Mr Andrews, the newly appointed Executive Headteacher of Dunchurch Infant and Junior School. We know you will join us in wishing Mr Andrews well in his new post and we look forward to continuing and building upon the strong links we have established with the schools over the past few years.*



## Dunchurch Schools Federation

**By Joss Andrews, Executive Headteacher**

It gives me great pleasure to be addressing the Dunchurch community for the first time.

Since starting as the new Executive Headteacher of Dunchurch Infants and Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Schools in September, I have been taken aback by the warmth and generous welcome given to me. This, I am told, is the best possible example of the Dunchurch community in action. Starting a new school, whether as a child or a staff member, can be an anxious time. Indeed, given the challenges we have faced locally and nationally, being anxious about the next step is more understandable now than ever.

But it does not seem to have phased our pupils. Since the start of term (I am sat here during the October half-term writing this, but you'll be reading it closer to Christmas), the children have excelled themselves. Their enthusiasm for the curriculum and their desire to be involved in the wider life of school (clubs, pupil leadership opportunities and

discos!) have shown us that, regardless of the challenges and constraints that still exist, there is much to celebrate and even more to learn when we are open to embracing new opportunities.

It is exciting times across the Dunchurch Schools' Federation. The Infants' has now become a church school, a significant step towards aligning the two schools' visions and continuing to develop the spirituality of our children. This has also presented an excellent opportunity for our community members and church leaders to return to school to share their work and messages.

We are grateful for the support we continue to receive from the community, and look forward to the build up to Christmas, returning to church services where possible and immersing ourselves in our own Christmas performances.

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## Dunchurch War Memorial Unveiling Ceremony

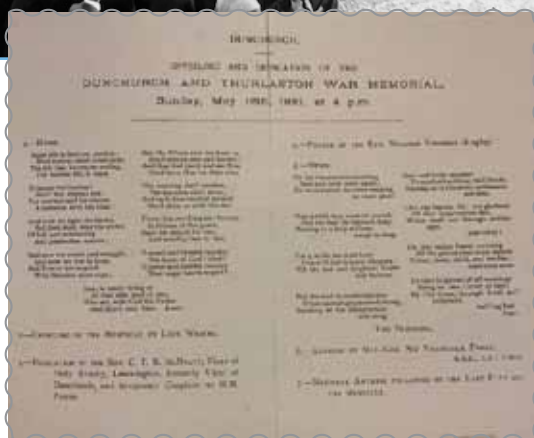
**F**ODS archivists are grateful to members of the public who continue to provide us with wonderful items for preservation. This year, the Dunchurch War Memorial is 100 years old and we have received two such donations which we are delighted to share.



Cathy Briscoe sent us this wonderful photo which was originally given as a Christmas gift in 1921. 'It is a photograph so full of stories and as it is probably one hundred years since it was taken, I thought it may be nice to return it to its home in time for Remembrance Day 2021'

The second item, a service sheet for the Unveiling and Dedication of the Dunchurch Memorial, has been donated by Tony Ansell who found it in his step-mother's belongings.

Both will be stored along with a full account of the Rugby Advertiser article, 20 May 1921 (provided courtesy of Paul Waller), as follows:



'Favoured by fine weather, the unveiling and dedication ceremony of the Dunchurch and Thurlaston War Memorial took place on Sunday afternoon before a large number of people. The memorial, which is situated on a piece of green in front of the school, consists of an octagonal base

in which there are four steps, surmounted by panels, also in the form of an octagon, on which the names of the fallen are inscribed, and a plinth carrying a cross.

The inscription is “In ever living memory of the men of Dunchurch and Thurlaston who died fighting for faith and freedom in the great war, 1914–1918.”

At the service there were lined up round the memorial a detachment of the Rugby Howitzer Battery, commanded by Lieut-Col C P Nickalls, Major Constantine, the relatives of those whose names were recorded on the memorial, the discharged soldiers from the village under Major Neilson and the Dunchurch Brass Band under Mr Timms. Amongst those present were Sir Samuel and Lady Waring and Miss Waring, Mrs Holdsworth, Mr and Mrs Davenport and Mrs McNulty.

After the hymn *Brief life is here our portion* had been sung, Lady Waring unveiled the memorial in the following words: “To the glory of God and in certain hope of the glorious resurrection I unveil this memorial in grateful memory of the men of Dunchurch and Thurlaston who fell for their beloved country in the great war.”

The Rev C T B McNulty, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Leamington, formerly Vicar of Dunchurch and temporary Chaplain to H M Forces, in dedicating the memorial said, “Let us remember with thanksgiving and honour before men, the men of Dun-

church and Thurlaston who died fighting for faith and freedom in the Great War of 1914–1918. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost, I dedicate this memorial to the glory of God in memory of those whose names are inscribed upon it who fell in the Great War. May their example inspire us to courage in the greater war they missed, however, may their memory ever burn brightly amongst those here who remember their deeds and strengthen them by their fellowship to look forward to the re-union with them in the heritage of the Saints.”

A prayer was offered by the Rev W Vaughan and following the singing of On the Resurrection morning the Blessing was pronounced by the Vicar of Dunchurch (the Rev E P Rowland). He read the following telegram, “National Association are with you to-day in homage to fallen comrades. May they rest in peace – Jackson, President.”

Major-General Sir Frederick Poole, in an address, said it was just about two years ago when they assembled there to greet on their home-coming the men of Dunchurch and Thurlaston and he remembered and thought all who were there must have felt the same, the tinge of sadness that marred the gaiety, the remembrance of those who had not come back. It was their sad day and they were assembled in love and reverence to the 43 sons of Dunchurch and Thurlaston who



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had made the supreme sacrifice. There was no science of anything to tell them what a loss they had sustained by giving up their young lives and what remained was the memorial to their love and self-sacrifice. Great as their sorrow was, surely they must feel a thrill of pride when they thought of the ordeal that their boys were called upon to face and how nobly they responded to it. Down the ages the history of the British Isles was intermingled with stories of heroism and it was a source of pride to feel that what their boys endured and faced and accomplished would bear comparison with any deeds that had been handed down to them by their forefathers. The memorial would serve as a constant reminder of the loss they had suffered. When they passed it they would think of that as sanctified ground, bought at a great price and paid for by the lives given that they might live. If they found their country worth dying for, it was the duty of those who were left to make it worth living for and the memorial, which pointed out to them service and self-sacrifice, should soften their hearts to pull down the barriers which greed, self-seeking and suspicion had raised in the country with such dire results. It would soften their hearts to bring them to the high ideals they had in 1914, when, faced with a great danger, they had one common thought that worked for the common weal. That cross would serve to remind their children and their children's children of their heroism

and be an incentive to emulate the deeds of their ancestors and to surpass them.

The National Anthem was sung and a firing party fired a volley over the memorial and the service closed with the sounding of the Last Post and the Reveille. In addition to a number of wreaths placed at the foot of the memorial by relatives, there were others from the War Memorial Committee, the Discharged Soldiers, the Cricket and Football Club, the Dunchurch Brass Band, the Social Club and the Boys' School. The arrangements for the memorial, which cost about £450, were carried out by a committee, of which the Rev E P Rowland was chairman and Mr J H Dew secretary.



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## Dunchurch Baptist Church

*By Rev Dave Woods*

**A**t the time of writing at the end of October, we are still waiting to move into our new church building on Coventry Road. Our hopes of completing the building by the end of September were scuppered when a key supplier went into administration and we are now looking at a moving date during December. It would be wonderful to celebrate Christmas in the new church!

Meanwhile, we continue to use the Methodist Church building for our in-person activities including our Sunday morning services but with many meetings still happening on Zoom, keeping us all as safe as possible. Our families with schoolchildren have almost all been affected by Covid during the autumn and our prayers are especially with them, together with the school staff and all families in our village. We pray for much better things in 2022.

Our Christmas services are subject to change and may either take place in the Methodist Church or at the new Baptist Church (see our website for details) but currently are:

Sunday 12th December 10.30am

Christmas All Age Service

Sunday 19th December 7.00pm

Carols by Candlelight

Friday 24th December 9.30pm

Christmas Eve Communion

Saturday 25th December 10.30am

Christmas Day Celebration

But yes, Christmas is coming! Something to bring us some real cheer.

Time with family, sharing our joys and sorrows from the past year. Time to relax, perhaps to rest from the usual routines, gifts exchanged and a looking forward to new opportunities in the year ahead.

Two thousand years ago, one family shared in the joy of a new child and shepherds, relaxing on a hillside were startled by angels appearing. Wise men brought gifts to one they believed to be a king and the world looked forward, in hope, to what this child would bring. He brought more than anyone could have possibly hoped for – he came as a God-given Saviour to our world, revealing the true depth of God's love for humankind and opening a way for us to find a genuine connection with God, through

faith. I pray that each one of us will find a closer connection to God this Christmas time.



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# Christmas Greetings from the Churches of Dunchurch and Thurlaston

**By Steve Cook**

*But Mary treasured these things and  
continued to think about them.*

*Luke 2:19 – Youth Bible*

## A Christmas Message – The heart of Christmas

I am writing this message on behalf of  
Rev. Pat, currently on compassionate  
leave in Zimbabwe with her daughter  
Sarah. Our thoughts and prayers are with  
them and their family.

In 2020 many of us experienced a

## December Christmas Services

5th	Annual open-air nativity	4:00pm
18th	St Edmund's Carol Service	6:30pm
19th	St Peter's Carol service	6:30pm
24th	Midnight Service	11:00pm
25th	Christmas Day Family Communion	10:30am

Christmas when so many of the ways  
we traditionally mark the season were  
suddenly denied to us. This year, we  
hope and pray that many of the familiar  
experiences that help Christmas come  
alive return to our houses, churches  
and communities, but whatever else  
December brings, it will offer us an  
opportunity to enter more deeply into  
the joyful mystery that lies at the heart  
of Christmas, God becoming human in  
the birth of Jesus.

## Dunchurch & Thurlaston WI

**by Anne Gilbert**

We were delighted  
to meet up again in  
September after 18  
months of lockdown and wel-  
comed our members and new  
faces who have now joined us.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday  
of each month at 2.00pm in  
the WI Hall on the Southam  
Road.

## Speakers Programme for 2022

January	Photographs to Music
February	Social Worker to Horticulturist
March	The Cottage Weaver
April	Resolution Meeting
May	Badby Boys Club
June	Marton Museum
July	Dancing with 'Diana'
August	Picnic in the Orchard
September	A Wildlife Artist
October	An Artisan Baker
November	AGM
December	Christmas Celebration





## Dunchurch Yesteryear

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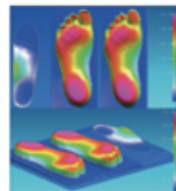
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