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Welcome

Welcome to our last publication of 2025.

This year, we have witnessed an ever-changing landscape in and around our village as preparations are made for more building work. Born from this, we have two new community groups that have formed: Action for Dunchurch, which campaigns 'to preserve Dunchurch's unique character, heritage and rural landscape', and Dunchurch Nature Watch, 'keeping an eye on our local wildlife, green spaces and rights of way.' Both have submitted interesting articles for this issue and provide us with a platform for voicing any concerns or

ideas we may have. We wish them well in their endeavours.

In October, the collation, induction and installation of Reverend Ian Sweeney took place at St Peter's Church in front of a large congregation which included his family and friends and we welcome them all warmly to Dunchurch. This position holds some historical gravitas and Reverend Sweeney's name will be added to the long list of vicars, dating back to 1329 (see photo). More on the collation service on page 49.

Still on the subject of St Peter's and, as the festive season draws ever nearer,

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don't miss out on the nativity event outside St Peter's Church which traditionally heralds the start of the village Christmas celebrations. This year, it is a little earlier on the 30th of November at 4pm as once again, both the Baptist Church and St Peter's come together to conduct the service and the village Christmas tree is officially illuminated.



our content, frequently working long hours and with great patience of our demands. This will be Janet's last publication as she takes time off for other pursuits and we thank her wholeheartedly for her tireless work and friendship. We really could not have achieved all we have without her input. Thank you Janet, we are forever grateful.

But fear not! We have

Mark Udall waiting in the wings to take over from Janet and as a 'warm up' Mark created our front cover for this issue. Thank you Mark. We know we are in good hands and you are most warmly welcomed to the team. We very much look forward to working with you.

All that remains is to wish all of our readers a very happy Christmas and let us hope and pray for a happy and peaceful New Year for all.

A brief note from Janet

Thanks to Sue for her kind words. But without Sue there would be no magazine! She has enthusiastically edited the magazine for the last seven years while juggling all her other village commitments. So I'd like to say a huge thank you to her for her dedication and hard work.

Of course, at the end of a year, we look forward to the next and our 2026 community events will kick off in January with our annual village pantomime and a performance of Dick Whittington. Hence, the magazine front cover! This depicts just one of the seven pantomime themed, saddle stone decorations at the Old Holt which will be on display throughout December, and we thank all those involved in creating them. They do make a very impressive spectacle.

Speaking of the magazine front cover, since our first publication way back in 2018, Janet Beaumont, our graphic designer, has been an integral part of our volunteer team. Janet has been responsible for the beautiful presentation of

Dunchurch Festival Group

By Guy Watt, Dunchurch Festival Chairman

As we wave a sad goodbye to summer and it gets ever darker, the Dunchurch Festival Group is finishing off this year's work, before planning for the 50th year of the fete.

Before we start next year, we have the Christmas tree lighting by Dunchurch Youth Ambassador Rory Nuss, and presentation of cheques to the charities and organisations in the village we support. The final Festival Group event of 2025

will be the Santa Collection on the 8th and 9th of December. Any money donated will be shared between Myton Hospice and Paw Prints charities.

We now begin to look towards 2026 and our 50th fete on the 28th June. There are a number of events being planned; updates will be given in future additions of the magazine.



In for a Penny, in for a Pound

By Steve Prime

Before the village hall was built, the Dunchurch Festival Group held weeklong events leading up to fete day, utilising a marquee erected on the village hall sports field and hiring toilets.

Following an incident of marquee vandalism which resulted in a repair bill of £500, an overnight security rota was drawn up and two members of the group would take it in turns to sleep over each night, and by day a willing volunteer would sit in the marquee as security. However, during an off-site lunch break, a landrover drove into the carpark, hitched up the toilets and removed/stole them! I was secretary of the DFG at the time and was given the

job of contacting the owner and informing him of the theft. He was not amused and demanded £10,000 compensation.

The police were informed and an appeal was made in the *Rugby Telegraph* for information. Someone from Coventry Road came forward having seen the landrover with toilets being driven away, and was able to give a full description of the vehicle.

Ian Vaughan, our Treasurer, arranged for replacement toilets and I called the 'aggrieved' owner telling him that as it was now a police incident, he needed to give a statement, and that someone had been able to supply a description of the landrover removing the toilets. Only then did



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the owner tell me that the unit was back in his yard, claiming he had taken them back to 'teach us a lesson in security' and refusing to return either the toilets or refund our money.

Don Townend, who was our Chair at the time, Ian our Treasurer and I used the small claims court to recover the money that was rightfully ours and after questioning the owner, the judge found in our favour instructing a full refund and expenses. Needless to say, we walked out of court with a spring in our step and it will be no surprise to many, we

headed straight to a pub to celebrate.

A lot of hard work goes into organising the village fete and as you can see, it is not always plain sailing. It can definitely bring a few sleepless nights whether you are sleeping in a draughty marquee or not!

Fete day 2026 will be the DFG's 50th anniversary and it is heart-warming to see that despite all the ups and downs,

the group is still going strong and raising money for the benefit of the village. Long may it continue.

Santa Comes to Dunchurch

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Dick Whittington

An original pantomime. Dunchurch Village Hall. CV22 6PN

Written by Sue Protheroe. Directed by Paul le Poidevin



SCAN ME

Dunchurch Pantomaniacs, 35 years of fun!



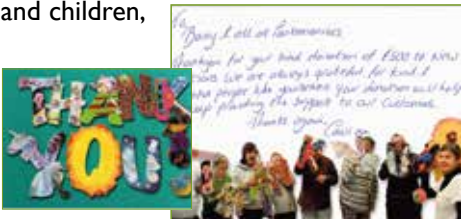
By Sue Protheroe

It seems only yesterday that we gave our very first performance in the WI Hall, and yet next January's pantomime will be our 35th as we continue to entertain and raise money for charity.

We have come a long way since those early days, learning new skills both on and off stage and navigating an ever-increasing amount of paperwork to conform with regulations.

As a community group, we are particularly proud to have provided a safe and happy environment for all our members, but particularly for the children. Putting aside their mobile phones for the duration of rehearsals and performances, youngsters have learnt about teamwork, personal responsibility, their accountability towards others and all while gaining a newfound confidence.

This year we are once again pleased to welcome new members, both adults and children,



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into our chorus and principal roles, and we hope you will come along to see how they fare in our next performance. Dick Whittington, an original script (writing is another talent fostered by the Pantomaniacs) is a fun-for-all-the-family show packed with music, song and plenty of laughs with just a hint of Hollywood glamour. The sort of thing that might happen if Frank Sinatra met Del Boy! 'Cushty!'

Once again, Paul Le Poidevin will be guiding us through our panto journey and this year will be Paul's tenth show as our director. Paul has been a big part of our successes and both cast and crew hold him in very high regard. No doubt, under his direction, we will once again produce another great show and we do hope you will come along and support us and help us to raise more funds for worthy causes.



(left) A £200 cheque was presented to the Carers Trust, (right) £555 donated to the Warwickshire Air Ambulance

ACTION FOR DUNCHURCH

AUTUMN ROUND UP

Find out what we've been up to since the summer, working to give Dunchurch a voice on the planning developments in and around our village

- Hosted an afternoon tea with Councillors Michael Moran, Leader of the Council and Louise Robinson, Portfolio holder responsible for Growth & Investment to discuss the Local Plan and suggested use of Brownfield sites as well as historical over-build in Dunchurch.
- Attended Taylor Wimpey 'The Lodgings' exhibition and lodged our concerns over the proposal being brought forward ahead of any the South West Rugby infrastructure being in place.
- Connected with The Ramblers Association over protecting Public Rights of Way and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust about protecting our green spaces.
- Connected with the Allotments Association over concerns that the South West Rugby Masterplan does not allocate the legal right to allotment space.
- Held a Family Walk & Foraging event to highlight the demise of our green space in Dunchurch by Homes England.
- Produced an 18 page response to RBC planners about environmental and historical implications of the South West Rugby development on the unique character of Dunchurch.
- Campaigned to rethink the felling of [Class A] oak trees on Alwyn Road.
- Responded to the total decimation of hedges and trees in Dunchurch in readiness for the Homestead Link road
- Won some landscaping amendments in the planning approval of Homes England's Substation



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Dunchurch Allotments celebrates Apple Day



by Paul Sanders, Secretary of Dunchurch Allotment Association

October is a special month for allotment and gardening groups across the country, as it marks the celebration of Apple Day – an annual event that shines a spotlight on the importance of apples in British life and traditions. It encourages communities to discover and appreciate the rich variety of apples grown throughout the UK. From their introduction by the Romans to the flourishing orchards of today, Britain now boasts over 2,500 apple varieties, each with its own distinctive flavour, appearance, and culinary use.

This year, Apple Day was held at Dunchurch Allotments on Sunday 26th October, where a large gathering of families created a lively and enthusiastic atmosphere filled with apple-themed fun. One of the most popular attractions

was the scatter and apple press, where children and parents alike delighted in extracting their own fresh apple juice. Families were also invited to make their own apple crumble, choosing a favourite topping to take home and bake. Demand for this activity was so great that the large pan of pre-prepared apple filling was soon emptied!

Apple printing proved another creative highlight. Using freshly cut apples or lino-cut coated with ink, participants printed apple-shaped designs onto card – with many quickly mastering the technique and proudly displaying their artwork.

Dunchurch Allotments is home to around twenty varieties of apple trees, many of them heritage types. Visitors were eager to sample these lesser-known varieties, some with wonderfully





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unusual names. The clear favourite of the day was Violette – a dark-skinned apple known in France as early as 1628 and introduced to England later that century, named for its violet bloom. A close second was Ethelbert Oakenfull, a variety originally discovered growing at a disused Italian POW camp in Welwyn Garden City.

For adults, the apple peeling competition provided plenty of entertainment, as contestants competed to produce the longest continuous peel. The winner proudly took home a large pumpkin prize. Children were equally captivated by the manual apple peeling machine, which peeled, cored, and sliced the fruit with a simple turn of the handle – and the leftover peels proved a surprisingly



popular snack!

Adding to the fun, a children's trail around the allotment site featured twelve imaginative animals crafted from wellington boots, kindly loaned by Susan Watt. From cows

to ladybirds, frogs to butterflies, there was a delightful array of creatures to discover. A tempting range of homemade cakes and pies, lovingly baked by allotment members, rounded off the afternoon perfectly.

After such a successful day – and with so many apples enjoyed – we're confident that Dunchurch will be one of the healthiest villages around. After all, as the saying goes, 'an apple a day keeps the doctor away!'





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FREE ENTRY

Dunchurch Players

By Sue Protheroe

It was good to tread the boards again to help raise money for local causes and this time, we took our performances of Gunpowder Treason and Plot on tour! Our 24th of October debut of this murder mystery play was at the Hillmorton Ex-Servicemen's Club in aid of their Royal British Legion; the following night we performed at Dunchurch Village Hall raising money for the Dunchurch Festival Group and later in November, we travelled to Long Buckby to perform in support of their community centre.

This original script, written especially for us by John Dacombe, was based on some fact with added humour and plenty of invented intrigue as murder was committed at the Old Lion Inn, Dunchurch. Over a meal, the audience were able to 'digest' the plot and a question-and-answer session followed as they interrogated the actors to try and work out who committed murder. Whilst the play was scripted, the questions at the end were not and there were some pretty searching questions to navigate. It seems we are a community of Miss Marples and Hercule Poirots! Who knew?

This was a happy collaboration of like-minded folk and we hope it has enabled



The cast of Gunpowder Treason and Plot with author John Dacombe (back left)

all of the community groups we supported to raise funds for their own worthy causes. We send our thanks to everyone who hosted us for their friendship and hospitality.

Stop Press! Approximately £950 was raised for Hillmorton RBS and £1,300 for the DFG. At the time of going to print, figures are not in for our sell-out production in Long Buckby.



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Hari Clark crowned World Champion in Lake Lipno, Czech Republic

We first reported Dunchurch teenager Hari's amazing sailing achievements in our September 2024 issue. This year he has continued to win international championships. This is his story:

By Hari Clark, age 14

This summer, I was lucky enough to win the Tera Sport World Championships, making me the first sailor to be a world champion in the Topper and RS Tera (two classes of junior sailing boats that are very different, so not many sailors try to do both). The Topper was designed to be put on a car roof rack, so it is curved, aerodynamic, and so looks rather like a car roof box, whereas the Tera is more of a traditional 'boat-shaped boat'. However, they are both single-handed boats, meaning that I sail them on my own without any other crew.

I was introduced to sailing quite late and by accident, as no-one in my family has a sailing background. My parents put my name down for a learn-to-sail course at Draycote four years ago as something to do for a few days during the summer holidays. Whilst it was fun, I only really started sailing on my own about three years ago, doing a few local races in a Topper. In the spring of last year I won my first national events in a Topper 4.2 (Topper with a 4.2m² sail), and then went



Winning the 2025 Tera Worlds, Lake Lipno, Czech Republic. Copyright Richard Clark

to the Topper Worlds in Mar Menor, Spain, in the summer. Much to everyone's surprise (not least mine!) I won the event. Even better, when I got back to the UK I won the Nationals too, making me the first ever sailor to be both world and national champion in a Topper 4.2.

About a year ago I switched boat to an RS Tera Sport, with the objective of achieving another first – to win a world championship in a Tera (no-one has gained both Topper and Tera world titles). This involved training longer and harder than before. As well as sailing, there were regular gym sessions, and often I would go for a long run or bike ride before school to build up aerobic fitness. In the run-up to the Tera Worlds I won a National event in spring, but came second in another later event, which was a bit of a worry (though I did break a mast then, which didn't help). Also, heading to the Worlds, there are many unknowns. You do not know who will be coming from

other countries, or how good they are, or if the weather will be favourable. The venue (Lake Lipno in the Czech Republic) was renowned for light winds – not my favourite sailing condition – so I practiced a lot in similar conditions beforehand.

To get to Lake Lipno we had to drive around 800 miles and take an overnight ferry, but eventually we arrived towing a trailer with all our sailing equipment and boat on top. I knew it would be tough to win, as we discovered that I was going to be up against Yevhenii Kuzmenko from Ukraine who won the event in 2023 and was runner-up in 2024. Nevertheless, I managed to get six first places in the 12 races, allowing me to win with one race to spare – which is quite unusual. Also, I was really happy to be a double world champion! Afterwards, I tried to win the Tera Sport national championships but lost out by one point, coming second in a fleet of 66 boats at Paignton. I was still pretty pleased as the fleet only managed five races in really rough seas and I lost to a talented specialist sea sailor. (Note to self: practice more on the sea this year!)

This all happened a few months ago, and I've already moved onto the next sailing challenge(s) which are to compete in two world championships next year in larger sail sizes (Topper 5.3 and Tera Pro rigs). To this end, the training will be longer and harder than ever before over this winter, and my boats are being re-rigged and pre-

pared for the challenges ahead. Ultimately, I want to move into an Olympic sailing class such as the ILCA, but this is still a way off owing to my relatively small size, but I'm working on that too!

I'd really like to thank all of the people who have helped to make this possible. In particular, the amazing coaches at Draycote, and everyone else there who helped to prepare me and my boat for this endeavour. Also thanks to my parents for their time and support. I could not do it without them. Lastly, I would very much appreciate hearing from anyone/any companies who might be interested in advertising or media opportunities in return for sponsorship to help with sailing challenges in 2026 and beyond.

You can read about me on the BBC at: www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cd6n-8z7y4dvo and follow my adventures on Instagram at: [hari_clark_147](https://www.instagram.com/hari_clark_147)



Hari in a Tera Sport at the 2025 UK Nationals in Paignton. Copyright Richard Clark

My Journey into Art

By Jane Archer

Art and creativity has always been a big part of my life – with a crafty mother, and an architect father, it was clearly in the blood. The youngest of three sisters, who all learned how to sew and knit from an early age, I soon discovered that if you wanted something that wasn't a necessity, find a way to make it yourself. So, I did!

My passion for watercolour though didn't start until early retirement, at an evening class in France. Once I started to explore these slippery pigments and experienced all the delights and frustrations that go along with being a watercolourist, I was hooked, and twenty years later they are still teaching me something new every day.

Initially drawn to florals, over the years



Mind the gap

I have been drawn to other subjects, and quickly found a love for painting landscapes.



Jane at work

Sketching outdoors, or 'plein air' sketching, captures different memories to photos and trying to bring those feelings into a painting is always an enjoyable challenge. I also love trees and several successful pieces have come from watching the wind move through the branches and blossoms, fracturing the light and casting shadows.

While remaining a watercolourist, I'm always open to new ideas, attending workshops and following online classes to broaden my skills. This has led to some exciting mixed media work, something I look forward to exploring further.

I am fortunate to have shown work in several group exhibitions and sold cards and prints through local National Trust shops and Leamington Spa Museum & Art Gallery. I continue to prefer selling in person though, and my main event of the year is Warwickshire Open Studios which I am proud to have been part of

for ten years, most recently with the wonderful people at Art in Dunchurch. A huge thank you to everyone who supports us!

Since moving to Dunchurch five years ago, I finally have my own studio space. Such a luxury! It means I can now offer workshops and classes, passing on my passion for water-colour to others. At present, classes are on hold, but I'm hoping to be back on track soon. Check my website for future dates.

Visitors are welcome at my studio in Toft Lane where I also have a small gallery



Hydrangeas

space so existing and potential clients can view my work. There you will find all my latest work, plus prints, cushions, mugs and an extensive range of greetings cards.

If you would like to visit, please contact me through the website to arrange a time; alternatively, if you can wait until December, I am holding a Festive Open Studio event starting on Sunday 7th from 12-4pm and continuing through

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Jane Archer - Artist

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Please join our new Facebook page for information about Dunchurch Nature Watch. www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61582552310286

How to help wildlife in Dunchurch this winter

Food – Keep bird tables and hanging feeders topped up with calorie-rich supplies like fat balls, peanuts and sunflower hearts to help birds replenish the extra energy they use to keep warm. Don't forget to clean the feeders regularly to avoid infections spreading.

Water – Have a small pond or keep a birdbath or shallow dish topped up for thirsty wildlife. When the surface freezes defrost it by carefully pouring warm water over it. For ponds, try floating a ball in the water to maintain an air

hole for frogs and newts that may be hibernating in the depths.

Shelter – make a log or stick pile to give shelter for beetles and frogs. Leave piles of leaves because they make cosy homes for hedgehogs, frogs, and insects. Don't burn bonfires without checking because bonfire piles can hide sleeping or hibernating hedgehogs. Winter is a good time to give existing nest boxes a good clean or to put up new ones in preparation for the birds' breeding season in spring.

As plants die back in the garden delay the traditional tidy up and choose to leave some of the seed heads standing. The seeds will provide food for birds and small mammals, and hollow stems and intricate seed heads are valuable shelter for overwintering insects like ladybirds.



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FODS Volunteers

By Sue Turner

I would like to send a huge thank you to our FODS Water Angels. If it wasn't for them, all the flowers around the centre of Dunchurch would not have survived the very hot weather we had this summer. Watering the troughs, pots and baskets around the centre of the village nearly every day since June was a huge commitment and even when it rained, our Water Angels knew they couldn't take a break! Well done and thank you.

Our fabulous Make a Difference Group are an amazing team of volunteers who have been helping to keep the centre of Dunchurch clean and tidy for seven years. Can you believe, it has been that long since we entered the Royal Horticulture Society Heart of England in Bloom competition and won a Gold Award and Dunchurch was awarded the title of best in category? An achievement unprecedented for a first-time entrant. Tony and Sue Kember also won a Special Outstanding Achievement Award for establishing the Friends of Dunchurch Society.

Some volunteers have moved on or are no longer able to join us but most are still turning out on a Sunday morning and



2019: Lord Scott showing his support for Dunchurch and its RHS Britain in Bloom successes

on other days when asked. Thank you to each person who has been out with the group or carried out a job of behalf of FODS, you've helped Make a Difference! When they answer the call, it always amazes me that they have so much pride in their village that they are willing to turn out in most

weather conditions to sweep, weed, clean, plant, deadhead, and water. Thankfully, we also have some new members and we are honoured that some young people choose FODS to help them gain credits towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. We hope that by coming out with us, they will be inspired to continue to care for their environment.

The call out, normally on a Sunday morning, isn't for long, maybe an hour or so, but what a difference it makes and what an amazing group of friendly and fabulous FODS they are.

If you would like to join us, please do get in touch by email, text, or having a chat when you see us out working with our hi-vis jackets on.

I'm Sue Turner on 07983 345381 and I look forward to hearing from you.



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Foraging 4: Five Reasons to Forage

By Leanne Warren, *Wild Routes*, local forager

As we settle into the quiet of the winter, the bounty of the hedgerows and woods is scarcer and foraging is a little slower. I've been reflecting on what foraging means to me and the ways it has enriched my life. It's not just about collecting wild food, it's about slowing down and noticing the little wonders around us.

Here are five reasons I'd like to share in how you could benefit from stepping outside and embracing our local wild.

1. Connect with the seasons

Foraging tunes you into the seasonal rhythms. Every berry, leaf or mushroom tells a story of the time and place it grows. Notice how the landscape changes even when the trees are bare and the frost sparkles on the ground.

2. Get outdoors and move

A foraging walk is gentle exercise with purpose. Fresh air, light and the thrill of spotting hidden treasures in the wild, keeping both body and mind active. You don't need to go far, there is so much to be found even in the church grounds.

3. Explore new flavours

Wild food invites curiosity. From

tangy sorrel to earthy mushrooms, you'll taste the seasons like never before. My recent culinary experiment was acorn coffee!

4. Mindful moments

Foraging slows you down. Notice textures, scents and colours. Each step becomes a mini meditation in nature. I have personally noticed a heightened sense of smell since beginning my foraging journey, smelling the horseradish or garlic mustard before I see it!

5. Protect and respect nature

The more you love wild places, the more you want to protect them. Foraging fosters care for both yourself and the environment, remembering to tread lightly, taking only what we need.

Even in these darker months, there is so much to notice, taste and enjoy. Look out for the first tender nettles and cleavers which can be turned into a hearty

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Lloyds Tour of Britain Cycling Event

On the 5th of September, crowds lined Northampton Lane, Rugby Road and Southam Road as this men's cycling event passed through the village. The infant and junior school children were out with flags and a lot of enthusiasm, not least of all for the police outriders who accompanied the event. As the motorcycles rode along Southam Road, the police were high fiving the children much to the delight of everyone watching.

The eventual winner was French cyclist Romain Gregoire but the biggest cheer



of the day was for our own Rob Collings who passed by on his bicycle some five minutes after the others had gone!

Just for fun! Can you spot the extra cycle in the second photograph?

What do you call a door-to-door bicycle salesman? Answer on page 33.

A Tragedy Remembered

On Tuesday 14th October at 11am, a small group gathered at the Halifax Bomber memorial on The Heath to remember the five young men who lost their lives so tragically, 81 years to the day, when their RCAF 434Sqn Halifax MZ920 came down in our village.

Blacon Cemetery in Cheshire is the final resting

place of the Canadian crew members and Mountain Ash in South Wales is the resting place of the RAFVR Flight Engineer.

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Our thanks to Theo Classen for once again, organising this





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Can you help James?

James is trying to trace the whereabouts of Nikki Critchley Waring whose grandfather was a colleague of his own grandfather over 100 years ago. They were both involved in aircraft manufacture with the Alliance aeroplane company.

James grandfather designed and flew the first flight from the UK to Spain non-stop in 1919, and in Madrid was presented to the Spanish royal family.



One of the aeroplanes designed by James' grandfather (centre back with moustache) in 1919

If you can help, please contact James – jasbirduk@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01304 4366433.

Blooming Barrow Gold Award

Congratulations to the St Peter's gardeners for once again receiving a gold award for their barrows in Rugby in Bloom. A great achievement and so well deserved.

Dunchurch Voices

By Barbara Davies

We were very disappointed to have to postpone our 20th Anniversary Concert, booked for Friday October 17th at the Village Hall. We apologise if it caused any inconvenience. We are however, planning to reschedule it for a date in the Spring and we hope to announce the date soon.

Thank you for your understanding.



Answer to puzzle on page 31: A pedlar



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Dunchurch Training Band

By Sue Turner

Learn a new skill and make new friends in a fun, informal, no pressure way! The Dunchurch Training Band is for adults and children aged seven and above. Instruments can be provided and friendly tuition given by an experienced band member (see poster for full details).

Here are some words from our younger members:

"Hi, I'm Dougie. I'm 12 and I play the drums and percussion in the Dunchurch Band. My favourite part about the band is the shows we do because I love performing in front of a crowd. Currently my main aim is to become a great drummer for a band and tour the world. I was introduced to the drums by my Dad and Uncle as they are both professional drummers so I've been playing since I was one and have been glued to them ever since. I have been a member of the band for two years now and I am proud of how much I've improved since last year. When I started I didn't have a clue how to read music but after throwing myself in at the deep end, I can definitely read and follow the music now. There's still more I can improve on but I enjoy following the conductor and playing along with the band especially creating my own fills! I am very much looking forward to the Christmas concert

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coming up soon if you want to check that out!"

"My name is Lucas and I have been playing the cornet for about eight years. I joined Dunchurch Band around a year ago when I was 15 and have enjoyed every moment of it! Dunchurch Band gave me a welcoming atmosphere to improve my skills as a brass player and a chance to interact with some new people".

Max aged 14. "I played the euphonium because it fitted the shape of my mouth better than the cornet and loved the beautiful sound it produced. I started playing the cornet at seven but only switched this year. I have played in many bands before but this one was just different. Rather than pressuring you, Dunchurch Band gives

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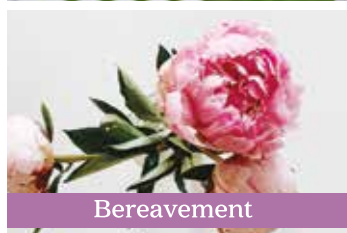
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Gabriel aged nine. “I enjoy playing in the band because I love music. The people are very nice and I learn new songs every

week. It’s fun to play with the big band too.”

Frieda aged seven. “I like playing the cornet because it’s fun. I have been playing for half a year. Every Monday I learn new songs. I love playing with everyone. It’s a great start to my week. Come and join us”!

Dunchurch Band

We rehearse every Tuesday at the WI Hall, Southam Road, Dunchurch from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and we currently have vacancies for a BBb bass player and/or an Eb bass player.

Also, are there any cornet players out there? You would be very welcome to come along and join our 'front row'! Other brass instrument players are welcome and instruments can be provided.

Please contact us for more information or come along to a rehearsal on a Tuesday and meet the conductor, Mr Paul Whitmore and the members of the band.

Did you know that playing a brass instru-

ment can, among other things, improve breathing, memory, concentration, self esteem, hand/eye coordination, posture and can give you a great sense of achievement!! All while sitting down!



Save the date!

Christmas Concert on Saturday 13th December at Dunchurch Village Hall. Start time 7.30pm.

For more information on any of the above, please contact: Louise Balsom dunchurch.band100@yahoo.com Tel: 07548 276993. And find us on Facebook and Instagram.

Book Review Award

In September, Veronica (Nicky) Lowe received an award from the Countess of Carnarvon at Highclere Castle in the Highclere Viking Book Readers' Awards 2025 History Category.

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Turnpike Roads in the Dunchurch Area

By **Freda Bennett**

Some of you may remember Terry John, who used to teach at Dunchurch Junior School. Terry gave me two boxes of information he had gathered about Dunchurch. Terry's boxes are like a treasure trove.

I came across the following in one of these boxes giving 'Yet more information on Dunchurch roads!'

'An Act for Amending, Widening, Altering, and Keeping in Repair, the road from Dunchurch to Southam, in the County of Warwick.

'Whereas the road leading from Dunchurch, in the County of Warwick, to the Town of Southam, is in some parts only a Bridle Road, and in other parts narrow, circuitous, and inconvenient, and also very much out of Repair, and cannot be effectually widened, amended, altered, and kept in Repair by the Ordinary Course of Law.

'May it therefore please Your MAJESTY. And be it Enacted by the KING's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the said Road shall

be made, amended, widened, turned, altered, and kept in Repair as in hereinafter is provided and directed; and that from and after the Commencement of this Act, so much of the said Road or Way for the Passage of Travellers, Cattle and Carriages along the same, subject to the Payment of the Tolls hereinafter mentioned.'

Responsibility for this Act was placed on the Trustees including the then Vicar of Dunchurch, Henry Bromfield (Vicar from 1785–1803). Areas mentioned are the Bridle Road from Dunchurch to Southam Gap, Kenches Barn, Thurlaston to Kites Hardwick, Hardwick Bridge, Grandborough to Leamington near a place called Milham. Also mentioned Finford Bridge near Low Farm in the Parish of Southam.

The Turnpike road system reached Warwickshire in the early 18th century and it covered the road from Old Stratford, the Northamptonshire suburb of Stony Stratford, Buckinghamshire, to Dunchurch in Warwickshire, a stretch of some 29 miles of the great road to the north west (now known as the A5). This was the first turnpike road in Warwickshire, terminating at Dunchurch after entering at Willoughby from Northamptonshire, (now known as the A45).

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Gradually, over time, parishes and townships began to maintain their own highways. This became statute law by the Act of 1555. This system remained the basis of highway administration for nearly three centuries.

The surveyor of highways would be chosen for each parish and in some cases parishes combined. The office of surveyor went the round of 'substantial householders' like other officers of constable, churchwarden and overseer of the poor – and also like these, it was unpaid. The Commonwealth Parliament gave surveyors the power to levy highway rates, of up to a shilling in the pound. The Restoration Parliament reduced this to six pence in the pound.

In certain areas the clay soil caused many problems in maintaining the roads. Defoe said 'the soil of the middle part of England...is of a deep, stiff clay...and the road to Coventry through Towcester, Hill Morton, Dunchurch for nearly 80 miles.'

Today, we are used to hard, smooth

Disgraceful State of the Turnpike Road (*Rugby Advertiser* 1850)

The road leading from Kites Hardwick to Hill on the Dunchurch and Southam turnpike has for some time past been in a disgraceful state, caused by parties occupying or owning land adjoining, felling trees and allowing them to lie so as to cause a great obstruction to the traffic, and the utmost caution is required to avoid an accident, either by riding or driving, particularly at night.

roads, and cannot readily comprehend the term 'deep' being applied to a highway. It referred to the construction used in the 18th century when they raked the surface smooth, the surface being mainly the surface of the soil, then dumping on a layer of gravel or small stones. As soon as the wet weather set in, the stones began to sink and the wet soil would squelch up between them and spread over the surface. Wheels would sink too and the ruts made, grew deeper and deeper. Occasionally a plough would be used before raking and sometimes brushwood or larger stones would be laid in the ruts.

Today, we have potholes to contend with and the ever-present problem of who pays the bill for keeping our roads 'In Repair'.

Dunchurch Girlguiding

by Nicola Townsend-Kennedy

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The structure of our programme means girls can grow along with the themes from Rainbows (age 4–7) right up to Rangers (age 14–18).

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Dunchurch and Thurlaston WI

By Anne Gilbert

2025 has been a satisfying year for our WI. Our membership is on the increase and we have been working hard to raise funds to maintain our hall. We have participated in events in the village – a stall at the fete, making cakes for the refreshment area, having a popular cake stall in the bus shelter on VE day, a fashion show by Wanda and an Autumn Bazaar in November. We were especially pleased to provide refreshments for the inauguration of the new vicar at St Peter's Church, the Revd Ian Sweeney, in October.

Our speakers throughout the year have been varied and interesting – experiences of a Royal Footman, a local forager and a display by Dunchurch

Photographic Society who have been a long-standing hirer of our hall.



As many of our members are experienced bakers, we're always in demand to provide refreshments, therefore we're in the process of planning a new venture for 2026, to utilise our hall for small wakes after a funeral for up to 50 people... more details to follow!

Remember our hall is always available for hire – it is ideal for parties, especially childrens' parties, small workshops and so on.

For more information, contact me annegilbert1@hotmail.com.

Dunchurch Boughton C of E Infants Academy and Nursery

By Suzanne Marson, Headteacher

At the time of writing, we are just heading into October half term and looking back, it is amazing to see how much we have managed to squeeze into the past eight weeks! The children settled quickly into their new year groups and became immersed in their learning through the following topics: - Nursery and reception focused on 'Who am I?' and 'Marvellous me', year one learnt through the topic of 'I am an artist' and year two investigated 'To infinity and beyond'.

We have supported charities close to our hearts on World Heart Day, raising money for Birmingham Children's Hospital who have supported several of our families. We also wore yellow and promoted the importance of mental health on World Mental Health Day. We ended the half term with an exciting vocabulary day with children and staff dressing up as an ambitious word. Everyone looked amazing and there were some really imaginative ideas.

Over the summer, we had a great deal of work carried out in school. Our reception classrooms are brand new, full of new resources, soft furnishings and furniture. We would like to thank the Boughton Trust who supported us with

a significant donation to help us purchase items for the reception classrooms, enabling us to be ready for September. We are very grateful for all their support! The hall is coming along nicely, with further work taking place over half term. Once again, we would like to publicly thank everyone who has been involved in supporting us with our recovery from the fire.

We have further topics and school trips planned next half term, including a whole school theatre trip to see *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. Year two are planning to visit St John's Museum as part of their learning about Victorians, and year one will have the opportunity to experience what life in Pudding Lane at the time of The Great Fire of London would have been like. We are also looking forward to the sparkle of Christmas, along with learning about this as a Christian festival.

If your child is due to start reception in 2026, we are happy to show parents around school during the school day and answer any questions you may have – please contact the school office via office.infant@dunchurch.covmat.org to book this. There is always a buzz of enthusiasm around school – come along and see us in action!



Thank you to the local community for all the support that we receive. We are looking forward to attending local events in the run up to Christmas such as the outdoor service at St Peter's and holding

our own Christmas church service. The children will soon begin rehearsing for their Christmas plays and carol concerts – it's a wonderful time of year to be in school!

Dunchurch Junior School Sparkles with a Gem of a Start to the Year

By Emma Darragh, Headteacher

There's a real sense of energy and excitement at Dunchurch Boughton C of E Junior Academy this term, with pupils and staff embracing new initiatives and celebrating community spirit.

One of the most exciting developments has been the launch of the school's new house system. Congratulations go to Ryan in Year 5, whose winning entry named the houses Ruby, Topaz, Emerald, and Sapphire – inspired by his belief that "all kids are gems." Pupils are now earning house point tokens for demonstrating positive learning behaviours and living out the school's values. Weekly totals will be shared in newsletters, and the winning house each half term will enjoy a special treat.



The school's new behaviour policy, built around the principles of Ready, Respectful, and Safe, has been warmly received. Pupils have responded with enthusiasm,



earning praise, stickers, and even whole-class rewards. Children look forward to being nominated for a Together We Are Stronger (TWAS) award, with winners invited to dine at the Golden Table.

Community engagement remains a priority. In September, pupils lined the village streets to cheer on the Tour of Britain cyclists, and several were interviewed live on BBC Coventry and Warwickshire Radio. The school also hosted a joyful Harvest Festival, led by class 5HT, with generous donations collected for Rugby Food Bank.



Open Mornings have welcomed prospective families, with Year 6 tour guides showcasing the school's warm and purposeful learning environment. More events are planned, including festive performances in December.

With new houses, new pupil leaders, and a renewed sense of purpose, Dunchurch Junior School is shining brightly – just like the gems it celebrates.





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A comment from Lindsay: 'Loving the outdoors and with a little time to spare, our volunteer adopt-a-grave gardeners have been hard at work cleaning up our overgrown graves.'



Caring for those long gone. Some of the inscriptions are now much clearer.



The small grave on the left:

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Walker
who died 4th August
1945 aged 20 years*

The middle grave:

*Loving memories of a dear brother
Ernest Walter Doyle
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Died 5 September 1951 aged 80
years*

The grave on the right:

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Revd Ian Sweeney's Collation Service

by **Veronica (Nicky) Lowe,**
Churchwarden

St Peter's Dunchurch and St Edmund's Thurlaston have a new Vicar! After a vacancy period lasting from July 2024, the Revd Ian Sweeney and his family were warmly welcomed into the heart of our congregations and communities in a Collation service in St Peter's on Tuesday 14 October at 7.30 pm.

Almost 150 people gathered to witness the Right Revd Sophie Jelley, Bishop of Coventry, license and install Revd Ian as the new vicar of the Parish. The historic service of appointment, known formally as Collation, included many moving and memorable features.

In front of the whole congregation, Revd Ian swore the Oath of Allegiance to King Charles III, committed himself to upholding the Church of England, and to devoting himself to Christ's Ministry with equal care for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. On several occasions within the service, the congregation gladly voiced its continued support for Revd Ian in carrying out his spiritual and pastoral duties. There was also a very moving laying-on of hands by those, both clergy and lay, to show their personal support for him.



As symbols of the Revd Ian's new ministry, he was presented by parishioners with the church's historic Bible, Book of Common Prayer, chalice and paten for serving Holy Communion, and the flagon of holy water used in baptisms which he poured into the font. In order to express the enduring link between the church and the Dunchurch Boughton Church of England Academy Schools, the respective headteachers Emma Darragh and Suzanne Marson presented beautifully-framed copies of the Schools' vision and motto.

Warm words of welcome were offered by Cllr Ian Grogan, Chair of Dunchurch Parish Council, and by Mrs Sue Protheroe on behalf of the Friends of Dunchurch Society. Numerous community representatives were present in the congregation, and it was particularly heartening to welcome on an ecumenical basis clergy from the Roman Catholic, Baptist and Methodist Churches, and from the Salvation Army.

The occasion was rounded off by a sumptuous and very popular tea catered by the WI in Dunchurch.

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St Peter's Church

by *Revd Ian Sweeney*

It's been just over a month since my family and I moved to Dunchurch, and we've already fallen in love with this wonderful village. We're especially looking forward to celebrating our first Christmas here!

I've always enjoyed this season – the music, the lights, the warmth of friendship, and that unmistakable sense of hope that fills the air. Something happens at Christmas; it has a way of softening hearts.

We pause to be with those we love, to share meals and memories, to decorate our homes. And in doing so, we're not only celebrating a season but expressing something deeper – that we value one another, that love and connection matter, and that even in a busy world, there's room for wonder.

Across the world, traditions of Christmas may differ, but one practice remains universal: the giving of gifts.

As a Vicar, I believe this awakening of our humanity over Christmas points to something greater – to a God who loves each of us more deeply than we can imagine; and I believe the act of gift giving mirrors the greatest gift ever given – Jesus Christ himself. His birth reminds us that God meets us not in perfection but in love – love that redeems, restores, and

still transforms hearts today.

The poet
Madeleine
L'Engle wrote:

“He did not wait for the perfect time;
He came when the need was deep and great;
He came with love.”

That is the heart of Christmas – God coming to us as we are, bringing hope and peace where they're needed most.

As we prepare to celebrate, I warmly invite you to join us for our Christmas events and service listed below. Come share in the joy, the stillness, and the wonder of Emmanuel – God with us.



Sunday 30th November, Open Air Nativity – 4:00pm

Tuesday 9th December, Rotary Club of Dunsmore carol Service – 7:00pm

Sunday 14th December, Festival of Nine Lessons – 6:30pm

Sunday 21st, December, St Edmund's Carol Service – 6:30pm

Wednesday 24th December, Crib Service – 4:00pm

Wednesday 24th December, Midnight Mass – starts at 11:30pm

Dunchurch Baptist Church

By Reverend Alistair Jones

Christmas is fast approaching, and there are all those presents to get. Who has finished their Christmas shopping? My wife is very good at buying things through the year, and putting them away ready for Christmas. This helps to avoid the pressure of just buying something for the sake of it. Unfortunately, I am not as organised. The few gifts I have to buy tend to wait until around the 23rd December in an organised year. There is always plenty of time!

Of course, Christmas is the time when we remember the greatest gift ever given. We retell the story of how Jesus Christ came into the world. God entering our world and becoming one of us, one with us through the virgin birth. It is a story that has its roots right back at the beginning of time. The gift of Jesus

Christ was no last minute, Christmas Eve present, but a gift God knew we needed before the creation of the world. At Dunchurch Baptist Church, we are going through the Gospel of Luke on Sunday mornings, and seeing how the Christmas story has links to the past. How it is God's continuing story throughout time. A story that continues to be told through the lives of people today.

If you would like to hear more about the greatest gift ever given, we have our carols by candlelight service on Sunday 21st December at 6.30pm, where we sing familiar carols, and read through the story of Jesus coming into the world. For a different way of telling the story, our Sunday School will be retelling the story on the morning

of Sunday 21st December at 10.30am. For those who prefer a more relaxed style of service, then we have our Café Church on the 14th December at 10.30am, where drinks will be served, and food consumed as we listen to and interact with the Christmas story.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas, and may you know Emmanuel, God with us.



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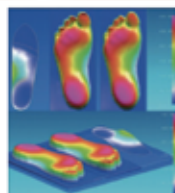
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