

# DUNCHURCH VILLAGE MAGAZINE

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#### DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM

n the 6th September last year, FODS launched its campaign to improve the appearance of the

village and shortly afterwards, we went public with our intention to enter our first Britain in Bloom competition. Ever since then, there has been a small but dedicated team. of members in their high viz FODS jackets who have worked tirelessly to clean, polish, plant and maintain the focus area for the judging. However, what you would not have seen are the other members who have been working equally as hard in the background. Forty planters were made from recycled

pallets and donated to the village whilst others have been

working
on their allotments, lovingly nurturing
plants to fill them. Scattered around the village,
rooms in houses were
taken over as workshops
where art installations
were created from plastic
bottles and plant pots,
bicycles were painted and
decorated with flora and
other rooms were turned
into frenzied knitting and
sewing circles.

As the 'new kids on the block,' we are grateful to all of the other groups who

have supported us and their contribution cannot be underestimated. The resplendent floral trees sponsored by the Festival Group and the Pantomaniacs are now in situ on the village car park and Cawston Lane and the WI 100 year anniversary celebra-









has also been needed to keep them watered along with the wonderful floral wheelbarrows that have been submitted to help make Dunchurch bloom.

There was no end to the ideas that came flooding in from enthusiastic FODS members and the fruits of their labour could be seen everywhere on the 19th July which was our Heart of England, Britain in Bloom judging day. We are grateful to the St Peter's bell ringers who 'rang out' the start of the judge's tour and despite the awful weather, to the children from Dunchurch Boughton

tions added wonderful colour everywhere. The Scouts and Cubs came on board creating some fabulous giant paintings and almost all of the village businesses and central cottages either bought and maintained a Rimo hanging basket or planted their own. A considerable commitment



Junior school who did an amazing job as our history guides. Meanwhile, the youngsters from Dunchurch Infant School resurrected the wonderful tradition of dancing around the

maypole. Little heroes every one of them and we send our sincere thanks to the staff from the schools who made it happen. Lauren who won our 'design a **DUNCHURCH**IN BLOOM logo' competition also attended the ceremony and was thrilled to be given her own FODS portfolio which was presented to her by Cllr Bill Lewis, Mayor of Rugby who whole heartedly praised the efforts of FODS.



For those of us involved, it has been wonderful to receive such lovely feedback from folk who have either stopped to talk to us or have written kind words. One such letter

came from Chris Worman MBE FLI, Parks & Grounds Manager at Rugby Borough Council who said that

the changes we had made to the village were 'breath-taking.'



It would be wrong to highlight anyone from the FODS team as it really has been a terrific effort by all. We now wait with baited breath to find out the outcome of our entry at the Heart of England award ceremony at Dunchurch Park on Thursday 5th September. However, even

now, we are turning our thoughts to **DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM** 2020 and we

#### Britain in Bloom Judging Criteria

Entry into the Heart of England Britain in Bloom competition is judged on three main areas and the percentage of marks is split as follows: horticulture 40%, environment 30% and community 30%. Prior to 2019, the horticultural element represented 50% of the marks and the changes made this year reflect the importance of tackling environmental issues and the involvement of the whole community. Thank you again for your support.

now have the task of maintaining the good work we have started. However, it is also our desire to 'spread out' further within the village but to do so, we will need many more volunteers. If



## It poured!

Judging day has now past and it is time to take a pause

We've dusted, we've swept, we've planted for the 'blooming' cause.

We covered every angle to be the very best we could

Although we couldn't control the weather, our ground we firmly stood.

It didn't really matter though, the show it did go on

With music, dance and merriment and with joyous song.

The children from the juniors proved the perfect history guides

The infants heroically danced, despite the raining tides.

The plants, they looked so wonderful, enjoying all the rain

It kept them looking perky and anything but plain.

Even the monstrous Dun Cow came to join in all the fun

But Sir Guy came to our rescue to see no harm was done.

It was a day to remember and to reflect on with some pride.

To smile and know we did our best now we have all dried!



you can spare a little time, please do get in touch and we promise you a very warm welcome. Also, sign up for our regular newsletter by either emailing friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com or visiting our website at www.friendsofdunchurchsociety.org We have some fundraising events coming up and your support for these would be appreciated and will help us to fund our 2020 campaign. Together, we really can make a difference.



## English Country Village

How many baskets did we hang upon the walls in our English country village?

Lots and lots and a hundred planted pots in our English country village.

Pink and purple pretty flowers, planting them took 'blooming' hours, Ladies of the WI went click, click, knit.

Brushing, weeding, tidying the paths in our English country village.

How many hours did we spend upon this task in our English country village?

Lots and lots, many hours by FODS in our English country village.

The Pantomaniacs joined in, Dunchurch Voices came to sing, Schools, scouts and shops, we all played our part.

Trimming and mowing, Dunchurch is now glowing, It's our English country village!

#### **Judging Day**

To give you a further 'flavour' of judging day, we are including a reflective poem and two extra verses of 'English Country Garden' which were written and sung by Dunchurch Voices at the judging ceremony.

#### Thank You DPC

ur thanks go to Dunchurch Parish Council who have contributed £750 towards the future purchase of eight Amberol planters. This matches the £750 pledged by the Dunchurch Festival Group. The total cost of

the project is £2,933 and the remaining amount will be met by FODS. The scheme will be implemented in November and will greatly further enhance the appearance of our village for our Britain in Bloom entry 2020.

## Young FODS

hildren's creativity has played an important part in our Britain in Bloom entry as can be seen on these fabulous works of art.

The Scouts and Cubs created the most wonderful artwork which provided an insight into their interpretation of village life as well as delivering great splashes of colour on the judges route.

Meanwhile, the village telephone box on the stocks green has never looked better. All of the entries into our 'design a DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM logo' competition, created by children from the junior school, are displayed on the





back. You can see why choosing the overall



winner was such a difficult decision.

## Farewell Rimo

any will be sad to see that Rimo has closed its doors for the last time. Marie and Reg have been the 'go to' experts for good sound advice on all things garden related and they will be sorely missed. Their help with our

first DUNCHURCH IN
BLOOM entry has been invaluable and we know you will want to join
FODS in wishing them every success in the future.



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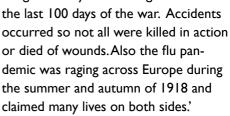
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#### **FODS Archive**

his section of our website is ever growing and we are so grateful to all who are sending in contributions. The latest is a wonderfully researched spreadsheet compiled by Howard Blackmore using data from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and ancestry websites. This gives us more insight into the history of those brave souls who are remembered on the village war memorial. But there are gaps and Howard would particularly like to find out more about Richard Powell and William Ridout and any other relevant information concerning family. If you can assist, please email Howard on hbcsolomon@yahoo.co.uk

Howard writes, 'this was a particularly sad time for the village as many died during



Log on to the archive section of our website and follow the Roll of Honour link to find out more. In the meantime, Howard is beginning his research into the casualties of the Second World War and we will bring you more information on this in due course.

## FODS - Dunchurch Neighbourhood Watch

ver 300 people now receive our Dunchurch Neighbourhood Watch reports. This is a good number but we need many more if the whole of our community is to work together to combat the threat of crime.

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org and we will add them to our mailing list. Facebook users might prefer to receive exactly the same crime watch information by joining the

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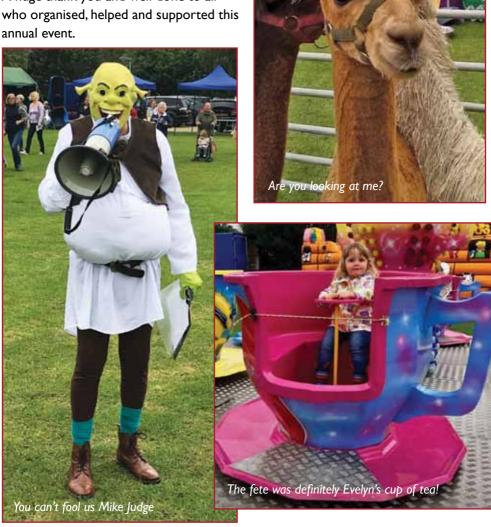
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## Village Fete

e enjoyed another great fete organised by the Dunchurch Festival Group who despite some unpredictable weather managed to raise a further £7,133 for our community. A huge thank you and well done to all who organised, helped and supported this annual event.









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## OVO Energy Women's Tour 2019

tage 4 of this excit-ing, six-day cycle race passed through Dunchurch around lunchtime on the 13th June and despite the inclement weather many, including the local schools, came out to watch. Overall winner was GB's Elizabeth Deignan who only returned to racing in April following her maternity leave.



## A Very Deserving Award

ongratulations to Rob Collings, Chair of the Dunchurch Festival Group and to the rest of his team on receiving the Community Impact Award from Warwickshire Community & Voluntary Action (CAVA). In his acceptance speech, Rob paid homage to his team and the other organisations in the village that make Dunchurch such a special place to live.



Rob Collings receiving his award from Lord Mayor Cllr Bill Lewis

#### War Memorial

FODS is delighted to be working with Dunchurch Parish Council and in particular Cllr Henry Morshead on a project to maintain the village war memorial. Thelma McKerlie is 'heading up' a FODS memorial care team, which will be taking on the responsibility of keeping the paving and surrounding area weed

free and tidy. Thelma's uncle. Dennis Miles (Royal



is one of those remembered on the monument.

## WI Yarnbombing

t was a very happy coincidence that the Dunchurch and Thurlaston WI celebrated their 100th anniversary the same year that FODS entered their first Britain in Bloom competition.

The colourful knitted items which took many months to make, really helped to brighten up the village and create the right sort of atmosphere for judging day. Thank you ladies. Your work was much appreciated.









## Art in Dunchurch

#### by Clare Nicholas

diverse collection of well-crafted, decorative and functional pieces of 2- and 3-dimensional creations was professionally curated and exhibited at this year's Art in Dunchurch event., held in three central locations. It brought the village to life! The display formed part of the Warwickshire Open Studios exhibition which spanned three weeks in June and included the creations of 24 local artists. The work spanned painting, print, sculpture, jewellery, ceramics and



Ceramic garden sculptures, by Leslie-Anne French









Saori weaving by Jo Sheridan, exhibition space in Inglenook garden, figures by Stephen Wood

weaving. Paintings included a variety of media including watercolour, acrylic and oils; Saori weaving took the form of wall hangings, wearable ornamentation and unique garments. Ceramics embraced applications from functional and decorative vessels for home and garden and included ornaments, planters and water features. An inventive range of jewellery was on show, created from multimedia, ceramics and metalwork.

This event was intended to raise awareness of the creative pursuits of residents

and local artists and was a great success, in that it highlighted the value of this activity within the community and connected fellow artists to each other and to their audience. Many exhibitors provided workshops to share their skills and knowledge and were happy to pass on their enjoyment to interested parties.

As a growing group we are keen to listen to feedback from the public and to share in any plans for future events which may take place. Please contact us via <a href="mailto:mudandwool@hotmail.com">mudandwool@hotmail.com</a>.











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## So, you live in Sandford Way – and even if you don't...

orn in 1801 in Edinburgh, John Sandford took Holy Orders in 1824. His first post was as curate at St Cuthbert's in Wells, the same year that he married Elizabeth Poole. He became Vicar of St Peter's, Chillingham, Northumberland in 1827, then Chaplain to Long Acre Chapel in the Covent Garden area of London from 1833-36.

He and his wife had six sons and two daughters, the last two children being born in Dunchurch.

In 1836, here in Dunchurch, he began his strong friendship with Lord John Scott to whom he was distantly related. During his incumbency at Dunchurch, he achieved - a major restoration of the church.

modernisation of the vicarage, development of the vicarage garden and churchyard, the building of a new school and the creation of a Chapel of Ease/school at Thurlaston

John Sandford was part of a movement that shared similar views on the part the church should play in education and the community. Locally this included Dr. Thomas Arnold, (Headmaster at Rugby

by Freda Bennett

School), Rev. Moultrie, Rector of Rugby and Dr. Tait also of Rugby School. He became Chair of Governors to Boughton Endowed School and instigated the first major changes in the running of the school since it began in 1707. He was one of the first to encourage teaching staff in self improvement and during his time in Dunchurch, the number of

> scholars rose and sound learning became a tradition.

The National School for Girls and Infants, built in the churchyard, opened in 1837, only one year after Rev. Sandford arrived in Dunchurch. This school closed in the late 1920s when a new school was built in Gaol End (now School

Street). At Thurlaston the new school, completed in 1848, was used as a church on Sundays and as a school at other times, with accommodation for a schoolmaster in the tower. The school was designed by William Butterfield, who was much in demand locally at that time, especially with Rugby School and St Andrew's, Rugby.

In 1844, Rev. Sandford was appointed Honorary Canon of Worcester, in 1851 he became Archdeacon in Coventry, (at that time in the Diocese of Worcester). During 1853, he became Examining Chaplain for Ordination Candidates to the Bishop of Worcester.

the Bishop of Worcester.

In September of that year,
his wife Elizabeth died and a memorial
to her memory is on the south chancel
wall at St Peter's, next to that of their
son Daniel, who died, aged 20 in 1849.
Soon afterwards he moved to Hallow in
Worcestershire. I was fortunate to visit

Hallow church when researching his life and came across this photo of him, the

first I had seen, quite a moment.

His final move was to St. Laurence, Alvechurch in Worcestershire in 1854, where he proceeded to exceed the amount of his works in Dunchurch and Thurlaston, again using Butterfield for the church restoration, rectory and schools (in Rowney Green and

#### The Changing Face of Rugby

FODS have been contacted by Richard Allanach who writes 'I am aiming to provide an update for the residents of South West Rugby, Cawston, Dunchurch and Thurlaston every month on the South West Rugby development.' This development will impact greatly on our village. If you would like to be better informed and receive Richards regular newsletter, email him on richardallanach@aol.com.



Hopwood). In 1856, at St. James, Westminster, Archdeacon Sandford married Anna Cunningham-Graham, widow of Lord Erskine.

In his last years he became very involved with

the formation of the Temperance Society. The Venerable John Sandford died at Alvechurch in 1873 on his 72nd birthday and his fine tomb is in the churchyard there. Dunchurch is indeed fortunate that Rev. Sandford spent many years here. A man of great zeal and vision, he certainly made his mark.











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information, contact
Pat Judge on 01788
810253 or email judge.
patricia@googlemail.
com.

On Tuesday evenings, those playing have had some previous experience. The charge is £5 per session. (This may vary, to cover hall rental costs.) Please come along. It's a really good way of getting some winter



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e're having fun. Are you? Would you like to come along and join us and help raise funds for local good causes? Why not audition for a part in our 31st village pantomime, which will be performed at the village hall in January?

#### **Dunchurch Pantomaniacs**

We are an amateur community group and we welcome folk of all ages and abilities.

Auditions for Principles will be held at Dunchurch Village Hall, Rugby Road, at 10am on Sunday 6th October.

Chorus members are also needed (no audition necessary).

If 'treading the boards' isn't for you, why not volunteer to help with front of house or backstage? For further information and to register your interest, contact Paul Le Poidevin (Director) on 01788 522772, email paul.lepoidevin@btopenworld.com or Sue Protheroe (Assistant Director) on 01788 815989, email sueprotheroe@ymail.com.

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### **Doctors in Dunchurch**

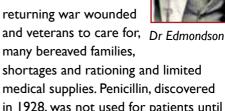
Part 3 1940-1948

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

he morning after the bombing of Dunchurch on 19th November 1940 with Dunsmore House in ruins, a patient raised the knocker and politely enquired at what time the surgery would be held that day! Despite the bombing of his home, there was no respite for Dr Edmondson's professional responsibilities. Daily surgeries were soon reinstated and for most of the war years were, perhaps appropriately, held in Howard's Butchers in Dunchurch, where patients could observe some first-rate surgical scalpel techniques while waiting to be seen...

After the war a building at the back of the Dun Cow car park became available. This building, at the site of the present day 'Thatchings' on Rugby Road, had served as a clubhouse for the Dunchurch Bowling Club (of which Dr Edmonson's predecessor, Dr Powell, had been the president in the 1920s). During

the war it had been reinforced and used as the village bomb-shelter (see photo). When it became redundant. The Dun Cow offered it to Dr Edmondson to use as a surgery.



These were hard

times. There were the



shortages and rationing and limited medical supplies. Penicillin, discovered in 1928, was not used for patients until 1942. Streptomycin, discovered in 1943, was the first treatment for tuberculosis which was a serious and life-threatening public health problem. Few of today's medicines existed.

At this time, patients still had to pay the doctor for their treatment and for many the decision to call or visit the doctor was based not on the severity of the illness but on whether the family could afford it. When they could not, payment might take the form of a brace of pheasants, a trout or a basket of eggs! Payment for medical care all changed when the Health Minister of the day, Aneurin

> Bevan, founded the NHS on 5th July 1948. Suddenly, everyone could access healthcare without direct. payment. How would this affect General Practice in Dunchurch?



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## **Dunchurch Voices** by Barbara Davies

unchurch Voices came into being in September 2005 with a small group of ladies who just 'wanted to sing.' Since then we have gone from strength to strength and are now a group of around 40. The ladies rehearse at Dunchurch Infant School on Wednesdays from 7.30–9.00 pm in school term time. Our repertoire includes a variety of genres to suit all tastes, including songs from musicals, pop classics, folk, spirituals and more serious choral pieces.

Singing in the community is important to us. We visit care homes and entertain local groups. We perform at weddings, funerals and birthday celebrations and organise our own concerts, or team up with with other choirs in joint ventures. Charity organisations such as The Bradby Club and Help For Heroes have also organised events featuring the choir. We have many ongoing links with other village organisations and over the years have built up a strong association with the Rotary Club of Rugby Dunsmore.

Christmas is always a busy time and brings annual appearances at carol services. One event that has become a staple in our calendar is a carol concert at the Waterside Restaurant, Draycote Water. We entertain the diners after their festive lunch and a collection is made for our current charity.



Whenever and wherever we sing, we raise money for a range of good causes that are close to our hearts. Save the Children, Bloodwise, Acorns Children's Hospice, The Alzheimer's Society, Rugby Dementia Group, Cancer Research and The British Heart Foundation are just some of the charities we have supported.

Special highlights over the years have included a trip to Symphony Hall in Birmingham to join other singers for a rehearsal and performance of Carmina Burana by Karl Orff with the CBSO orchestra; taking part in a recording of Songs of Praise for the BBC in St Mary's Church Warwick: the memorable 'Remembrance' section in a November 2014 concert; working and performing with Simon Beck (music director/performer in London's West End); performing in a 'Community Choirs Showcase' in 2017 and 2018; a recent combined concert with the Rugby Male Voice Choir in St Andrew's Church, Rugby; and - even more recently - singing at 'The Bloomers Ceremony' for FODS at the Dun Cow.

We believe in having fun at our rehearsals but we do work hard too!

Remember: **singing is good for you**... it should be on prescription!

#### The Stocks

id you know? Stocks are mentioned in the Old Testament in the book of Jobs.

'He puts my feet in the stocks, he watches all my paths.'

Among our Dunchurch landmarks is the familiar sight of the stocks, which were first positioned in what is now the village car park area opposite The Dun Cow. The Parish Council minutes of 1964 record the intention to move them to their current site: 'Mr Tyler commented that whilst they may have historical value, they were now definitely in the wrong place and Mrs Snell suggested that they be erected in the centre of The Green at the rear of the bus shelter, Mr. Ansell proposed and Mr Cox seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk approach F.L. Back & Sons Ltd for an estimate to repair the stocks

Now viewed more as a curiosity, the stocks hold a dark history. England's Statute of Labourers Act (1351) prescribed their use for 'unruly artisans' and required that every town and village erect a set somewhere in its centre where they would be on very public display. Used for both military and civil punish-

and install them in the centre of

The Green?

ments, the 'offender' would be rendered immobile by the restraining of the feet and subjected to a variety of indignities. This could include throwing rubbish including rotten fruit, vegetables, eggs and even items likely to cause injury. If bare footed, it wasn't uncommon for the 'offender' to have the soles of their feet whipped mercilessly or for children to amuse themselves by tickling them! Thankfully, by early modern times their use ceased but many remained in our towns and villages as a part of our history. However, a word to the wise. This type of punishment has never actually been decommissioned so don't say you haven't been warned!

Although the one you see today is not the original, it is true to historical design. It was constructed in the summer of



2009 by N. E. J. Stevenson Ltd, whose owners Neil and Fiona live in the village. The one it replaced was also not the original, so permission was given by English Heritage to completely rebuild. The craftsmen were able to refurbish the metal from the previous stocks and the finest English oak was used for the construction. The total cost of £2,212.28 was met by Dunchurch Parish Council.

#### **FODS Archive**

For a further look at the stocks and a fascinating insight to the changes in our village, visit the homepage of our website where you will find a 4 minute, silent, black and white BBC film from 1957 which features the actress Noel Gordon.





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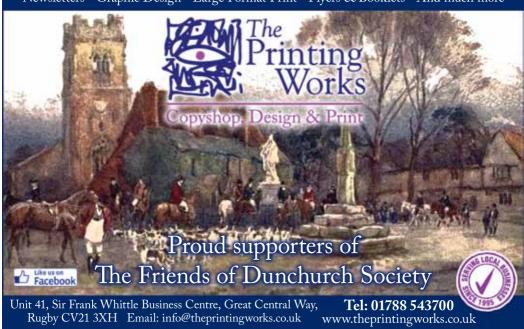
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## 75th Anniversary Commemoration Service

n Saturday evening on 14 October 1944, Halifax BIII, MZ920 (WL-C), belonging to the Royal Canadian Air Force 434 Squadron, took off from RAF Croft in North Yorkshire for the second time that day to fly to Duisburg in Germany via Northamptonshire where it was to join with many other squadrons to attack the same target, the Duisburg ports.

Whilst flying south to its rendezvous point, one of its engines caught fire and the aircraft was directed to RAF Church Lawford for an emergency landing. Two crew members were able to escape using the escape hatch but it became jammed trapping the remaining crew members inside. Sadly, they perished when the aircraft crashed just after it had passed over Dunchurch, only one mile short of its destination.

The tragedy remained hidden until 1997 when local resident David George found an old postcard of Dunchurch village in the local library. The card, sent by two villagers to friends in Dunchurch said: 'A Halifax came down in flames just on the road by the station on Saturday... two bailed out, one landed in an electric cable and fused all the lights!... you never heard such a row.'

David deserves full credit for investigating the story and organising the erecting



of a commemorative stone assisted by Roger Higgerson. The resulting Rugby Road memorial was unveiled on the 6th June 2004 by Major John Tassé, RCAF, a representative of the Canadian High Commission in the presence of family members, dignitaries and the local community.

Theo Claassen of the Rugby Aviation Group and current custodian of the memorial is organising a re-commemoration of the memorial to these five young men (four of whom were Canadian and the other Welsh).

Pilot Flight Lieutenant Donald Zachary Taylor Wood, RCAF, 26; Navigator Flying Officer William Robert Ewing, RCAF, 24; Middle upper gunner Sergeant Owen Parsons, RCAF, 24; Rear gunner Sergeant Donald McLeod Ward, RCAF, 21; Flight Engineer Sergeant Geoffrey Davies Grant, RAFVR, 21

## Re-commemoration service on Sunday 13th October 2019

10:30-11:45 Service of Remembrance in St. Peter's Church

11:45–12:20 Refreshments in St. Peter's Church

12:30–13:00 Re-dedication Ceremony on The Heath

#### **Dunchurch Remembers**

s Remembrance Sunday falls between this and our next issue, it seems appropriate to reflect on some associated links and we thank resident Thelma McKerlie (nee Miles) for her help with the following item.

#### The Royal British Legion

The British Legion was formed on the 15th May 1921 by amalgamating four organisations, the National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers, the Comrades of the Great War, the Officers' Association and the British National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers. In 1971, the word Royal was added to the Legion's name although the aim of providing support for ex-servicemen and

their families remained unchanged.

Our own Dunchurch and Thurlaston British Legion was formed in 1963 by Donald Miles (Thelma's grandfather) and Captain Critchley of White Lodge, Vicarage Lane. Donald was chauffer and gardener to the Captain and his wife, the Rt Honourable Mrs Critchley-Waring. Later, it was Donald's son Frederick (Thelma's father) who became the parade master for the Legion's village commemorations as well as a serving Parish Councillor. It is as the latter that Frederick is fondly remembered by a memorial tree planted on the green outside St Peter's Church-yard. Sadly, the Dunchurch and Thurlaston standard was 'laid down' in 1996 and is now kept in St Peter's Church, together with that of the lady's standard, both of which are situated to the right of the

small, wooden altar that was donated by the Rt Honourable Mrs Critchley-Waring. In the past, it was upon this alter that photographs of the Parish fallen would be displayed.

As a member of the Royal British Legion, Thelma is carrying on the family connection and FODS members are grateful to her for representing us and

laying our first wreath at last year's Remembrance service.



The standard in its place in the church



Donald and Frederick Miles with the mugs which were given by the British Legion to the children of the village to celebrate Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee in 1977

## **Dunchurch Baptist** Church

by Claire Siddaway

Il are welcome to join us for our Harvest celebrations on Sunday 23rd September 10:30 am at Dunchurch Methodist Church. We also have another of our popular Messy Church events for families on Saturday 5th October. All our regular activities continue at Dunchurch Methodist Church.

The construction of our new church building began at the end of July and the external shell should be finished by December. We hope you will like the design! If you are curious to see more, the plans are displayed in the DMC coffee shop and can be found on the DBC website.





**Dunchurch Methodist Church Cawston Lane** 

Saturday 5 October 10.30-12.30

Crafts Lunch Celebration for all the family

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## St Peter's Church, services and events

#### Regular services and events

All are welcome, so please feel free to join us at any (or all) of the following events.

Sundays 10:30am	1st Sunday of the month	All Age Worship	
	All other Sundays	Holy Communion Services	
	3rd Sunday of the month	Junior church in the Church Common Room	
Thursdays 10:00am	1st and 3rd Thursday of the month	Holy Communion	
	2nd and 4th Thursday of the month	Morning Prayer	
Fridays 10:00am	2nd Friday of the month	Friday Fellowship	

# Special services and events (all services at 10:30am unless otherwise stated)

15th September	Education Sunday
29th September	Harvest
6th October	Blessing of the Animals – please bring your pets to Church so that they can be blessed
13th October	Re-dedication of the Memorial to the Canadian Airmen
31st October	St Petersburg Choir is performing once again at St Peters after the success of last year's concert. Tickets and more information available soon.
10th November	Remembrance Day (10:45am in The Square)
Ist December	Village Open Air Nativity (4:00pm in The Square)
15th December	Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols (6:30pm)
22nd December	Family Carols and Holy Communion
24th December	Crib Service (4:00pm)
	Midnight Service (11:00pm)
25th December	Family Celebration of Christmas

#### St Deter's Church, Dunchurch



## ORGANIST/PIANIST REQUIRED

The church is seeking the services of an organist from June 2019.

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Payment for services to be agreed.

There would also be weddings and funerals for which separate fees would apply:

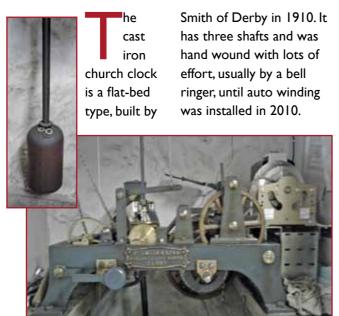
#### Please contact

Bev. Patricia Townshend at resptosushed@gmail.com

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Mrs Kathryn Fowler (churchwarden) at dunchurchstpeters@gmail.com

## St Peter's Church Clock



#### By Mike Bennett

Main photo: The setting dial above the name plate and one of those auto winders top right. The vertical shaft above the setting dial drives the hands through three sets of bevel gears. The wires going up through the ceiling operate the clock hammers on the bells so that the hours and quarters strike.

Inset: The pendulum that drives the clock. Note the pile of washers on the pendulum. Add a washer to make the clock gain — take one off to slow it down. Big Ben in London is regulated by using old pennies.

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## **Dunchurch Community Directory**

Badminton Group	Dunchurch Village Hall, Monday 7.30pm	judge.patricia@googlemail.com Pat Judge 01788 810253 Carol Seager 01788 814178
Beavers	Boys and girls aged 5 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> – 8 Mondays and Tuesdays at the Scout hut Done Cerce Close.	www.dunscout.org.uk join@dunscout.org.uk
Cubs	Boys and girls aged $8 - 10\frac{1}{2}$ Wednesdays at the Scout hut, Done Cerce Close.	www.dunscout.org.uk join@dunscout.org.uk
Dunchurch Allotment Association	Situated on Coventry Rd	www.dunchurchallotments.org.uk admin@dunchurchallotments.org.uk Secretary Paul Sanders 01788 811744
Dunchurch and Bilton Cricket Club	Based as Dunchurch Village Hall Rugby Rd.	https://dunchurchbilton.play-cricket.com
Dunchurch and Thurlaston WI	Meetings 2nd Thursday of each month, 7.30pm at the WI Hall, Southam Rd.	Maureen Melson 01788 810911 Marion Abernethy mariona@ntlworld.com
Dunchurch Band	Senior and training band	www.dunchurchband.co.uk dunchurch.band100@yahoo.com
Dunchurch Baptist Church	Currently meeting at the Dunchurch Methodist Church, Cawston Lane.	www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk Minister Dave Woods 01788 810132 davewoods@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk Secretary Claire Siddaway 01788 815752 secretary@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk
Dunchurch Boughton C of E (VA) Junior School	Primary education situated in Dew Close	www.dunchurchjuniorschool.org.uk admin3391@welearn365.com 01788 811028
Dunchurch Community Library	School Street	www.warwickshire.gov.uk/dunchurchlibrary dunchurchcommunitylibrary@btconnect.com 01788 811355
Dunchurch Festival Group	Organise fete and other events.  Meetings third Monday of each month 7.30pm at the village hall.	www.dunchurchevents.org Rob Collings 01788 817307 mashedspud1@gmail.com
Dunchurch Health Walks	Tuesday 2pm, Friday 10.30, 1st Sunday of month 10.30. Meet at war memorial	Pearl Bennet 01788 810367
Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery	Nursery children are taken from aged 2yrs 9months. Other year groups, Reception, year 1 and 2	www.dunchurchinfantschoolandnursery.co.uk office@dunchurchinfants.co.uk 01788 810292

Dunchurch Pantomaniacs	Organise and perform annual village panto in January. Rehearsals begin in October.	paul.lepoidevin@btinternet.com sueprotheroe@ymail.com	
Dunchurch Parish Council	PC office based in the Library. Open Tuesday and Thursdays 10am – 1.00pm	clerk@dunchurchpc.org 01788 817550 or 07474 705061	
Dunchurch Photographic Society	Meetings held at WI Hall, Southam Road.	www.dunchurchps.com secretary@dunchurchps.com	
Dunchurch Surgery	Dunsmore Heath (off Rugby Rd)	www.dunchurchsurgery.warwickshire.nhs.uk 01788 522448	
Dunchurch Village Hall	Rugby Road.	jane.bookings@dunchurchsportsandvhall. co.uk 01788 522444	
Dunchurch Voices	Ladies choir meet Wednesdays, 7.30pm at the infant school.	Barbara Davies 07890 659857	
First Dunchurch Scout Group	Fun, challenge and everyday adventure for boys and girls aged 10 ½ – 14. Done Cerce Close on Thursdays	www.dunscout.org.uk join@dunscout.org.uk	
Dunchurch Girlguiding including	GirlGuiding girls have fun, adventure and space to discover their potential	www.girlguiding.org.uk is where parents/ carers may express their daughters' interest	
1st Rainbows 3rd Brownies 1st Guides	Age 5 – 7 yrs.Wed. 3.45 – 4.45 pm Age 7 – 11 yrs.Wed. 5 – 6.30pm Age 10 - 14 yrs.Wed. 6.45 – 8.15pm	in joining. Adult volunteers welcomed.	
Rugby Village Bridge Club	EBU Affiliated. Four pairs sessions and three practice sessions weekly Courses/teams of four events occasionally. Held in the club room, Dunchurch Village Hall.	www.rugbyvillagebridge.co.uk rugbyvillagebridge@gmail.co.uk 07710 467023	
Save Dunchurch Action Group	Fighting over development and for an infrastructure to protect the village from increasing traffic.	www.savedunchurch.co.uk mabjudge@hotmail.com	
St Peter's Church		Vicar: Reverend Patricia Townshend revptownshend@gmail.com, 01788 461987 Churchwardens:	
		Kathryn Fowler: 07780116024 /0178831111 Thurlaston Deputy Churchwardens: Brian Bowsher: 01788 812094 churchwarden@stpeters-dunchurch.org	

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