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What a year!

Welcome to your copy of the Friends of Dunchurch Society village magazine.

This edition brings us full circle and celebrates a whole year of publication – and what a year it has been. We are so grateful to everyone who has contributed to the articles we have published. They have been both interesting and varied and all very well received by our readers.

With regards to FODS news, we now have 533 FODS members. We have a thriving Neighbourhood Watch community, have organised a variety of social events and have improved the appearance of our historic village. Added to that, we have had SOME success with our Dunchurch in Bloom campaigns! Read on for more information about this and other events. In the meantime, here's to the next successful year.

FODS strikes Gold!

We aimed for Gold with our Britain in Bloom campaign and we most definitely worked hard to achieve it. However, our results have far exceeded our high expectations and we are delighted that our efforts paid dividends at the Heart of England (H of E) Britain in Bloom awards which were recently held at Dunchurch Park Hotel. Hosted by presenter Brody Swain of BBC Coventry and Warwickshire,

over 150 representatives from the seven competing counties were in attendance and all hopeful of a satisfactory outcome. However, it was Dunchurch that 'swept the board' with not one but two Gold awards, winning best large village and best in category from all seven counties. In making the presentation, Chairman of H of E Roger Bache (who had also been one of the judges for our entry) acknowledged that FODS results were



Britain in Bloom Presentations. From left to right: Chris Worman Head of Parks and Open Spaces, Barbara Harris, Judge Roger Bache Chairman of Heart of England RHS judges, Mayor of Rugby Bill Lewis, Sue Kember, Sue Turner, Judge Carol Miller and Tony Kember.

unparalleled for a first-time entry. Out of a possible 200, we scored a combined total of 191 for the three categories of horticulture, environment and community. Perhaps this is why Dunchurch has been asked to represent Heart of England in Bloom in the large

village category for the 2020 Britain in Bloom national event. What a great honour!

However, there was still one more accolade to come and it is fitting that Tony and Sue Kember received a much-deserved Outstanding Achievement

award for being the driving force behind the Dunchurch entry and for guiding the group to first time success. Accepting the award, Tony and Sue paid homage to the whole FODS team and friends who had worked so hard and achieved so much in such a short time.



Some of the happy team at the Britain in Bloom Award ceremony

Rugby in Bloom

The H of E awards came 'hot on the heels' of notification that Dunchurch had been awarded Gold for our Rugby in Bloom entry. Members recently attended the award ceremony at Rugby Town Hall and were surprised and delighted to find that in addition to this, we had also been awarded yet another Gold in the Community Groups category for the War Memorial which had been a joint effort between FODS and the Parish Council. Further FODS recognition followed with the presentation of the Sean Lawson Award for Outstanding



Sean Lawson Award



Gold Award for the War memorial

Contribution to Rugby in Bloom. Another fantastic result!

Obviously, none of this was achieved without a lot of hard work by members but it has also been a very sociable, enjoyable and wholly rewarding experience.

We now face the challenge of not only maintaining what has been started but improving on and extending our work into other areas of the village, and for this we will need more volunteers. We do hope you will consider joining us for our 2020 campaign. We now move forward with the added responsibility of representing the Heart of England in the national event but it is a challenge that we relish and will rise to. Please do come along and help. Register your interest by emailing us on friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com A warm welcome awaits you.

Happy birthday FODS

The evening after our Britain in Bloom success, members gathered at the Dunchurch Social Club to celebrate FODS first birthday and if you will excuse the pun, 'the icing on the cake' was most definitely the Gold award results which only added to the sense of occasion. Enjoying an evening of music, convivial conversation and a delicious buffet, those present were able to watch a film of our Britain in Bloom judging day. It served as a reminder of the awful weather we had to contend with and the grit and determination of all, including the Dunchurch school children who carried on valiantly. The social event raised

a much needed £620 to kick off our 2020 campaign. Please look out for more upcoming FODS fundraisers and come along and support us. Together, we can make a difference.

Thank you children

Recently, FODS members were delighted to attend assemblies at both Dunchurch Junior and the Infant School to share the good news about the awards and to thank the children and staff for their help in achieving them. You may remember that on judging day (19th July) the rain poured but regardless, the children soldiered on with their beautiful maypole dancing and as our history guides for the judges.

This was recognised in the following feedback we received from the judges.

'On one of the wettest mornings of the Summer, groups from Dunchurch were out in force. The Friends of Dunchurch Society (FODS) which embraces Dunchurch in Bloom, took us around the village to meet representatives of all ages. In particular, very articulate children from the primary school acted as guides, holding signs indicating significant aspects of the village. It is difficult to imagine that last year, Dunchurch had been described as badly neglected. On judging day, even in the pouring rain, the village was



Certificate presented by FODS to the infant and junior schools

sparkling and colourful, showing its proud heritage and a very enthusiastic population. In the final stage of our tour, undaunted, the school children gave a demonstration of Maypole dancing in the pouring rain on The Green. An enormous amount has been achieved in one year and Dunchurch is an attractive village that people will love to visit.'

Our thanks again to the schools and all of the other organisations who took part.

FODS quiz

Thank you to everyone who recently attended our 'sell out' fundraising quiz at the village hall.

Twenty-one teams battled to become overall champions with the winning prize of a bottle of wine being awarded to each member of the aptly named 'Les Quizerables.' However, there was much hilarity when the booby prize, cans of tuna (which is believed to aid

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brain power), was awarded to the Dunchurch Bloomers who came in last position! Fortunately, for our Britain in Bloom exploits, it seems the teams 'green fingered' talents far exceed those of their general knowledge! The event provided a great nights entertainment as well as raising a wonderful £919 towards our 2020 campaign. Thank you everyone who came along to support us.

And finally

Don't miss out on our Winter Wonderland fun on Sunday 8th December. This is our next major fundraiser and is an event for the whole family to enjoy. See next page for further details. In the meantime, have a fun filled Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Stop press – Read all about it!
No email access?



Don't worry. If this applies to you, we are setting up a postal delivery service so you may still be a member of FODS and keep in touch with everything that is going on in our village. Just register

your interest by telephoning Barbara on 07837 182114, leave your telephone number, name and address and we will add you to our mailing list. Never again miss out on village news!

Friends of Dunchurch Society is dedicated to making Dunchurch a better place to live in, work in and visit.

Gardening on wheels!

An important contribution to our Gold winning floral displays were the fabulous wheelbarrows which were planted and looked after by other village groups and residents. As we move forward and represent Heart of England in the National competition, we would like to expand this



project for our 2020 campaign. If you would like to participate by planting your own wheelbarrow, please email us on friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com or telephone Barbara on 07837 182114.

We would also be most grateful for donations of any old wheelbarrows – we will, of course, arrange collection. Thank you for your support.

PROGRAMME

3.00pm Lights switch on opening ceremony, event to be opened by Dunchurch Parish Council's Chair, Cllr Marie Thompson & Dunchurch Voices

4.30pm Christmas Door Wreath from recycled materials judging

5.00pm Christmas jumper and hat parade and judging

- **Visit Santa** in his grotto £2 – every little visitor gets a gift
- **Christmas Jumper** – come in a Christmas jumper. Best judged jumper wins a prize
- **Make a Christmas Door Wreath** at home from RECYCLED materials, bring it along to exhibit and enter for a chance to win a prize for the best judged wreath
- **Christmas Hats** – come in a Christmas hat. Best judged hat wins a prize
- **Delicious Christmas BBQ** Turkey Sausage & stuffing batches £3.00, Childrens £1.50
- **Win a Bottle of Wine** for only £1 FODS Pick a Plonk stall
- **Win a delicious homemade traditional Christmas fruit cake.** Guess the weight £2 per guess and/or buy a slice £2 per slice
- **Visit the Home baked Mince Pie shop** enjoy with a Hot Cider Winter Warmer
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- **Face Painting** £2
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- **FODS Christmas Gift & craft tent** – gifts from 50p
- **Treat yourself to Dunchurch produced honey** at the Bee Stall
- **Call Santa's Christmas Hotline** from our village phone box £2
- **Have your photo taken in the ancient Stocks** £2
- **Christmas Meat** – pick a square - tickets £5 - win a family size (15lb) Christmas fresh turkey or a £25 butchers voucher or a £30 fresh turkey voucher
- **Social Club** – Full Licenced Bar open from 2pm
- **Volks Café Van** will be at the event
- **Toilet facilities** available at The Social Club



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Visit our village shops open 3pm – 6pm for the event – Ann Marie Florists,
Wanda Fashions & Fosse House Gallery

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onto local TV but also, the national news and tabloids. It is a considerable 'draw' for visitors to our village and we have a feeling that Lord Scott and his desire to be a part of his community would have approved. Long may this tradition continue!

We wait with baited breath to see what this year's transformation will be but as a taster, here's just a few characters from the past. Just for fun, see if you can put a date to them. Answers are on page 37.



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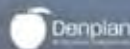
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Your library needs you

by Marie Thompson, Chair of DPC

Dunchurch community library is a brilliant facility in our village and it is run by fantastic volunteers under the management of the Parish Council. Due to a variety of factors such as people moving away, health issues and other commitments, our library volunteer numbers have been dwindling and they desperately need more people to join them. You don't need to do it every week, just provide some time that suits you when the library is open (see below). The library works on a dual worker policy so you would always have another volunteer with you.

If you're interested in joining or know

someone that would be, please collect a volunteer form directly from Dunchurch library. We'd love to be able to recruit 20 new members to cover the opening hours of the library and holiday cover for the volunteers. It would also be great to provide a story time session for children after school or on a Saturday morning. We want to entice as many people to our library as possible.

This is a great opportunity to meet new people and support your local community. New volunteers will be warmly welcomed, trained and supported so we do hope you will join our friendly team.



Hiring the library

Did you know you can hire the library for meetings, classes or events at any time when the library is closed? The cost is just £7.50 an hour, and we will happily advertise your event in the library and on our new facebook page. Email marie.thompson@dunchurchpc.org to book.

Exciting times are ahead for the library! We are planning new initiatives for this



community hub. Stay informed at www.facebook.com/dunchurchlibrary



Current opening times are:

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To bee or not to bee? That is the question



The FODS answer is definitely to bee! As Christmas approaches, it may seem odd to be turning our thoughts to the pollination of plants but it is never too early to begin encouraging these important pollinators who play such an important part in every aspect of the ecosystem. These amazing insects encourage growth of trees, flowers and other plants which in turn, provide shelter and food for a variety of creatures large and small and of course, play a vital role in the pollination of our own food supply. Encouraging them into our

own gardens, open spaces or even something as small as a window box is easy with the right sort of planting. Autumn heathers and dahlias, spring crocuses, aconites, snowdrops and bluebells are just a few easy

to grow plants that will encourage the arrival of bees.

As part of our aim to improve the environment, FODS is currently looking into a 2020 bulb planting project for children which will also bring more colour and hopefully, more bees to the village. Further details in due course but in the meantime, check out the following website for a full and informative article on gardening for bees.

www.bbka.org.uk/gardening-for-bees

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The Dunchurch & Thurlaston WI glove making industry

By **Freda Bennett**

It was in 1919 that the ladies of Dunchurch & Thurlaston WI first decided to add glove making to their list of craft skills. Their meetings were then held in the National School for Girls & Infants which was sited in the churchyard. (This building was demolished in the early 1930s).

Enthused by the challenge, a working party experimented with glove patterns, sizing them and improving their designs. Their first efforts which they were very pleased with at the time, were likened to the 'sort of gloves a housemaid would clean the grates with'.

Each week the gloves improved and with this success, more members joined the working party. On 9th November (a historic day for them) they sold their first pair of gloves. They had a lecture on Fur Craft and learned how to cure their own rabbit skins for making gloves with fur backs. In December at the WI County Show, they sent 31 pairs of gloves, were awarded two prizes and sold every pair of gloves! Over 500 pairs of gloves were made in the first few months and 81 pairs were sold at the London Exhibition in May 1920 with four prizes taken: first, second and third for gloves and second for fur gloves.

Orders started to come in and it was decided to start in earnest. Three members kindly offered loans to get them going, but it was quite insufficient for what was then a rapidly growing industry. At the end of 1920 the Industry was set up as a co-operative and onto a proper financial footing, with members owning shares and sufficient capital was raised in this way. All the business arrangements, the purchase of leathers, the giving out of work and the sale of the finished gloves, were carried out by the committee. The cutting out was done by certain members and the trunks, i.e. cut-out gloves, were given out at the weekly working party ready for sewing at home.

Sales were also helped by one glover, Miss Lindsell, giving a talk on the BBC in 1926 and also when an article appeared in 'The Lady' magazine in 1937. Dunchurch gloves gained a reputation for quality and for being hard wearing and as well as winning prizes at exhibitions, they were sold at agricultural shows throughout the country.

Gloves were even sold to royalty and other important people:



- 1922 Princess Mary, six pairs of chamois gloves, presented in a brocade box.
- 1926 Queen of Spain, Victoria Eugenie, purchased 12 pairs of elbow length suede gloves.
- 1927 Emir Abdullah, ruler of Trans Jordan, purchased two pairs.
- 1929 The City of Leeds purchased a pair of chamois button gloves for the Lord Mayor.

The Industry lasted until 1946, when it became impossible to obtain quality leathers. The fact that it had lasted so long is a tribute to their enthusiasm,

business acumen and willingness to improve and take on new skills. Although the industry ceased, an interest was kept alive by giving talks and demonstrations to other WIs and organisations.

As a result of someone sending a copy of our booklet 'A Glimpse into the Past – A Brief History of the Village of Dunchurch' to relations in Canada, we received a parcel containing a fur muff made by the Dunchurch Glovers, which we now proudly keep in our archives.

This booklet is now in its 3rd reprint and is available for sale from Dunchurch Post Office. All proceeds from sales go towards maintaining our WI Hall.

'The air that we grieve' march

On the morning of Saturday 14th September, members of the environmental activist group Extinction Rebellion marched from the Lord John Scott statue and processed to the gyratory system in Rugby. Both starting and finishing points have been highlighted as having one of the highest pollution levels in the area, according to the council's 2018 Air Quality Annual Status

Report. The group hopes to encourage Rugby Borough Council to implement a Local Transport Strategy and more information may be found on the group's website: www.rugbyxr.org.uk





Dunchurch Pantomaniacs

If you have been having withdrawal symptoms since Game of Thrones ended, this year's village panto might be just what you need to fill the void! Dame of Thrones is an original script written specifically for the Pantomaniacs and unlike the TV show, is full of **family fun**. Tickets will be on sale in Wanda Fashions of Dunchurch from December. See poster for full details.

In the meantime, the Pantomaniacs have made donations to Cancer Research UK and Diabetes UK in memory of Gloria Storer who recently passed away. 'Glo' was a much-loved member of the group. Always a delight to be around, she lit up the stage with her fun personality and beautiful voice and will be greatly missed by all.



Where is the Waring Cup?

The sports field on Rugby Road was gifted to the village in the 1930s by Lord Waring to provide a sporting facility for the whole community. On a recent visit, his son Angus (89 years young) informed us that some time ago, he had donated a sporting cup to the village and wondered if it was still in use. If anyone has any information, please email info@vghrugby.co.uk



Angus believes the cup may have been kept in the old cricket club. In the meantime, Angus and his wife Marie-Louise will be returning in November to discuss placing the Waring family photos and papers on the FODS website under the archive section. It would be great if we could notify him then that the cup had been found.



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Aloo Cheese Bora	£4.50
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Murg-ee Kebab	£4.75
Minced chicken marinated in garlic, ginger, herbs and coated with golden breadcrumbs.	
Sheek Kebab	£4.25
Minced lamb roasted in clay oven.	
Chicken or Lamb Tikka	£4.25
Roasted in clay oven.	
Tandoori Chicken (on the bone)	£4.25
Roasted in clay oven.	
Onion Bhajee V @	£3.75
Somosa V @	£3.75
Spicy meat or vegetables in crispy pastry.	
Nargis Kebab	£4.50
Scotch egg covered with minced lamb.	
Shashlick	£4.50
Chicken or lamb grilled in tandoor with onion, tomato and green pepper.	
Prawn Cocktail	£4.25
Reshmi Kebab	£4.75
Minced chicken shawarma fried.	
Tandoori Jhinga	£6.95
Roasted king size prawns.	
Chicken Pakora	£4.25
Chicken fried with batter and breadcrumbs.	
King Prawn Butterfly	£5.95
King prawn in spicy batter with breadcrumbs, deep fried.	
Tandoori Combination	£6.95
Mixture of tandoori dishes.	
Shami Kebab	£4.25
Spicy minced lamb steak, fried.	

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Tandoori King Prawn	£11.95
Chicken or Lamb Shashlick	£7.95
Tandoori Combination	£9.95
Paneer Tikka @ (Indian Cottage Cheese) ..	£8.50
Fish Tikka Biran (Cod)	£9.95
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Sheek Mach	£6.95
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Chandu	£6.95
Silver pomfret fish roasted in clay oven.	
Masala Mach Biran	£6.95
Cod fish cooked on the grill with fried onions and tomatoes.	
Stuffed Roshun Pepper	£5.50
Green pepper roasted in clay oven with minced lamb or vegetables V.	
Murghi Kofta Kebab	£4.75
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Lamb Chops	£6.95
Spicy marinated chops grilled in clay oven.	
Chat Masala	£4.75
Chicken or potato V cooked in a tangy sauce.	
Paneer Tikka @	£5.50
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Garlic Chicken Tikka	£4.95
Chicken roasted in clay oven with garlic.	

CHEFS SPECIALITIES

Khasia Lamb	£8.50
Mouthwatering Madras, hot lamb, slowly simmered and sliced with garlic and authentic herbs, up soft and melting.	
Masala Chom Chom	£11.95
A hot spicy dish with shelled king prawns, infused with ginger, garlic, capsicum and chef's own aromatic spices.	
Naga (HOT) Lamb, chicken or prawn	£8.50
Authentic extra hot bangladeshi chilli (naga) in a bhuna style sauce. Giving a distinctive aromatic flavour.	
Shatkora	£8.50
Traditional bangladeshi shatkora (Citrus) vegetable from Sylhet cooked with lamb or chicken, enhancing the flavour.	
Handi	£8.50
Tenderised meat or chicken dish cooked to perfection with chef's own extensive aromatic blended spices and herbs.	
Tawa	£8.50
Tawa cooked with onion, green peppers, strongly spiced and herbs, served on a sizzling pan.	
Lamb Chops Akbor-E	£10.95
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 V 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 ②	£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 ② ③

Very mild sauce cooked with coconut & almond.

MALAYAN ②

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 ②	£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 ② ③	£9.95
Rainbow trout cooked in a mild creamy sauce.	
Roop Chand Masala ② ③	£9.95
Silver pomfret fish cooked in a mild creamy sauce.	
Fish Bengal Masala ② ③	£9.95
Bengal fish cooked in mild creamy sauce.	
Murghi Masala ② ③	£8.50
Chicken cooked with mince lamb, egg and tomatoes.	
Spicy but mild dish.	
Chicken/Lamb Tikka Masala ② ③ ...	£8.50
Cooked in a mild, creamy sauce.	
Tandoori King Prawn Masala ② ③ ...	£11.95
Cooked in a mild creamy sauce.	
Jhinga Zafron ② ③	£11.95
King prawn cooked in a mild sauce with saffron.	
Tandoori Murghi Chana Palak	£8.50
Chicken cooked with chick peas & spinach, medium.	
Pasanda Nawabi ② ③	£8.50
Lamb cooked with pistachio, a very mild dish.	
Dakeswari	£8.50
Lamb cooked in a spicy sauce. Slightly hot.	
Badami ② ③	£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 ② ③	£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 ②	£8.50
Prawns	£7.95
King Prawns	£11.95
Fish Tikka (Cod)	£9.95

ZALFREZI

Cooked with capsicum, 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 ② ③

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, mairas, 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 @.....	£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 complement the meat that you order.

	Side	Main
Saag Cream <i>Mild</i> @.....	£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 @.....	£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 <i>Mild</i> @.....	£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 @ @.....	£3.50
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Finely chopped chicken tikka pieces topped with green chilli and cheese.

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

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

School news

By Ian Dewes, Executive Headteacher

All schools have priority areas which set out the geographical space they serve. In the past, these were known as a school's catchment, but the term was changed as it was thought catchment suggested you had a guaranteed place at your local school, when this is not the case. In reality, residents of Dunchurch are all but guaranteed a place at either Dunchurch Infants or Juniors as the number of school-aged children in the priority area is quite low.

Our two schools have the same priority area which roughly goes as far north as Lime Tree Village and the Ashlawn Road roundabout, as well as including villages such as Willoughby and Grandborough to the south. The infant school has a capacity of 60 pupils per year group, while the

juniors have 66. In most year groups around 50–60% of pupils live in the priority area. While that does mean that the village bears some burden (for example, increased traffic) for educating children from further afield, I do believe there are benefits to Dunchurch in having our two schools. We provide employment to eleven local residents and a study for the website **confused.com** has shown that

average house prices in areas with OFSTED rated 'outstanding' schools (as both our schools are) are nearly £40,000 higher than in areas with 'good' schools.



Christmas brain teaser



Just for fun, give yourself a cerebral workout with these Christmas-based anagrams. Answers are on page 37. Good luck!

1. Stir the scream (9,4)
2. Ode coin star (11)
3. Runny red kite (6,6)
4. Car coil verse (5,7)
5. A tense lads van (5,3,5)
6. I ate my film (6,4)
7. Her match sits far (6,9)
8. Lady hippos hay (5,8)
9. Gross in clear (5,7)
10. Crib hits forth (5,2,6)



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Dunchurch Guides

A message from Rhona Smith, District Commissioner

Can you help? Dunchurch Guides are looking for adult volunteers to help run the unit. If you are interested, please email **dunchurchguiding@outlook.com** for further details. Thank you.



Pets as therapy dogs

By Linda Beech, School Business Manager

We are very lucky at Dunchurch Infant School and Nursery and Dunchurch Boughton Junior School to have a school dog. Woody is a Cavachon, a cross between a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and a Bichon Frise. They are good with children, calm, don't shed their coat, easy to train and have a lovely

sweet nature.

Choosing a school dog involved a lot of research into the benefits and these include:

Social – a positive topic for discussion, encourages responsibility, wellbeing and interaction with others.

Emotional – improves self-esteem, lifts moods, provoking laughter and fun.

Dogs also teach compassion and respect for other living things as well as relieving anxiety.

Cognitive – companionship stimulates memory, problem solving and game playing.

Physical – interaction reduces blood pressure, provides tactile stimulation, assists with pain management, gives motivation to move, walk and stimulates the senses.

Environmental – a dog in a school increases the

sense of family environment, with all of the other benefits continuing after the school day.

We brought Woody home in July 2017 and he has been coming into school since he was 8 weeks old. Woody attends registration where he barks hello and orders a dinner. We have Woody's Buddies Club at lunchtime where the children learn to care for a dog and take Woody for a walk. He likes to show off his tricks and the children reward him with a treat. Woody goes on nature walks with the nursery children and visits them for circle time. The children love reading to Woody which helps improve their reading skills and confidence. He also gets involved in various learning and fund-raising activities.

Training Woody has been a huge commitment and we go to Rugby Dog Training Club weekly. He has passed all levels of his training, passing his

Level 3 in first place.

Woody shared his success with the children in assembly and we talked about how important it is to work hard, persevere and listen well.

We have also completed the Good Citizen Bronze and Silver Award.

Woody qualified as a Pets as Therapy Dog when he was only one year old and visits a nursing home where the elderly really love him. He also visits an Academy under the

Read2dogs scheme.

Woody puts a smile on the faces of all who meet him, so I feel very lucky and privileged to be able to bring Woody to school and see the pleasure and benefits that he brings to the children.

However, Woody recently added to his talents and made his stage debut in the production of Annie at the Benn Hall. He played Sandy and took to the stage like a real professional. He



was so good with the children and posed for photographs after the show. Who knows, maybe Hollywood will call for him next!

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Edited Extracts from 'The Melancholy Tale of Me'

Autobiography by Edward H Sothern , 1916

When I had reached the age of eight, it was decided that I must go to a boarding-school. My father used to hunt. One day he went to a meet at Dunchurch, a little village three miles from Rugby in Warwickshire. He in his red coat, two or three horses, and the groom. During the run he found that he and one other well-mounted man were far ahead of the field. They began to talk, and it developed that the other sportsman was a school-master, one Alfred A. Harrison, who had just started a school for small boys at Dunchurch Lodge. 'Good,' said my father, as they took a fence together, 'I'll send you my boy.'

A few days later I was there, taking a tearful farewell of my mother. I was for six years at that school, and when I left it I took my brother Sam up, and he was there six years, too. We are neither of us scholars, but we would not barter those dear years for much learning.

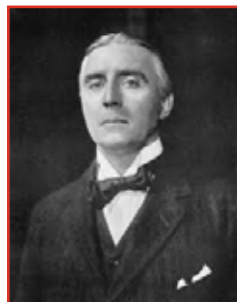
I never go to England but I go to Dunchurch. The school no longer exists. Some years since, on one of my visits, I viewed the charred remains of the old house. A large tree was growing in the middle of the room which used to be my dear old master's study. Another large tree grew in the room into which

my mother had taken me at eight years of age to confront the spirit of learning; it grew from the middle of the floor, and its branches went out at the windows – the 'Tree of Knowledge,' I said to myself. I stood and looked at it for an hour, and I lived over again all the love and care and

happiness I had known in that house, and I was quite sure that every leaf on that tree was a blessing from the heart of some little child who has found love and shelter under that fallen roof.

Then I went to the Dun Cow, the village inn, and I sat in the tap-room after a meal and said to a beer-bibber: 'Oh, yes, I was at school here.'

There is a pair of stocks outside the Dun Cow. I have seen a man in those stocks, the one bad man who had passed that way in half a century. So, I looked at the stocks, and I looked at the church tower whence I had heard the moping owl to the moon complain, and I looked



*Edward Hugh Sothern
(06/12/1859 –
28/10/1933)*

An American actor who specialized in dashing, romantic leading roles and particularly in Shakespearean roles.

at the cottage which legend declares was the rendezvous of Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators, and I looked at the 'Tuck Shop' across the street, and I felt very lonely.

Such dear, kind fellows were our four masters! And our *drawing-master*! When I went to take my brother Sam to this school, the drawing-class was in session. I had just gone on the stage. At thirteen years the master had some hopes of me as a painter. 'Hello,' said he, 'how is the art?' 'Oh, I have given it up,' said I, 'I have taken to acting.' 'Traitor,' said he, slowly and sadly, and he turned away. He was a poor, very poor man of about fifty. He walked three miles to Dunchurch and three miles back to Rugby twice a week to give little boys lessons in drawing. He wore a slouch-hat and a cropped beard, and he sang all the time. I can't walk far without being tired, and I never sing at all. Well, he gave me a prize for drawing – 'Self-Help,' by Smiles, a book that I read with delight; it has helped me a good deal.

Mr. Harrison said to us: 'What you *know* is much. What you *are* is *more*.' Whenever we told tales of each other, whenever we did any small thing that was punishable, Mr. Harrison would say: 'Do you think a little gentleman would do that?' We did not think so, and we felt it, and we said nothing, but thought much.

Since they have reached manhood, I have

met many of the boys in that school. I have never met one who was not a man of character, and I have met some who were men of distinction. Soldiers, lawyers, doctors, all professions. But while they ran and while they ate, they had in their eager little hearts examples of sweet and kind nobility, daily and hourly before them in the persons of this dear master and his wife and aids, that have moulded many of them in the years that have since come.

We had our own separate gardens at this school. We dived and we garnered, and we were allowed to have our produce cooked and served. Whenever the hounds were in the village, a boy, usually the head boy (almost ten or eleven years old), would say after breakfast, 'Half-holiday! Three cheers for Mr. Harrison!' We knew Mr. Harrison was eager for the fray. 'You owls! go on, away with you.' And away it was. Such red blood dashing through such young hearts, such cries, such flying over hedges, such friendships, such vows, such memories! Was not my father wise to know that a schoolmaster who could ride gamely to hounds, must be a good school master?

Greek! I learned none. Latin, less. Often have I bewailed this loss. But there has been something else, of no value – of all value. Not a penny in it. Hard to explain. But it takes me back to Dunchurch every year and will do so till I die.

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Doctors in Dunchurch

Part 4 1948–1964

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



The foundation of the NHS in 1948 was hugely significant for General Practice. From a patient perspective there was the promise of medical care, free of charge at the point of delivery. Decisions to consult would no longer be limited by cost. Initially all services were free of charge, though charges for dentures, spectacles and prescriptions soon crept in. For doctors, there was the potential for a massive rise in demand (though most patients did not initially overuse the service). Payment by the NHS removed the need to collect fees (sometimes awkward) and simplified accounting. Initially the workload was manageable but by the mid fifties it became apparent that Dunchurch could no longer be served by a singlehanded GP so Dr Edmondson appointed Dr David Blundstone (also a former ENT surgeon) as a partner.

At about this time, the previously very athletic Dr Edmondson (who had represented Yorkshire at



Dr Blundstone in the old surgery 1964

tennis and Edinburgh University at fives and rugby) began to develop the early stages of Parkinson's disease and then became less mobile and less able to practice. While he and his wife continued to be involved in the running of the practice and he continued to work despite his illness, it was clear that the practice once again needed more help and Dr John Hunter was appointed as an assistant in 1963 and later joined Dr Blundstone in partnership.

Dr Edmondson died in 1964, a sad loss for the village and his patients who, held him in high regard as a wise and intuitive doctor who would offer his time and support, sometimes sitting for hours with a sick child to alleviate suffering and provide reassurance. The authorities recognized his great contribution to the village by naming Edmondson Close after him. His death was also a huge loss for the local medical profession for whom he was a respected colleague and clinician as well as a witty and entertaining speaker. Meanwhile the ongoing changes in General Practice and the 1965 Family Doctor Charter would bring many changes to the practice.

Re-dedication of the Halifax memorial

13th October 2019

The Canadian flags (funded by FODS) welcomed our Canadian friends to Dunchurch for this most poignant act of remembrance and despite the inclement weather, a packed congregation 'turned out' to remember the five young men who lost their lives when their plane crashed on the night of the 14th October 1944. In the first of a two-part act of remembrance, Reverend Pat Townshend led the service in St Peter's Church and the Dunchurch Band provided accompaniment for the hymns which included a moving rendition of Abide With Me. There was an excellent representation of young people in attendance including Girlguiding Rangers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers all of whom conducted themselves with great respect for the occasion as did the Rugby based cadets from 29F Squadron who looked resplendent in their immaculate uniforms.

Mayor Cllr Bill Lewis and the Mayors Cadet Corporal Kaitlyn Henden were present as well as Jeremy Wright MP and Major Scott Durno from the Royal Canadian Air Force together with his wife



Colleen. So too were the family members of the 'fallen' who had travelled so far to attend – Stuart Wood, nephew of the pilot, his wife Sandra and son Zach together with John Ewing, nephew of the navigator and his wife Carol.

Following the service and refreshments in the church, the congregation moved to the site of the memorial on Rugby Road where fortunately, the rain had ceased. Reverend Charity Madenyika took over the proceedings which included a lone bugler playing the Last Post, a reading by one of the cadets and the placing of a wreath by Major Durno who saluted and stepped back as the Wood and Ewing families looked on from a covered seating area nearby.

This event was a wonderful collaboration of organisations, many from our village including the churches, Parish Council, Festival Group, WI and FODS. However, the day was meticulously



Relatives of the 'fallen' and Major Durno and his wife Colleen

organised by Theo Classen of the Rugby Aviation Society and it is he who must be given full credit for its success. A special mention must also be given to David George who discovered and fully researched the tragedy some years previously and who, assisted by Roger Higgerson, organised the original placing of the memorial.

After the formalities, invited guests joined the family members for further refreshments at Dunchurch Social Club and it was here that the full human cost of the tragedy unfolded. Relatives told stories of 'stark' telegrams received informing of the tragic loss of a much loved family member and the ripples it had sent through their families right up to the current generation. However, it was clear that our Canadian

visitors were very pleased and totally overwhelmed by the warm reception given to them and felt comforted by the fact that their loved ones were still remembered many years later and so many miles away from their homeland. In their speeches, Theo Classen and Major Durno paid homage to the souls lost and gratitude to the people of Dunchurch for honouring them.

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

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- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you're just out in the garden, remembering to double-lock UPVC doors (lift handle and turn key)
- Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox)
- Install a visual burglar alarm (as part of a suite of prevention measures – a burglar alarm on its own will not prevent entry to your home)
- Install good outside lighting
- Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property
- Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied
- Make sure the fences around your

garden are in good condition

- Secure bikes at home by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed or garage
- Keep ladders and tools stored away; don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home
- Lock side gates to prevent access to the rear of the property
- Ensure rear fencing is in good repair
- Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property – trim high hedges
- Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for free at www.immobiliase.com
- Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows
- Store any high value items (such as jewellery, passports) in a properly secured safe or bank vault
- Join our Neighbourhood Watch scheme

Contact your NHW coordinators at:
fods.nhwatch@friendsofdunchurch-society.org



Dunchurch band

Dunchurch Band is a friendly 4th Section Village Brass Band. We enjoy performing concerts and performing at village and local charity events. We have, in the last couple of years, returned to contesting taking part in the Midlands Area Brass Band Championship Competition. We are currently seeking a principal or solo cornet player and provide a warm welcome to all brass players interested in playing with us. We rehearse every Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9.30pm at the W.I. Hall in Dunchurch.

Training band

We have a progressive training band that rehearse on a Monday evening from 7.30 – 8.30pm at the WI hall in Dunchurch.

Our primary objective is to encourage and provide opportunities for people of all ages to learn a musical instrument. We teach brass instruments from reading and playing the first notes to performing as part of a full brass band. Instruments can be provided.

If you are a brass player or fancy a new hobby (beginners of all ages welcome) and are looking for a friendly, family orientated brass band please contact Louise Balsom.

dunchurch.band100@yahoo.com

01327 361564 or 07548 276993



Dunchurch Band
invite you to their
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7th
December
7-9.30pm

Join us for beautiful traditional
Christmas music, raffle & refreshments
at
St Peter's Church Dunchurch

Tickets £5/£4 available on the door or
dunchurchtickets@gmail.com



**Dunchurch Sportsfield
& Village Hall**

For Hire

Dunchurch Village Hall and its facilities can be hired for a variety of events - from Community Groups, Fundraising Events & Public Meetings to Weddings, Parties and Family Functions

The facilities briefly comprise of:

- Capacity in Main Hall - 160 Theatre Style or 130 seated at tables
- Main Hall has permanent stage, adjustable lighting, fully equipped sound system with hearing loop
- Separate meeting room and a lounge, club annexe & sportsfield including changing rooms
- Modern kitchen/bar - licence available
- Main Hall air-conditioned. Other rooms centrally heated
- Disabled facilities & double door access for loading
- Set in landscaped grounds with 70 car parking spaces, including disabled

For further details please contact us or visit the website:
Tel: 01788 522444
Email: jane.bookings@dunchurchsportsandvhall.co.uk
Web: www.dunchurchsportsandvhall.co.uk

Rugby Road, Dunchurch CV22 6PN

Let's pull out all the stops!

By Nicky Lowe

St Peter's Church has almost 1000 years of history. The church also has a wonderful and rare pipe organ which many of you will have heard played at Sunday worship, carol services, weddings, baptisms and other important family celebrations.

Unfortunately, earlier this year the pipe organ broke down and we must raise up to £30,000 for repairs. There are 900 pipes to be removed, cleaned and re-tuned! The work by an accredited historic organ-restorer will take 6 weeks in early 2020.

Although not as old as many historic church organs, St Peter's pipe organ has rarity value as it represents a revolution in European organ design in the 1970s. This embraced the use of modern materials and enabled it to be tailored to fit into a relatively small space. Unlike most of its contemporaries, it has never been modified which adds to its value and originality.

Of course, what is most important is its sublime sound quality. It was originally used for BBC radio recitals and is considered to be second only to the organ in Coventry Cathedral for the excellence of its sound and design in a small space.



Church volunteers are making applications for funding to various charities, and organising fund-raising events. We hope that you will consider helping by making a donation, whether small or large, to hear the magnificent sound of the pipe organ again. It will then be available for more community events, concerts, music teaching and family celebrations.

How to donate

1. By BACS to Account No: 01089602 Sort Code: 309717
2. Cheques payable to 'PCC of Dunchurch Parish' please, and endorsed on the reverse with 'St Peter's Church Organ Restoration' and sent to The Treasurer, St Peter's Church, 11 Critchley Drive, Dunchurch, CV22 6PJ
3. Envelopes marked 'Organ Restoration' are in the church, and by kind permission at Wanda's and the Post Office, for cash or cheques. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider making a Gift Aid declaration on the envelope. St Peter's can then claim back the basic rate of tax on your donation – with no additional cost to you.

Dunchurch Baptist church

By Claire Siddaway

The new DBC building on Coventry Road is progressing. This photo was taken in late October, when going to press, however work will be much more advanced by the time this magazine is published. The outer structure is due to be completed by the end of this year. We continue to raise the funds required to complete the fitting out of the building, hoping that we will be able to move into the new church by the end of next year. It's an exciting time for our church



family, and we are looking forward to making rooms within the building available to other organisations within our community. In the meantime, all our activities continue at Dunchurch Methodist Church. Details of our Christmas services are listed, together with St Peter's, on the next page. All are welcome to our Messy Church Christmas Event on Saturday 30th November.


 dunchurch baptist church


Merry Christmas

Dunchurch Methodist Church
Cawston Lane

Saturday 30 November
10.30-12.30

Crafts Lunch Celebration
for all the family

£1 per person
(payable on the day)

Book your place asap:
messychurch@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk
Dunchurch Baptist Church Messy Church
or at Noah's Ark

www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk

FODS 2020 calendar

Exciting news. We are delighted to offer you the perfect stocking filler for only £4. The FODS calendar which displays a fabulous photograph of Dunchurch on each page (see our poster on page 40) is perfect as a desk calendar at work or in the home. Wire bound at the top, it comes with an envelope and a seal sticker bearing the Friends of Dunchurch Society logo. These are now on sale in Wanda's of Dunchurch and all of the proceeds will go towards our 2020 Britain in Bloom entry. So, 'make a date' and go and collect your copy while stocks last.



Christmas Greetings from the Churches of Dunchurch & Thurlaston



*'and she gave birth to her first born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths
and placed him in a manger' Luke 2:7*

Sunday 1st December, 4pm

The Square, Dunchurch
Lighting of the Village Christmas Tree,
Nativity, Carols
Dunchurch Band, Dunchurch Schools,
Dunchurch Voices

Dunchurch Baptist and Methodist Churches

(meeting together at the Methodist Church)

Sun 15 10.30am Christmas All-Age Service
Sun 22 7.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Tue 24 9.30pm Christmas Eve Communion
Wed 25 10.30am Christmas Day Celebration

St. Edmund's Church, Thurlaston

Sun 22 6.30pm Carol Service
Wed 25 9.00am Christmas Day Family
Communion

St. Peter's Church, Dunchurch

Sun 15 6.30pm Lessons & Carols
Sun 22 10.30am Family Communion with
Carols
Tue 24 4.00pm Christmas Eve Crib Service
11.00pm Midnight Holy Communion
Wed 25 10.30am Christmas Day Family
Communion

Who's at the heart of Christmas?

Christmas is a busy time. Presents to buy, cards to send, food to prepare, parties to plan, guests to accommodate and the TV guide to read!

Christmas is also an exciting time. Presents to open, cards to receive, food to eat, parties to enjoy, family to visit and the TV to watch!

Mary and Joseph experienced plenty of busy-ness and excitement too. Angel visits, a 90 mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, accom-modation to find, unexpected and surprising guests to receive but there's no doubt who was at the heart of their Christmas – Jesus!

Will Jesus be at the heart of your Christmas? After all, it is his birthday celebration. Join us at any of our Christmas services to find out more.

We'd love to see you.

Dave Woods, on behalf of the churches

Dunchurch Baptist Church

Rev Dave Woods 01788 810132
www.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk

Dunchurch Methodist Church

Rev Charity Madenyika 01455 203546
charity.madenyika@methodist.org.uk

St Peter's & St Edmund's Churches

Rev Patricia Townshend 01788 461987
www.stpeters-dunchurch.org

Supporting FODS

Our gardening volunteers are making a very good impression with their maintenance programme and recently, one of them was handed a £20 note by a grateful resident.



Another gentleman who was unable to physically help

due to health restrictions made a significant donation for which we are also most grateful.

If you find yourself in a similar situation but would like to support our entry into the Britain in Bloom 2020 National competition, we would love to hear from you. Cash and cheques payable



to the Friends of Dunchurch Society (FODS) may be handed in at the Village Green

Hotel or a bank transfer made to bank account number 38166768, sort code 30-91-91. Please enter the word donation in the description. We thank you for your support.

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March issue: 1st February

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December issue: 1st November

Answers

Lord John Scott transformations
(see page 11, from top, clockwise)

The Grinch	2018
Minion	2014
Paddington	2017
Pikachu	2016
Homer Simpson	2009
Smurf	2011

Christmas brain teaser answers
(see page 23)

1. Christmas tree
2. Decorations
3. Turkey dinner
4. Carol service
5. Santa and elves
6. Family time
7. Father Christmas
8. Happy holidays
9. Carol singers
10. Birth of Christ



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 5¼ – 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 – 10½ 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.	Anne Gilbert 01788 811837 annegilbert1@hotmail.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 dunchurchlibrary@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@gmail.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@dunchurchsportsandhall.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 1st Rainbows 3rd Brownies 1st Guides	GirlGuiding girls have fun, adventure and space to discover their potential 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	www.girlguiding.org.uk is where parents/ carers may express their daughters' interest 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 /01788311118 Thurlaston Deputy Churchwardens: Brian Bowsher: 01788 812094 churchwarden@stpeters-dunchurch.org

To make any amendments or to add your Dunchurch-based, non-commercial club or organisation, please email friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com



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