



DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM



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Magazine Issue 7 Update



It is disappointing that due to the Covid 19 virus, we are unable to produce and deliver our June issue of the FODS village magazine. However, over the past few months, there have been many occasions for us to be proud of our community, so we thought we would give you a 'taste' of just some of the items we would have included in our 7th magazine issue. We are also

pleased to share a few of the images that have brightened our lives during this time.

Helping Others

Our community spirit has never been stronger and we have seen and experienced the best of humanity. Family, friends and neighbours have looked out for each other and in many cases, kindness has been shown to complete strangers. Whilst the virus has caused heartbreak, the overriding feeling of compassion has come to the fore and people have been inventive in overcoming the social barriers that the virus has created.



'Support the Vulnerable Residents of Dunchurch': -

A wonderful new Facebook group emerged and homes leafleted with contact numbers of individuals prepared to provide practical help e.g. shopping and collecting prescriptions etc. Cara Martin and her team are to be congratulated for providing such a wonderful service and for showing



such kindness and generosity of spirit at such a difficult time. If you do not have access to Facebook and need assistance, contact FODS and we will be pleased to pass on a message for you.

'You are not alone': - Set up by FODS, 'You are not alone' provides a telephone support network for those who feel isolated and just need someone to talk to. We are grateful to our members for providing this service. If you feel the need to chat, telephone any of the following who will be only too pleased to talk to you.



Susan 07794346738

Tony 07773334143

Sue 07477670394

Gillian 07985541270



Dunchurch Parish Council: -

Where possible, the DPC are continuing to work on behalf of the village. If you have any concerns that require their support, you are encouraged to contact them on the following.

Clerk at clerk@dunchurchdpc.org telephone 07474 705061 or the Chair tracey.price@dunchurchpc.org telephone 07536 038885. Your Parish Council is there for you.

Worship

Our village churches have made good use of modern technology enabling them to continue bringing worship to the community.



Dunchurch Baptist Church: - Rev Dave Woods is continuing to put together a recording for a weekly service which also includes a family section appropriate for children. Access the latest service at <http://service.dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk/>



Side view of the new Baptist Church Building

St Peter's Church: - To join in with worship from St Peter's, contact Kathryn Fowler for the relevant details at churchwarden@stpeters-dunchurch.org

VE Day Celebrations

Poppy Display: - Although we had to cancel our planned public gathering celebrations, we felt it was important to continue with our plans to decorate The Square with poppies and to give a focal point for the remembrance of the sacrifice made for our freedom. We plan to repeat the display for VJ Day in August and it will also form part of next year's entry into the Britain in Bloom competition. It has therefore been very useful to have the benefit of two 'dry runs' in advance of the event. Thank you everyone who donated poppies.



Cadet Sergeant Kaitlyn Henden: - We were delighted to receive photos of this remarkable young lady who encouraged the residents of Cawston Lane to join her in showing appreciation and respect to all those who fought and to those who lost their lives during the second world war. Kaitlyn is currently the Rugby



Mayor's Cadet to Bill Lewis and has been selected for the role of Her Majesty Lord Lieutenants Cadet for Warwickshire. We look forward to including a more detailed article about Kaitlyn in our September issue.

Front Garden Picnic: - FODS were pleased to promote this National VE Day initiative which gave an opportunity to celebrate the occasion whilst still adhering to the social distancing requirements. We have included a couple of photos of this event at the end of this newsletter.



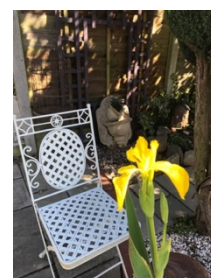
FODS Eco/Bio Group

Improving the environment: - The preservation and improvement of our local environment has always been one of our main aims. To this end, we have been taking advice and working with Rugby Borough Councils parks and green spaces departments, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust, Warwickshire County Council Forestry Department and the Rugby Natural History Group. Some of our current projects under

investigation include: - working with the junior school on the creation of a wildlife friendly garden, further tree planting in the village, provision of more bird boxes, insect friendly hotels and bee friendly plants as well as helping to review the wildlife area in St Peter's Churchyard.



FODS Garden Gallery: - Judging by the number of photos our FODS gardens initiative has received, (over 150 in total), it is clear that for many our gardens have provided a welcome escape from the depressing daily pandemic update. These photos will be used as part of our Britain in Bloom 2021 campaign and we thank you for your support.



Village Shops and Businesses



The past months of 'lockdown' have been particularly hard on many of our village shops and businesses. We know from experience that most of them are very keen supporters of village fundraising activities and we are sure they would appreciate our support in return at this very difficult time. FODS are pleased to support the 'buy local' campaign.

Dunchurch Festival Group

The DFG are the main fundraisers for our village and the Covid 19 outbreak has seriously impacted on their activities. Sadly, it has been necessary to cancel the June annual village fete which is the group's main fundraiser although the DFG hope to hold a similar event in September. In the meantime, and in an effort to continue their support for other village organisations, the DFG are proceeding with the grand raffle and books will be distributed to households shortly for purchase and to sell. Any donations of raffle prizes would be greatly received. Please donate prizes or request further raffle books by contacting Rob Collings on 01788 817307 or by e-mailing him on mashedspud1@gmail.com FODS are just one of the many organisations to have benefited from the DFGs generosity and we hope you will join us in supporting them.



Congratulations Page



We were delighted to hear that junior FODS member Page Davenport has received not 1 but 4 Blue Peter Badges! A green badge for litter picking, (Page was a frequent member of our FODS tidying team for Britain in Bloom last year), a blue badge for submitting ideas for future Blue Peter programmes, a purple badge for a beautifully written short story and a multi coloured badge, designed by Ed Sheeran to recognise her talents and involvement with the Dunchurch Pantomaniacs. Congratulations Page. Wonderful achievements.

Magazine Issue 8

We are already working on our next issue which is due at the beginning of September. Our A5 magazine is free and delivered to every household in Dunchurch and largely paid for by the advertising it carries. Our rates are very reasonable: -

Full Page	137mm x 197mm	£100
Half Page Landscape	137 x 97mm	£50
Half Page Portrait	66mm x 197mm	£50
Quarter Page	66mm X 97mm	£25

For more info or to place an order call Barbara on 07837 182114 or e-mail info@vghrugby.co.uk

Finally

Sometimes, it is the little things that make such a difference in a time of crisis. The act of applause at 8pm on a Thursday evening has helped to show appreciation for our front-line services as well as helping to unify communities. PPE equipment has been made in homes and given to those who needed them, hearts knitted for those in hospital stricken by the virus and home-made ear guards made to



make face masks more comfortable. These are just some of the items we have seen uploaded onto our Facebook page. All of these gestures have enabled us to show that we are a caring community and whilst it appears it will be sometime before we may once again enjoy our pre-lockdown freedom, we are sure that this new heightened emotion of thinking of others is something many of us will be holding onto long after the virus has passed. Until then, we are pleased to include a few more images from the past difficult weeks and a virtual hug for all. Stay safe and well everyone.



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Much more information about FODS and back copies of our magazine may be found on our website:-

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friendsofdunchurch@gmail.com

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www.facebook.com/groups/283143168981777

Join FODS Neighbourhood Watch
e-mail
fods.nhwatch@friendsofdunchurch-society.org

'Lockdown'

UK 'Lockdown' began on 23 March 2020. Here are just a few images of how Dunchurch residents responded and adapted to such a drastic change.

Social distancing didn't stop us having fun with our front garden, socially distanced, VE tea parties.



Support for our NHS and 'key' workers has been unwavering, and rainbows have appeared in a variety of forms all around our village and the surrounding area.



Schools closed but staff continued to run a care service for children of 'key' workers and lessons were set and continued from home.



Our VE 75 poppy display has been photographed and admired by many visitors to the village including the lovely Daisy.



Many in Ferrieres Close had been instructed to isolate but kept in touch with neighbours by waving from their doorsteps at noon each day.

