

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



**FRIENDS OF
DUNCHURCH
SOCIETY
(FODS)**

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Christmas Magic

We know not where they come from
We know not who they are
But each year they descend upon us
Arriving on a shooting star
Some say it is the fairies
Or even Santa Claus himself
I know that it is neither
It is the Dunchurch elves!



They spread their Christmas magic
For all to see and to enjoy
It brings a smile to young and old
To every girl and boy
You cannot see them do it
For they are covered in magic dust
It makes them appear invisible
But come again they must

They scurry here and scamper there
Working at the speed of light
You can just hear their bells a tinkling
As they work all through the night
They transform our Lord Scott monument
They do it inch by inch
This year they have surpassed themselves
With their statue of the Grinch!

By an Anonymous Elf!

Christmas Coffee Morning Successes!

Over £635 was raised for the Society with the first fundraising events held at four venues and a very nice time was had by all at each event. Mince Pies, Coffee and Chat were enjoyed by all. Santa made a surprise visit with two of his little helpers to one of the events. However, and just as importantly, it gave opportunity to meet up with old friends and to make new ones. This is definitely an event to be repeated. A summer garden party perhaps?



Christmas Angels

Knitted with love by FODS

The Angels have landed
You'll see them around
Perhaps in a hedge
Or perhaps on the ground



Please take one home
To put on your tree
There will be no cost
Because these angels are free!

Sue Kember

FODS Magazine

We have been delighted by the very positive response that the first issue received. It seems everyone is reading it!



FODS Meeting and Social

Last night (20th December) members met at Dunchurch Social Club to ratify the FODS constitution, appoint Melvyn Macartney as Chairman and to appoint the Steering Committee. During the meeting, FODS were pleased to hear an address from Theo Claassen from the Rugby Aviation Group who requested FODS support for a re commemoration of the Rugby Road memorial to the Halifax Bomber crew. Next year marks the 75th anniversary of the tragic crash and the request was unanimously supported by members. FODS look forward to working with the aviation group in support of this most worthy cause.

At the conclusion of the formal business, members enjoyed an evening of live entertainment courtesy of the very talented Barry Nicholls as well as convivial company and conversation. Compere for the evening Mike Judge amused with his 'off the cuff' banter as he drew the raffle and members are most grateful to the shops and individuals who so generously donated prizes to aid our fundraising. The star prize of a beautiful M & S hamper was gratefully received by a Dunchurch resident as were the many other prizes on offer.

This social brought to an end a busy few months for our newly formed group and we look forward to building upon our successes in the forthcoming year.

In the meantime, we wish everyone a Happy Christmas and look forward to an exciting New Year of projects.

OUR THANKS TO THE DUNCHURCH VILLAGE TRADERS FOR THEIR WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF CHRISTMAS TREES AND LIGHTS.

Village Traders have been producing this wonderful Christmas display for very many years and we have on behalf of our Members and the whole Community delivered to every Shop, Restaurant and Pub in the Village a letter of thanks for their involvement.

Please see attached letter

