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FRIENDS OF
DUNCHURCH
SOCIETY (FODS)

DUNCHURCH IN BLOOM

FODSENEWS NO 22

New Dunchurch Parish Council

First meeting

Monday 13th May 2019, 7pm

At Dunchurch Community Library

The new Parish Council is made up of 5 Councillors. Of these three are Councillors from the previous council they are: Councillors Morshead, Jones and Eccleson and there are two new Councillors Marie Thompson and Paul Waller.

The agenda for the meeting can be seen on the DPC Website, on the village notice board or is available from the Parish Clerk at the Dunchurch library.

Parish Council meetings are the community's opportunity to observe democracy at work, so come along and support your new Parish Council.

Call for Raffle prizes for the Village

Get Together – Tuesday 28th May

Can you help? Could you make a donation for the raffle to be held at the Village Get Together? Such as a bottle of something, if so we would be pleased to have them – just drop them in to Barbara at Village Green House

Discovery of missing film featuring Dunchurch

As some of you will know we have #tbt (Throwback Thursday) on our Facebook Group page. Our first showing of a photo of The Stocks Green decked out for the Jubilee 2002, produced a remarkable discovery of a BBC film showing various parts of our village including shots of the then owner of the Old Forge, Mr Phillips.

The black and white film which includes a piece about TV personality, Noele Gordon is a wonderful insight of Dunchurch c60 years ago.



The film which was posted to us by Pam Bates and is now with our Online History Archivist Paul Waller and can be seen on <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-know-your-midlands-no-1-1957-online>

It is a very interesting record of our village at that time and is now preserved and available for all. Do you recognise any of the mums with the prams?

New FODS project: Talking History

Janet Gee Russell found herself, whilst working with a FODS Gardening group on the village green talking to an elderly resident who stopped to enjoy the new look green.

The former Dunchurch resident now living at Thurlaston and in his eighth decade had so much village history to talk about that it inspired Jan to propose that we set up a group who could interview, record and film older residents of the village.

FODS Archivist, Paul Waller is pleased to be involved and will provide equipment to record and film interviews.

If you have some interesting memories of living in Dunchurch and would be prepared to record them for posterity you will be making a wonderful contribution to recording life in our village.

You can be sure very many students of history will be so grateful for these first-hand accounts.

If you know of suitable potential interviewees or would like to be part of the interviewing team please contact us (see below)

Interviews can be done at the interviewees home if they wish or we have suitable rooms in the village if preferred. Day, date, and times of interviews will be agreed to suit.

Any age of participants will be most welcome.

Your memories will almost certainly be more interesting than you think!

Contact in the first instance:

FODS Administrator, Barbara Harris

info@vghrugby.co.uk, 07837 182114

St Peter's Gardening group join our Dunchurch in Bloom project

We are now working together to coordinate a floral display at the church gates.

The church group have created a lovely churchyard floral display immediately in front of the church main entrance and I recommend if you have not seen it already to take a stroll and enjoy.

Dunchurch in Bloom preparations are well underway!



Three very talented ladies - Kate Vaughan, Sue Protheroe and Jaine Thornton Weeks working on their Dunchurch in Bloom project putting together a wonderful border of knitted and crochet flowers which will be a unique part of the Dunchurch in Bloom floral display.

Heart of England in Bloom judges will be judging and marking our community efforts 9:00 am **on Friday 19th July**

A walk round Dunchurch after they have finished at 10 :00am will I believe be an opportunity to see our picturesque village as you've never seen it before - A 1000 years of History beautifully decorated with plants and flowers. See attached provisional walk route for the Judges

Bank holiday FODS style!

Our Gardening Group really are amazing!

May bank holiday and out they come armed with spades, trimmers, hoes, shears and much more.

Our village War Memorial had special weeding and sweeping treatment.



Joining them on Bank Holiday Monday was a squad of our FODS cleaning group who set about the street furniture and signs on the village greens.



Before



After



Has Dunchurch ever looked this good?
A big thank you to the 11 FODS
Members who turned out to help make
Dunchurch a better place to live in.

Closure of the village corner shop

A notice has been placed



in the shop window

16th May St Peter's Church, Dunchurch - Folk Fun



Those who enjoy modern folk music are
in for a treat at St Peter's Church on
Thursday 16th May. Duo Ninebarrow will
be performing as part of their national
tour. In a few short years the Dorset
based duo have carved themselves a
distinctive niche on the folk roots scene
and in 2017 were nominated at the BBC
Radio 2 Folk Awards for "best emerging

talent". Recently they picked up "Best
Duo" in the 2019 Folking.com awards.
They have released three critically
acclaimed albums, with their most
recent, "The Waters and the Wild",
receiving five-star awards. In 2018 it
reached number 2 in Amazon's Folk best
seller chart and they were crowned "Best
album of 2018" by Nova FM.

Tickets for the concert which starts at
7.30pm cost £15 and include a fish and
chips supper. There will also be a paid
bar with wine, beer and soft drinks. They
are available now from Wanda's,
Dunchurch Post Office or Sandy Fricker
on 01788 810957. They can also be
purchased on-line from

www.ninebarrow.co.uk/dunchurch

St Peter's Church, Dunchurch



ORGANIST/PIANIST REQUIRED

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

The role would cover Sunday services (all if possible), festivals, occasional
offices and additional dates as and when required.

Payment for services to be agreed.

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

Please contact

Rev. Patricia Townshend at revptownshed@gmail.com

or

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