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**FRIENDS OF
DUNCHURCH
SOCIETY**

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Public Relations (PR) Manager FOD's appointment

Sue Protheroe has offered her considerable word skills and experience of news reporting to manage the editorial content in our Dunchurch magazine – and if this isn't enough to keep her busy she has also taken on the role as FODS PR Manager.

The role entails keeping the local media aware of FODs work and activities.

If you ever have any stories you think might be of interest to Dunchurch readers or news items, please email Sue fodnews1@gmail.com

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Ann Wright Resigns as Acting Chairman

Dear All

We are sad to report that Ann is unable to continue in this role (see her attached letter).

We all thank Ann and her husband Stewart for their work and inspiration to help get this Society started.

Fortunately, Ann and Stewart will continue to be FODs members and volunteers and we look forward to seeing them in the future. Again, thank you Ann.

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Dunchurch in Bloom 2019 Project No.35

Please find following a copy of our letter to our Parish, Borough and County Councillor, Howard Roberts asking him to intervene in this matter.

We are lucky to have a Parish, Borough and County Councillor who lives with his wife Deepah right in the heart of the village! This puts them uniquely placed to coordinate the authorities and get jobs done for Dunchurch.

As you know the Parish Councils response to our first project, Dunchurch in Bloom (which is aimed at working with and helping the Parish Council to the benefit of the whole village) has been very disappointing. Despite FODS having done the 'ground work,' liaising with Rugby Borough Council and obtaining estimates for the work required, (we want to position 17 hanging baskets on lampposts within the village), the Parish Council have declined to authorise the safety check procedure that is required on the lampposts concerned although there are 35 weeks available in which to do so.

Please find attached our FODs formal response to the DPC refusal. We do not feel our request is unreasonable and as funds are available, we will be looking at ways of taking this matter further in an effort to get the Parish Council to

work with us. In the interim, we have asked the Dunchurch Parish Council Chairman to confirm their position in writing but at the time of sending out this newsletter, we have received no response.

Members Concern - Member Paul Waller felt strongly that the DPC had not acted properly in the interests of the village in this matter and has himself written. (See Paul's letter attached) to the Chairman of the Parish Council.

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Corner Shop Newsagents The Square – Project No 1

We were pleased to see that immediately after our inaugural meeting, the exterior had been painted, in a fashion and would hope that our FODs meeting of 6th September can take credit for this. Unfortunately, we can get no support from planners for the untidy interior window displays but hope as with the painting, we can encourage the tenants to improve this eyesore and take pride in their premises.

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Truly Scrumptious – Project No 2

At our inaugural meeting, our members considered that the shop front sign was overbearing, too large and the colour inappropriate and out of character in a Conservation Area. FODs wrote to the planners and Barry Rose, Planning Enforcement Officer replied that the sign had not received planning permission. An application for the sign is to be submitted. We must look out for the application!

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Dun Cow Deteriorating Exterior Flowers etc – Project No 34

Please find attached letter to Mitchells & Butler, owners of The Dun Cow. The letter is self-explanatory and we can but hope that they respond in the right way and contact us and start to work with us.

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Fundraising

To date, all of our startup costs have been funded by private sponsorship. The Society like all organisations requires some funding to keep up the good work and we must now start thinking about FODs fundraising.

We will have 2 levels of cash needs.

First Level is to cover general operating costs such as Insurance, website maintenance, room hire, regulation compliance, quarterly Dunchurch magazine, leaflet printing, distribution costs etc

Second Level to perhaps purchase items for the village heritage and appropriate style seating, funding planting schemes on the green areas (school involvement) and much more.

We are again so lucky to have in our village various individuals and groups who have a great track record of fundraising.

Experienced fundraiser, Carol Seager has kindly volunteered to be Team Leader of our fundraising team and she will be pleased to hear from members who would like to help. Mike Judge has already been most helpful with suggestions and ideas.

Plans are afoot for members to hold a FODs first fundraising event – FODs members are being invited to hold Christmas coffee mornings, from 1st December – more details coming soon! A great way to get

friends and neighbours together before Christmas. A plan is underway to hold a FODs auction of Promises so please make a diary note for Friday 8th March 2019.

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Public Access Defibrillators (PAD) Project No 23/37

There has been some confusion in the village about the location of defibrillators. The DPC apparently could not accommodate one in the Library and the only one currently available is at Dunchurch Surgery but it is not accessible 24/7.

We understand, one is to be fitted on the wall between Carter and King Estate Agents and the Social Club. We are grateful to Mel Macartney who is looking into this for us and we hope to confirm the above is correct shortly.

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Remembrance Service Sunday 11th November, 11am

The Memorial Service will be held at the War Memorial, St Peters Church. It has been suggested that it would be a nice idea if as a Society we take part by laying a poppy wreath on behalf of FODs.

If any of our members have a military connection or would just like to represent the Society by laying our wreath in this centennial ceremony we would be pleased to hear from you.

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IMPORTANT

Members Advance Notice

Date for your Diary

Thursday 20th December 7pm

We are calling a formal meeting at Dunchurch Social Club of FODs members to adopt the Constitution of The Friends of Dunchurch Society and to elect the Management Group. The Chairman will advise members of progress to date, to be followed at 8pm with a members social get together. Come and enjoy the fun. Christmas crackers, cheese and carols with a cheese and wine buffet, have fun with skittles, darts, bar billiards and Christmas music. The event is to be held at the Social Club. More details in our next newsletter.

The Friends of Dunchurch

A charity formed on

September 6th 2018 has over 71 members. 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 visit.

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