

# *Duns Tew*

## *Newsletter - February 2019*

I wonder how you feel about February? Some people may say it's their least favourite month of the year. The seemingly endless dark nights and cold weather really get to them. "I've had enough of winter now" is not an unusual sentiment, and I have to say it's one I have been known to share!

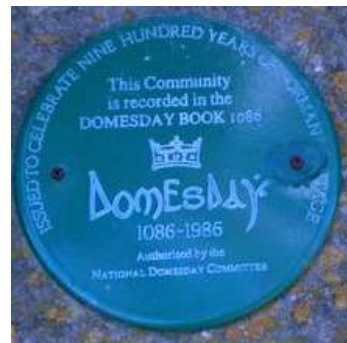
Then again, others say that February is when they notice the evenings opening out, the first leaves appearing in the hedges and spring bulbs starting to brighten up the gardens. They enjoy signs that the year is beginning to turn.

Whether you or I have a 'glass half empty' or 'glass half full' approach to February, doesn't change anything about what the month itself throws at us. But just like other situations in life, I suppose the choice is ours how we respond to it.

In the New Testament, words of encouragement and positivity sometimes stand out. Take St Paul's letter to the church in 1<sup>st</sup> Century Philippi. They were living through difficult times, but he urged them to rejoice always, then went on to write: "whatever is true ... honourable ... just ... pure ... pleasing ... commendable ... if there is any excellence ... anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

The power of positive thought, we may say. It's not a new idea, but it is a good one!

Best wishes,                      Revd Jane Wright.



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## Church News

**E**lectoral Roll This year sees the preparation of a new church Electoral Roll. If you are interested in being included on this Electoral Roll then please contact Maria Coonick for further information and an application form by Friday 15 February 2019. Contact details [m.coonick@btinternet.com](mailto:m.coonick@btinternet.com) or 07850 991690.

**C**harities Thank you to everyone who donated to the following charities during the Christmas period:

Open Doors:	£335.29	at Carol Service on 23 <sup>rd</sup> December
Banbury Home Start:	£135.97	on Christmas Eve
Children's Society:	£222.50	on Christmas Day.

### **S**AVE THESE DATES

**Women's World Day of Prayer** To be held on Friday 1st March, at 7pm, in the church. Please join us for this service which has been written by the women of Slovenia, and they invite men, women & children of all ages to "Come – Everything is Ready!"

Their service will encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic. If you would like to do a short reading, please contact Karen Fairfax-Cholmeley [karencholmeley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:karencholmeley@yahoo.co.uk)

**C**hurch Fete This year's Church Fete will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at the Manor, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs McAlpine. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Clare Burgess 347382, or [clarebugress@gmail.com](mailto:clarebugress@gmail.com)

**C**harity of the Quarter For February/March/April, the PCC will be collecting donations via the charity plate in church, to help the work of Medical/Orphan Project (MOP) in Zimbabwe ([www.tzaba.org](http://www.tzaba.org)).

MOP is supporting 15 children at the Bonda Children's Home. Please read the 2018 newsletter available in Church for news of Dumisani who is 26 and has almost completed his studies, thanks to funding from MOP. We wait to hear what he plans to do next.

Polly As always please leave in-date food donations in the basket in church.

Thank you. Clare 347382.



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**Portfolios & Wards** Each Councillor has a portfolio of responsibility and an area of the village as follows:

**Cllr Semple** - Dashwood Rise, North Aston Road  
and Dane Hill  
Community

- Emergency Plan
- Bottle Bank
- Community Groups
- Welcome Pack –

**Cllr Miall** – Lower Farm to the White Horse  
including the Bridleway  
Services

- Grass
- Highways
- Utilities
- Street Cleaning

**Cllr Hall** – East from the Church to North Aston

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Road including The Manor and Home Farmhouse  
Amenity

- Paths & Bridleways
- Play Area
- Village Clean Up

**Cllr Lindley** – Middle Barton Road

Planning

- All Planning Applications
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Planning Liaison (CDC)

Other Members of the Planning Committee – Cllrs  
Jackson, Miall and Stapleton

**Cllr Stapleton** – Hill Farm Lane including Hill Farm  
Communications

- Newsletter

**Cllr Jackson** – The White horse to Corner Cottage  
including Spring Farm and Daisy Hill

Parish Council

- Governance
- Standing Orders

Village Hall Representative – Cllr Stapleton

**Web Site** – Cllr Hall

Kitchen recycle food bin liners Now available from  
Chris Keeping at £3 a roll. Tel 340727

### **DUNS TEW PARISH COUNCIL**

Vacancy for part-time Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to start as soon as possible.

Applications are invited for the above post in this interesting and attractive Parish. There are seven councillors and the precept for 2017/18 is £21,726.

**Hours:** an *average* of 35 per month, to be worked flexibly

The Clerk works from home but is required to attend all full Council meetings, which are currently held bi-monthly in the evenings on the first Monday of the month, January, March May July, September and November, plus any other meetings as needed.

**Salary & other key benefits:** NJC Scale LC1 SCP 18-22, starting point depending upon experience. Additionally, a working from home allowance of £30 pm is paid. A laptop and, printer are provided and Duns Tew Council is keen to support ongoing professional development.

For a job description or to discuss the post, please ring Harriet Stapleton 07710 645091 or email [harriet.stapleton@dunstew.com](mailto:harriet.stapleton@dunstew.com)

**FOOD RECYCLING BAGS** – These are available to buy at £3 per roll of approximately 50 bags from the Parish Council. Rolls can be bought from Harriet Stapleton at Rowan Tree House either in person (evenings and weekends) or by email [harriet.stapleton@dunstew.com](mailto:harriet.stapleton@dunstew.com) and I will arrange delivery. We are also hoping to offer them for sale at the Village Hall Coffee mornings.

**FIXMYSTREET.COM** – We encourage all villagers to use this site to report issues relating to the roads, fly tipping etc in the village. Recent experience has been positive with issues being dealt with promptly – potholes in Middle Barton Road, Drains outside the Church Lynch Gate, MGF abandoned at the Fox crossroads etc

**SPEEDING IN OUR VILLAGE** – We would like to invite any villager who is interested in getting involved in a community initiative to increase awareness of speed limits, monitor the speed sign, and reduce speeding to contact the parish council initially by email to [David.Jackson@dunstew.com](mailto:David.Jackson@dunstew.com)

**VILLAGE WEBSITE** [DunsTew.com](http://DunsTew.com) – Thanks to Jamie Hall the website continues to improve, and we encourage you to make use of it by both visiting for information and supplying details of events, clubs, etc for sharing on the site.



## NOTIFICATION OF ROAD WORKS ON DUNS TEW AND MIDDLE BARTON ROADS – STARTING 14 JANUARY

### Re: SMITHS OF BLETCHINGDON QUARRY.

Planning permission was granted in 2015 for an extension in to a new area of land at the existing Duns Tew Sand quarry.

Smiths will start opening up the new area of the quarry this Spring and have been working with the County Council and statutory consultees on satisfying a number of pre-commencement conditions. All of these have been approved with only the road improvements to complete. As part of the negotiations with the Parish Council at the time, it was agreed that Smiths would carry out improvements along both the Duns Tew and Middle Barton Roads. The Council identified 8 sections where the road is to be widened very slightly to help the passage of vehicles.

These locations are spread out along both roads as shown on the attached map.

The technical details for these works have been agreed with OCC Highways and the legal agreement between OCC and Smiths was completed in December. Smiths have appointed Greenford Ltd as contractors for the project and it is planned to start work week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> January.

The works will cause some inconvenience for road users with traffic management in place and, subject to the weather, the works are likely to take up to 8 weeks to complete.

Please contact the Clerk, Chris Keeping, in the first instance if you have any queries or concerns.

## CALENDAR

|    |                     |                                                            |                          |
|----|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1  | 9.30 am at          | Benefice Candlemas<br>No service in Duns Tew               | Westcote Barton          |
| 2  | 10.30am -<br>12 .30 | The Charity Coffee Mornings<br>The House of St Barnabas, ! | Village Hall             |
| 10 | 11am                | Lay-led Matins                                             |                          |
| 12 | 7.30pm              | WI - Dave Jackson                                          | Village Hall             |
| 17 | 9.30am              | Eucharist                                                  |                          |
| 24 | 11am                | Eucharist                                                  |                          |
| 27 | 10.30am             | Midweek Communion                                          | Dinghams, Hill Farm Lane |
| 28 | 8pm                 | Informal Gardening Club                                    | White Horse              |

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**H**appy Mondays Baby and Toddler Group  
We meet every Monday from 10-11:30 in the village hall. Babies and pre-school children are very welcome with their carer at a cost of £2 per family. For more information, contact Jo Lilley ([johayduk@hotmail.com](mailto:johayduk@hotmail.com)) or Beth Brown ([bethbrown42@outlook.com](mailto:bethbrown42@outlook.com))

## Village News

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**I**nformal Gardening Club We meet on the last Thursday of the month for a chat about gardening, over a drink in The White Horse. It is not a formal gardening club, just an opportunity to talk about gardens, plants, seeds, weeds and anything else garden related with like-minded people. Our next meeting is Thursday 28th February, 8pm. Jo Lilley, tel: 340967

**V**ISIT TO ARDLEY ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY, 6 APRIL, 10 – 12.00 We are organising a “Sustainable Duns Tew” community visit to the Energy Recovery Facility at Ardley which is run by Viridor. This is where the waste in our green bins goes to be sorted and incinerated. The facility was opened in 2015 and is the first site in the UK to process the residual ash on site as well...so it should be fascinating! Our visit will include the visitor centre and a tour of the facility. We will need to wear sturdy footwear (flat, hard soles with fully enclosed uppers) and bring, or wear, long sleeves.

The trip is scheduled for Saturday 6 April, 10 – 12.00. We have booked “Our Bus”, the community bus from Middle Barton to take us there and back – pick up in Duns Tew. As there is some money in the bank from Community Action Group funding, we can offer the visit for free.

If you are interested, please contact me asap as I need to provide a list of names well in advance of the visit. Please also let me know if there are any mobility issues we should be aware of in planning the tour. The maximum number of people we can take on the visit is 15. Contact Ali McKay: [ali.mckay@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ali.mckay@tiscali.co.uk); 07903 404908

**H**eating Oil Delivery - February & March 2019 An interesting snippet of information. In 2018 Duns Tew villagers ordered over 87,000 litres of oil through our bulk buying from our usual local supplier, Ackerman & Niece!

I have two dates for your diary if you need a delivery over the next couple of months. If you would like a delivery in February - please let me have details by Sunday 10th. If you are likely to need a delivery in March - please let me have your details again by Sunday 10th. You can either ring or email me with your name, address, telephone number and quantity of oil required (minimum delivery is 500 litres). Thank you Jim Templer, Alberta House, Main Street Tel 349046 [jamesbjtempler@gmail.com](mailto:jamesbjtempler@gmail.com)

**C**offee Mornings! The Charity Coffee Mornings will resume in February, the first one hosted by Jennie Carr in aid of The House of St Barnabas, supporting people back in to work. Please come along on 2nd February from 10.30-12.30 to enjoy coffee and freshly baked cakes!

**D**ate for your diary....Curry Night 27th April. Fabulous South Indian curry made by Athis. More details to follow.

**O**N Tuesday 12th February, Dave Jackson will talk about his experiences appearing on Countryfile Summer Diaries and get us guessing about some interesting historical artefacts. As usual the meeting is in the village hall at 7.30 PM. Any enquiries please contact Jenny on 01869 340759 or 07968862257.

Some dog walkers continue to allow their pets to foul the lawns on either side of the public footpath that crosses Daisy Hill. Cherwell District Council is putting up signs and undertaking patrols to try to end this practice.

Not picking up after your dog is anti social and we would appreciate this not happening on our property.

Dear friends and neighbours in Duns Tew

### Please support the Duns Tew Village Hall 100 Club

I am writing to ask you please to give your support this year and in the future to the Duns Tew Village Hall by joining our 100 Club.

The 100 Club holds a [monthly draw for all members, with prizes of £20, £15, £10, and £5 each month](#). The subscription to join is just [£12 per year](#), and is payable in advance by standing order, cash or cheque. Apart from the money for prizes, [all the money raised goes towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Village Hall](#), keeping this wonderful facility available to everyone for village clubs and activities, and for private hire for your own events and celebrations.

It will be fantastic if you are willing to support the Village Hall by joining the 100 Club, and **a great way to do this is by annual standing order** – just complete the below form and send it to your bank or building society and payment will be made to us automatically each year. Or you can set up a standing order using the below details via your online banking facility. I will ensure you get a receipt when the £12 reaches the Village Hall 100 Club account in March. If you change your mind in the future, you can contact your bank to cancel the standing order.

If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque (payable to “DT Village Hall 100 Club”) someone from the Village Hall team will call in February/March each year to collect your subscription and provide you with a receipt – or if you wish, you can deliver to me at The Threshing Barn, Main Street (just up the road from the White Horse). The subscription year starts in April, so payments are due before the end of March each year please.

If you have any questions about the 100 Club, or the Village Hall, please get in touch with me. I hope very much you will feel able to support our Village Hall in this way.

Best wishes to all

Kate (Eaton) | [kate@eatonhome.co.uk](mailto:kate@eatonhome.co.uk) | 347476

DT Village Hall 100 Club Organiser (on behalf of Village Hall Committee)

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