

EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2013

8 Aug (Thur)	DUNSTON HUB	Village Hall	2 to 4 pm
14 Aug (Wed)	PAINT A GNOME. Workshop	Village Hall	2 to 4 pm
14 Aug (Wed)	Dunston Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
22 Aug (Thur)	Knit and Natter	Methodist Chapel	2 to 4 pm

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

2 Sep (Mon)	Dunston Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
12 Sept (Thur)	DUNSTON HUB	Village Hall	2 to 4 pm
15 Sep (Sun)	PAINT A GNOME. Workshop	Village Hall	2 to 4 pm
20 Sep (Fri)	Lunch Club	Chapel	12 noon
21 Sep (Sat)	SCARECROW WEEKEND	DAY 1	10 am to 5 pm
21 Sep (Sat)	Family Evening Pizza & Play	Village Hall	6.30pm
22 Sep (Sun)	SCARECROW WEEKEND	DAY 2	10 am to 5 pm
22 Sep (Sun)	Thanksgiving Joint Service –	Methodist Chapel	
26 Sep (Thur)	Knit and Natter	Methodist Chapel	2 to 4 pm

To make sure that your event is included in the Dunston Dossier send details to the editors before the 21st of the month preceding the event or earlier if possible. Photographs and reports of your event will also be welcome. If there is insufficient room to include them in the printed edition they will be published on our website.

DUNSTON DOSSIER

His Royal Highness Prince George Alexander Louis of Cambridge.

Born 22 July 2013 (weighing in at 8lb 6oz)

**Congratulations to the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge
on the birth of their son, a future king.**



LIBRARIES UNDER THREAT OF CLOSURE



Lincolnshire County Council are proposing that Branston, Metheringham and over 30 other libraries, as well as 289 mobile library visits, will close in Lincolnshire, unless volunteers step in.

Libraries are not just for borrowing books, they provide access to computers and children's activities. When the new benefits system is in place, all applications for benefits will have to be made on line, so access to a computer in a library could be a lifeline. If the Metheringham Library closes the nearest libraries for Dunston residents will be Lincoln or Sleaford.

Have your say on future library services (from LCC)

The library service needs to change if it is to remain affordable and be better tailored to local needs. People are now being asked for their views on the best way forward by filling in the online questionnaire at

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/librariesconsultation

Or by picking up a copy of the questionnaire in your local library

Or you can send your views to:-

Cllr Martin Hill on cllrm.hill@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Cllr Nick Worth on cllrn.worth@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Cllr Marianne Overton on cllrm.overton@lincolnshire.gov.uk

TWINNING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUCK RACE



We had beautiful weather for our annual Duck Race, and everyone seemed to have a lovely time.



Congratulations to all the winners and many thanks to the local businesses who so very generously donated the prizes.



We have been asked by the Twinning Committee in Trangé to be on the look-out for some families with children to join in; they have French families waiting to take part. If you would like to know a bit more about the Twinning Association phone Lesley on 01526 323593 or Jenny on 01526 321627. We will be having an exhibition at the Village Hall during the Scarecrow Festival, so visit us there!



Thank you to everyone who bought books from the Dunston Mums/Dads and Toddlers Club table. The money raised (£14) will be used to provide equipment for the Toddlers Club in the Chapel. Left over children's books went to Hullabaloo and adult books to a local care home.

NK Community Awards.

The deadline for nominations for these awards is 12th August. There are eight awards in total, including young achiever, community business, community spirit and contribution to sports, health, wellbeing, environment, arts and sustainable transport awards. If you would like to nominate an individual, group or organisation from Dunston for one of these awards go to www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/communitychampions or fill in the nomination form on the back of the last copy of NewsNK.

We would be delighted if someone nominated the Dunston Dossier and the Dunston Hub for one of these awards.

NEW ACTIVITIES IN THE VILLAGE HALL FOR WINTER 2013

The Co-op Community Champions grant will be used to arrange activities in the Village Hall for children, teenagers and families. Have your say in what you want to take part in by filling in the short form enclosed with this month's newsletter. Additional forms are available next to the box for completed forms in the Village Hall.

DUNSTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council have asked the Dossier to pass on the following information. *(DD apologises to all responsible dog owners for raising this issue yet again!!!)*

Contractors cutting grass on the footpath between Dunston and Nocton and on the playing field have advised the PC that unless there is a considerable reduction in dog mess in the grass they will no longer cut the area because dog mess clogs their cutters. Some people are bagging the mess but leaving it lying around or thrown in the hedge and this again is totally unacceptable. Most dog owners are responsible but this village is being blighted by a few irresponsible owners!



Following concerns of residents about difficulties with visibility at the junction of Lincoln Rd and the B1188, the hedge at this junction has now been trimmed back.

DUNSTON METHODIST CHAPEL.

The next Knit & Natter will be held in the Chapel at 2pm on Thursday the 22nd August.

There will be no Lunch Club in August.

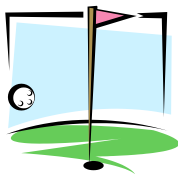
Dunston St Peter's School

Dunston St Peters School are collecting the coloured tops from plastic milk containers for a school project. Please take these tops along to school or to the HUB where there will be a box for them.

DUNSTON ST PETER'S CHURCH

Many thanks for additional donations that have continued to come in for the church following the gift day, including a few very generous amounts, we are very grateful. More details to follow on the action we are taking to improve the church building.

GOLF DAY



The inaugural St Peters Charity Golf Day will be held at Blankney Golf Club on Monday 28th October 2013. All proceeds will go to the church funds of St Peters.

The format will be teams of four with two scores to count on each hole. Entry fee is £60 per team and there will be prizes

for the winning teams.

This will be followed by a meal at the Red Lion, Dunston.

Non-golfers are welcome to join us at the Red Lion, to sponsor a hole for £25 or provide a raffle prize.

Entry forms are available from moirarickaby123@me.com

tel. 01526 322252 or i_glaister@btinternet.com tel. 07768 803400

Wanted & For Sale

Pre-loved glove puppets and marionettes for Diana's latest project.

Call 320460 or Ashbrook Lodge, Fen Lane or at the Hub.

A reasonably priced disco for a forthcoming event - can anyone help please?

contact Jane 320287 or Diana 320460

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SCARECROW FESTIVAL 21 & 22 SEPTEMBER.

Gnomes v Scarecrows!!

This year you can enter a gnome or a scarecrow or both. We will be asking visitors to vote for their favourite and will give a prize for the best gnome and scarecrow entered by adults and children separately to give the children more of a chance.

Entry forms will be delivered during August and will also be available via the Dunston Dossier website and at the Hub. Please do register your entries so they can appear on the map, so visitors know where to find you. That really makes a difference. If villagers want to fundraise for charity or themselves with a 'garage' sale, please let us know so that your event can appear on the map, again so people can find you. We would appreciate a donation from your profits just as you did last year.

Over the weekend maps will be available at church, with a tombola and raffle etc inside, refreshments available in the village hall from 12 -5pm. The chapel will be open with children's activities. Silver Sounds Band will be playing on the top green opposite the village hall and they have organised stalls and crafts on the main green plus a bouncy castle. Other groups from the village are also planning to join in over the weekend and more information will follow on what they are doing.

Scarecrow Weekend: Social Event .- Pizza & Play.

Saturday Night 21st September 6.30 -9.30pm, eating at 6.45pm

We will be holding a family event in the Village Hall to get together and save cooking! 'Pizza and Play'.

A Scarecrow drive, like a beetle drive but with scarecrows! Tickets available from August, price to be confirmed but around £5 for adults and £3 for children, to include pizza and a raffle ticket. Bring your own drinks.



In preparation for the weekend event there will be gnome painting events in the village hall. "Paint a Gnome and take it Home" on Wednesday 14th August and on Sunday 15th September from 2 to 4 pm in the Lamyman Room. - £6 each -paints and a small gnome provided. Gnome painting kits and unpainted gnomes of different sizes will be for sale on these days and at the September Hub.

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RAGWORT ALERT

Although this plant has pretty yellow flowers, RAGWORT, is poisonous to many animals especially Horses, Sheep and Cattle. Every year animals die painfully from eating this weed which damages the liver. A single ragwort plant produces 150,000 seeds which are spread by the wind to neighbouring fields. The seeds have a high germination rate and can even lie dormant in the ground for a number of years before germinating.



The Weeds Act (1959) and The Control of Ragwort Act (2003) were introduced to help control the spread of Ragwort.

It is the responsibility of all landowners (however small that land may be) to remove ragwort before it seeds. It is easier to recognise ragwort when it is in flower, which is now, and to pull it out before it can seed. It is very important for anyone pulling up ragwort plants to wear protective gloves as some of the toxic sap can cause skin irritations.

Once the ragwort has been pulled it should be disposed of responsibly and if possible it should be burned - this plant is even more poisonous once it is dead and dried.

SCAM ALERT & HOLIDAY SECURITY.

During the summer there are usually more SCAMS. These tricksters don't take a holiday! Watch out for on-line SCAMS especially ones that ask you to click a link and verify your password or banking details. Do not respond to these e-mails. Log out and access your account with the bank, phone provider or store in your normal way. If there has been a genuine problem you will have a message on your account and details of how to contact them.

In your holiday preparations, do not forget to cancel the newspapers and milk delivery and do make arrangements for neighbours to check for parcels left outside.

DUNSTON HUB.

Next Hub: Thursday 8th of August. *The Butcher is away on holiday.*

Lovely to see some new faces at July's HUB which was very well attended. John arrived with some fantastic new potatoes as well as his normal vegetable selection. The HUB is for everyone from young to old - just come along for some company and a lovely cuppa.

The cake stall is always a sell out and we have some lovely crafters bringing their wares along each month. New selection of paperbacks available 3 for £1. We have charity boxes for :-used postage stamps for the MS Society; old mobile phones and printer cartridges for a local animal charity; balls of wool for the Knit and Natter group for blankets; tinned and packet food for the Nomad Trust for homeless in Lincoln and a new box for the tops from plastic milk containers for Dunston St Peters School. The Hub is a lovely laid back way to meet old friends and make new ones - do give it a try.

IDEAS

The Evening with Medium Pat Brown held in early July raised over £378 for playground equipment. Thank you to everyone who supported this event. Many of the attendees requested another 'Evening with....' and this will be arranged for 2014. IDEAS have been invited by Dunston Parish Council to give a presentation of their ambitious project to the councillors at the next Parish Council Meeting on the 14th August. Any resident who is interested in hearing about how our plan is progressing is warmly welcomed to come to this meeting. We will hopefully be able to have this information available at the September HUB. IDEAS has already organised some further events for the Autumn, including a musical event in Dunston St Peter's Church jointly with the PCC and a fashion show jointly with the Village Hall. We urgently need a good disco for an event later in the year and would love to hear from you if you can help or know someone else who could. Jane 320287 or Diana 320460.



IDEAS would like to thank everyone who collected a jam jar to fill with loose change - some have already been handed back (at the HUB) and these donations are certainly mounting up.

If you need a jar, please contact one of the above.