



## PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE

A big "thank you" to all of those who returned the recent questionnaire. We can give you these initial findings (We aim to give final conclusions in our next newsletter, followed by the publication of The Duston Plan). If anyone would be interested in helping to produce this plan please contact the Parish Clerk on 583626 - we really need your input!! Below are the main provisional findings:

- 84% feel Duston should retain its village atmosphere
- 75% regularly use local shops (60% post offices)
- Litter in streets and parks is seen as a major problem
- Traffic volumes, rat-running and inconsiderate parking are major issues
- Local Buses are used regularly and services considered good
- Duston is seen as relatively crime free (some anti-social behaviour is a problem)



### "DAY IN THE PARK 2010"

Bigger and better than ever June's Day in the park was another roaring success (despite an unfortunate glitch with the sound system!)

See page 2 for more pictures and information)

### CHILDREN'S ROUNDABOUTS

You asked for more play equipment in our local parks. The photograph shows just one of the four roundabouts which have been situated in....



.....Errington Park, Mendip Park and Melbourne Park. Grafton Park has a new, but different, roundabout. In addition new seats and picnic tables have been erected near the roundabouts in Errington and Melbourne Parks. We encountered some vandalism at Errington Park, but hope these problems have now been resolved.

### PARISH MEETING

Oh dear! This year's Parish Meeting was not as successful as we had hoped various reasons for this, but we must look forward to next year. What can we do to appeal to everyone?

**The date will be Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 7pm**

It is a meeting for everyone NOT for Parish Councillors!

Please make suggestions!!!

- Such as.....
- Inviting local clubs
  - A more "hands-on" setup

### LOCAL BUS SERVICE

You asked us to look into providing a bus service into the village from St. Giles' Park area when the bus company stopped the service. Working in partnership with County Councillor Matt Golby we provided a temporary service. A new service has now been provided covering the area. Cllr. Golby is arranging for information about new bus times to be distributed in the areas served by the new route.

Visit Duston Parish Website @ [www.dustonparish.org.uk](http://www.dustonparish.org.uk)

Full Parish Council meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month. You are free to join us at our meetings when the first quarter of an hour is set aside for residents' questions

# PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

## ST. LUKE'S, THE PLAYING FIELD AND THE NCC

**Progress or lack of progress is very depressing .... a few dates**

- 13 April Business plan submitted to NCC
- 08 June First contact from NCC re. some concerns.
- 30 June Meeting with NCC concerns resolved and actions agreed
- 23 July Documents sent to NCC by Parish Council as arranged on 30 June. NCC stated contact would be made by first week in August.
- 15 Sept Letter to Cllr. Harker expressing concern at lack of contact from NCC.
- 16 Sept Contact made by NCC informing a report to go to cabinet on 7 Dec.

It will be 8 months since the submission of the plan for a decision to be made.

We look forward to a positive outcome on 7 Dec. After which we will have a public meeting to bring everyone up to date.



St. Luke's on the web - you will find **The Business Plan & the Appendix** or, if you want a quicker read, see **A summary, progress report & plans.**

Have a look and find out more by clicking [www.dustonparish.org.uk](http://www.dustonparish.org.uk) or access the documents in the Parish Office.

## DAY IN THE PARK 2011....

We now need to do even more next year to build on our success in 2010. **The date is Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

We need your help.

If you can spare an hour or two each month to help with the preparations, and/or for a few hours on the day please contact the Parish Office at the **Community Centre (tel. 01604 583626)**



## DUSTON SPORTS AND LEISURE COMPLEX

The consultants, GSS, acting for the Parish Council, have awarded a contract to Deejaks of Rushden, and at the time of going to press, a site access agreement is being put in place so that there is safe access to the site compound, enabling construction work to start.

The work will take about a year, after which local groups should be able to start using the complex.

The emphasis will be on sport and fitness but the facilities will also be available to everyone for meetings and other activities.

## SANDY LANE - ORDER OUT OF CHAOS?



The upheaval may end with the completion of the road at the end of October but....what happens to the land between the houses and the new road?

Could that open space become a Pocket Park for the benefit of the residents of St Giles' Park?

Let the Parish Council know what you think if there is enough support for this idea it could be explored in more detail.

# AROUND AND ABOUT

## COTSWOLD AND DUSTON BOWLS CLUBS

We meet on Monday mornings and evenings and Thursday afternoons. We are a short mat bowling club welcoming novice and experienced bowlers.



For more information contact **V. Rowson on 752760** or **K. Jones on 751714**. We look forward to seeing you.

## KEEP FIT GENTLY BY TEA DANCING

Have you ever thought of increasing your social circle, taking slow, gentle exercise and learning some very simple dance movements all at the same time? If so the Duston Tea Dance Group is waiting to greet you warmly every second Tuesday of the month, at Duston Community Centre, Pendle Road from 2 to 4 pm. Entrance is a measly £1.50 which includes light refreshments!

**Do come along and give it a try you'll like it!**

## UNITED REFORM CHURCH

**Girls' Brigade**

**Explorers Juniors Seniors Brigaders**

For more information contact

Liz Foster 07738 179074

Boys' Brigade see below and contact Tom Harrison on 07828 523985



## LIBERTY DRUM CORPS

Meets weekly at Quinton House School  
Contact Dale Willis 750323  
or website

<http://www.libertydrumcorps.org.uk/>

## NEW DUSTON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 8pm at the Community Centre.

Two special events, one on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2.00 - 4.30pm. a concert and afternoon tea, the other on Sunday Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> a trip to London.

**For more details contact Valerie Rowson on 752760**

## DUSTON PLAYERS

A popular sitcom comes to Duston.

**"Blackadder goes Forth" set in WW1.**

Come along and have a laugh

The play runs from Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> to Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. each evening from 7.45. Tickets (adults £8, concessions £6) from [www.dustonplayers.org.uk](http://www.dustonplayers.org.uk) the community Centre or phone (01604) 530508 or 456851

## THE VILLAGE HALL, SYCAMORE ROAD, OLD DUSTON

Toddlers • Pilates • Line Dancing • Dog Training  
Women's Institute • Exercise to Music • Aerobics

For more information contact Elaine Wright

**Tel. 01604 750633**

## THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, PENDLE ROAD, NEW DUSTON

Indoor Bowls • Table tennis • Amateur Dramatics  
Wine Circle • Camera Club • Whist • Happy Circle  
Towns Women's Guild • Garden Club • Ramblers  
Sunrise (singles) • Art Group • Not so Dusty  
Karate • Sure Start • Rangers, Guides and Brownies  
Bargain Shop • Pensioners' Voice  
Weight Watchers

**For more information tel. 01604 757754 or call at the Community Centre and see Shane**

## COTSWOLD W.I.

New to the area? Looking for something new? Why not come along to our friendly Women's Institute? We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at the Community Centre at 7.30pm  
Contact the secretary on 01604 456141.

## ELDEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Beaver Scouts: 6 - 8 year olds Tuesdays 6.00 - 7.15pm  
Cub Scouts: 8 - 10.5 year olds Tuesdays 7.15 - 8.30pm  
Scouts: 10.5 - 14 year olds Mondays 7.30 - 9.00pm

For enquiries contact:

Terry Manktelow,

Group Scout Leader Tel.01604 582079

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides: Contact Sue Harris on 757575

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Sure Start CHILDREN'S CENTRE

We are planning to extend our activities around Duston and at the Centre, which is based at the library. We offer a range of activities for families with children aged 0-5 years and we are always looking for new ideas so please come along and meet the team and tell us what you would like to see happening at the Children's Centre.

**Please telephone 01604 752891 for details of our programme or come in and collect one.**

## TWO NEW(ISH) COUNCILLORS

Alan Bradshaw worked in IT for 10 years. He has become the Assistant Webmaster of the Parish Website, making it accessible to people with disabilities and is interested in the work of the Environment Working Party. He has joined the St Luke's and DS&LC working groups.



Matt Golby is a County and Borough Councillor for New Duston. He is the chairman of the Youth Project and has been working hard to improve bus services in Duston.



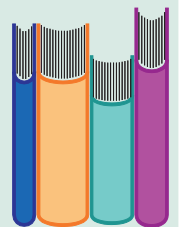
## PARISH COUNCILLORS

Mike Pepper (Chairman)	753754
Phil Herbert (Vice Chair)	581612
Margaret Edwards	454846
John Caswell	587177
Peter Riches	756677
Yvonne Sharpe	584040
Dave Green	752588
Mr Mike Ingram	07799 224110
David Huffadine-Smith	07981 900034
Jack Knights	585390
Matt Golby	
Alan Bradshaw	456505
<b>Contact Parish Clerk on</b>	<b>583626</b>
<b>or e-mail:</b>	<b>dustonpc@btconnect.com</b>

## LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

**Monday - Friday:**  
**9.00am - 6.00pm**

**Saturday**  
**10.00am - 2.00pm**



## FRIENDS OF ST. LUKE'S

Unfortunately the fundraising activities have not been well supported recently and our chairman Bill Harding has had to resign due to other commitments. We hope in the very near future to resurrect the group to include volunteers to help at The St. Luke's Centre once it is up and running.

The Parish Council has recruited 2 part-time admin clerks, Alison Grantham and Amy Holt to work alongside the Parish Clerk, Evelyn Gascoyne. Together they will provide a better service to residents, committees and working parties.

**Opening times for the Parish Office will now be:**  
**Mon-Thurs 9.00-3.30, Fri 9.00-12.30**

We wish Alison and Amy well in their new jobs.



Alison Grantham



Amy Holt

## SAFER COMMUNITY TEAM

You may be aware that Sgt. Jan Helm has taken over from Ben Fathers. We wish him well in his new post, and welcome Jan along with other new faces including PCSO Lenka Walmsley, Volunteer worker Elaine O'Connor, and most recently PC Stephen Dursley.

The SCT can be contacted via the police box next to the Pendle Road Community Centre, by phone on 03000 111 222 or email

[SCTDuston@northants.police.uk](mailto:SCTDuston@northants.police.uk)



PC Stephen Dursley



PCSO Lenka Walmsley



Sgt. Jan Helm