

Connecting the Community July - September 2016

Summer's here and there is a lot going on in our local community.



Sponsored by Duston Village Chippy

The Duston Village Chippy, 48 Main Road, Duston is owned by Simon and his parents Ken and Donna Hoang. They have been awarded the prestigious Midlands Regional Food Award 2015 along with winning the Chronicle & Echo Local Award in 2014. Simon has been a familiar face within the shop over the last ten years. He prides himself on knowing most of his local customers and is known for being helpful and a friendly shop owner. Only fresh produce is used. This combination has created a very successful family business in Duston village.

The Duston Village Chippy business and family are truly committed to greater involvement within our local community, now and in the future. We thank the Hoang family for their Sponsorship.







Grow Together Allotment

Duston has its very own Community Allotment –Grow Together Allotment is on the Berrywood Road allotment site and is managed by the Duston Youth Club in collaboration with Voluntary Impact's School for Life and Age UK.

The aim is to develop the allotment into a community facility for all ages encouraging young and old to work together. We took possession of the allotment on 1st April and in just a few weeks the space has been transformed.

Local business Travis Perkins has not only donated materials to include a shed but has spent time volunteering to help get the allotment in working order.

On the 1st June Stuart Linnell from Radio Northampton came out to interview volunteers young and old. We celebrated with a grand opening on the 16th June marking the occasion by planting a fruit tree kindly donated by Golbys and creating a herb garden with herbs given to us by Perkins Florists.

We will be holding volunteering days on the allotment every month and young people from the youth club will visit weekly.

If you would like to know more about The Grow Together Allotment or to know how you can get involved then please contact Jenny or Amy at the Duston Parish Council Office on 01604 583626 Option 1.

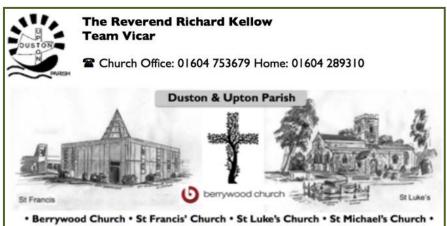












Hello my name is Richard Kellow and whilst I am new to *Duston & Upton Parish* (the group of CofE churches in our area) the Parish is already committed to working in partnership with those 'in the business' of helping the community to flourish and develop the community, particularly in new build areas.

We are seeking to be even further involved with all who live here - young and old alike.

The Team Rector, Mandy Marriott, and I work together across our three church communities to ensure that 'traditional' CofE services such as **Weddings and Funerals** – and the care that goes with them – remain available to those of faith and no faith alike.

If you fancy us **saying a prayer** for you we'd love to because we meet every Tuesday morning to pray for Duston & Upton. Get in contact with Liz in the Parish Office on 01604 753679 or email say14meduston@gmail.com with your request.

We are also working to enable those who want to **learn more about the Christian Faith** to do so in a welcoming and relaxed environment. As well as 'traditional' church services, there are also lots of Child and Family friendly services on a Sunday afternoon (4pm) at Berrywood – details on our website.

We'll be running *Table Talk* – an opportunity to have a coffee and maybe some lunch and **chat about some of life's 'big questions'** in *Happy Sandwich* – the café in Limehurst Square at 12:15-1:15pm on Tuesday 21, 28 June and 5, 12, 19 July. All welcome! No question too 'silly', no comment too 'trivial'.

We also run various groups during the week for (grand)parents and children – see our new website at www.dustonanduptonparish.org.uk for more details.

Mandy, I, and the rest of our church communities look forward to meeting you soon if we have not already, and to getting to know you. Say 'hello' if you see us around- and if you haven't been along to a church activity for a while why not come along. You'll be met with a warm welcome!

Every blessing,

Richard Kellow - Team Vicar for the Churches of Berrywood, St Francis and St Luke

Duston Village Bloom

Duston Parish Council are pleased to announce that we will be participating in East Midlands in Bloom. East Midlands in Bloom is one of 15 regions/nations that comprise Britain in Bloom and covers Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland. It has been running for over 37 years.

The competition focuses on the three RHS core pillars of excellence which are:

- Horticultural Achievement
- Environmental Responsibility
- Community Participation

It has a dedicated team of experienced committee members and judges most of who are horticulturally qualified plus members of the RHS who give their time voluntarily for advice to entrants and judging."

This year Duston will be judged on July 14th. We hope to update you in next month's letter to say what prize was won! Keep your fingers crossed and look out for the Blooms in Duston.









<u>Duston Community Centre Bargain Shop situated at Pendle Road on the ground floor</u>

For 20% commission we will try to sell your unwanted nearly new clean clothes and bric a brac items. (Sorry no electrical items, prams, bicycles and furniture)

Goods are displayed for approximately three weeks. Maximum 10 articles can be accepted at one time. Please ensure items are clearly marked with your name, description including colour of article and the price, all labels to be white securely stitched on where possible.

Donated items also welcome.

New times for sales and acceptance of goods to be sold:

Monday Afternoon

Wednesday Morning

Wednesday Afternoon

Thursday Afternoon

Friday all day

1.30pm - 3.30pm

If you are a member of a group or have an event or activity you would like to include in the October – December issue please do not hesitate in contacting the Duston Parish Council Office by email: office@duston-pc.gov.uk
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