



Duston Parish Council

# Connecting the Community

## July - September 2017



### EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM BRONZE AWARD WINNERS 2016

# DUSTON CONNECT



### The Grow Together Allotment

The allotment plot on the Berry Wood Road site in Duston managed by Duston Parish Council's youth worker Jenny Evans is looking for volunteers.

The award winning allotment plot grows vegetables, flowers & herbs, and we have two raised beds for the less able bodied to garden.

We hold a volunteering day every month where volunteers from our partners Travis Perkins join us to help maintain the space.

Do you have a few hours a month to join this community project or may be you would like to offer a bit of time in the week to escape your daily chores and spend sometime gardening on the plot?

And in return you can enjoy our produce!



Please contact either **Duston Parish Council** on 01604 583626 or **Jenny** via e-mail [Jenny@cypn.org](mailto:Jenny@cypn.org)



### A thank you message following the County Council elections in May



Matt Golby and Suresh Patel were re-elected back in May to represent Duston West including St Crispins, and Duston East on Northamptonshire County Council. They are both committed to continue with their work. Matt says, "Suresh and I are delighted to have been re-elected and we will do our very best to support our communities however we can." "Being an elected representative is an honour for both of us so thank you. We also stand by the 6 commitments listed below which we made to you before the election."

#### 6 Commitments we've made to support our community

- ✓ **Community Groups** We will continue to support some of the amazing community organisations we have such as Duston Old People's Welfare, our Parish Councils, Duston Boys' Brigade, schools, other sporting and social groups.
- ✓ **Clean & Safe** We will continue to work to ensure Duston and St Crispins are safe, clean and great places to live.
- ✓ **Play Equipment** We are committed to carry on improving the standard of play equipment in our parks and green spaces where we have had some success although this is an issue we find very frustrating to make progress!
- ✓ **Big Issues** We are dedicated to fight for the best outcome for all residents on the big issues affecting us all including traffic, planning and infrastructure.
- ✓ **Roads** Following some recent success, notably, Westfield Road, Clipston Way, Rawley Crescent, Park Avenue, Stone Way, Markham Close and Main Road, we pledge to work as hard as possible to keep improving our roads.
- ✓ **Building Communities** We will continue to do all we can to build on the great communities already established in Duston and St Crispins. We are passionate about nurturing and protecting our communities we have all worked hard to build.

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Promoted by Suresh Patel on behalf of Matt Golby & Northampton Conservatives both of White Lodge, 42 Billing Road Northampton NN1 5DA.

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# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



## The Royal British Legion & Cynthia Spencer

Duston & District Branch 6<sup>th</sup> Charity Dinner  
Saturday 11th November 2017

### Theme 'Patriotic'

The Marriott Hotel, Northampton  
Black Tie, Medals and Evening Dress  
Tickets £35 per person,  
table of 10 receive 2 free bottles of wine

Tickets includes: Drinks on arrival, Three Course  
Meal with a glass of wine, DJ – Boogie the night  
away, Raffle & Auction will take place  
Arrival Drinks 7pm – Carriages at 1am



For Tickets please contact: Hello@dustonrbl.co.uk Mob: 07464 333 509 Registered charity no. 219279

The Duston and District branch of the Royal British Legion provides lifelong support for the Armed Forces community – serving men and women, veterans and their families.

We are here to signpost you to the support and guidance that you may need. We are one of the 2,500 Royal British Legion branches across the UK and Overseas.

All ages are welcome to show support for the Armed Forces, whether they serve or not, and participate in the welfare and fundraising work of the Legion as well as social activities.

**Membership** - Anyone can become a member of the Duston and District Branch, for just £17 per year (32p per week). If you are interested, please contact the Membership Secretary on **07464 333509** or join online - [www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/membership/).

**To show your support, why not join us for Activities and Events?**  
RBL Members - Branch meetings held on the **1st Thursday of each month** at St Crispin Social Club, Berrywood Road, Duston, NN5 4XD.

**Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club** –  
**1st Saturday** of each month at Poppyfield  
Farm, No. 1 Telstar Way, Duston. NN5 6GT  
- <https://afvbc.co.uk/>.



## 2017 EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017** – Cream tea from 1.15pm  
- 4pm at St Lukes Church, 3 Main Road,  
Duston, NN5 6JB - £4.50 per person.

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017** – Cream tea from  
1.15pm – 4pm at St Lukes Church, 3 Main  
Road, Duston, NN5 6JB. £4.50 per person.

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> September** – **Pub Quiz Night** – St  
Crispin Social Club, Berrywood Road, Duston  
NN5 4XD - £2 per person 5/6 to a team

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> October** – Fancy a challenge? Why  
not join Lisa and the RBL team in the Abseil  
event? For sponsorship information and full  
details please contact Lisa on **07890 269607**.

**Oct/Nov – Poppy Appeal** -  
Volunteers needed – For  
further information please  
contact Darrin (Poppy Appeal  
Organiser) on 07956 386720  
or [PAO@dustonrbl.co.uk](mailto:PAO@dustonrbl.co.uk)



**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> November** – **Remembrance Day** -  
Table Top event at St Francis Church,  
Limehurst Road, Duston NN5 6TQ - £5 per  
table Top – For further details Please contact:  
01604 590419

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> November** – “Annual Dinner Dance”  
at the Marriott Hotel, Northampton in aid of  
the RBL and Cynthia Spencer. Tickets are £35  
per person - includes drinks on arrival, glass  
of wine with a three course meal,  
entertainment, raffle & auction.

For tickets or for further information, please contact the Social Secretary on **07464 333509**  
or email: [PAO@dustonrbl.co.uk](mailto:PAO@dustonrbl.co.uk)



# 2017 Production of Blackadder's Christmas Carol

**Blackadder's Christmas Carol Read Through:** Tuesday 22nd August at 7.30pm - Berrywood Hospital (Willow Room)

**Blackadder's Christmas Carol Auditions:** Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm - Berrywood Hospital (Willow Room)


Performances 29th November - 2nd December 2017 at Duston Community Centre.

Further information is available online [www.dustonplayers.org.uk](http://www.dustonplayers.org.uk)



**Sunday Teas At St Luke's**  
Homemade Cake & a Cuppa  
2pm-4pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> August and 10<sup>th</sup> September  
St Luke's Church, Main Road, Duston, NN5 6JB

**Come and visit our beautiful church!**  
Join us for a cuppa, delicious homemade cakes, crafts, jewellery, plants, books and jigsaws! There are children activities too! **A warm welcome awaits you!**



**St Luke's Primary Care Centre  
Patient Participation  
Group (PPG)**

The PPG is involved in working with the Practice to be a voice for the patients. In the past 2 years the PPG have arranged talks on **Living with Arthritis**, a **Skin Awareness Week** in preparation for the summer and a further talk on **Living with Stress and Anxiety**.

If you would like to join the group, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us by email: [dustonppg@gmail.com](mailto:dustonppg@gmail.com). Our Annual General Meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 6.30 pm.



## Coffee Morning @ St. Francis' Church

Come along for a cuppa and a chat!

**10am** 8<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> August  
**12pm** and 9<sup>th</sup> September

**Everyone is welcome!**



## Room in the Community

**Duston Community Centre,  
Pendle Road**



DCC has recently undergone a substantial refurbishment and extension and is also home to Duston Parish Council Office.

With its central location and clean, welcoming environment, it is the perfect venue for a wide range of events. We have a variety of rooms suitable for wedding receptions, birthday parties and social gatherings, and can also accommodate community groups, uniformed groups, meetings and conferences.

Our main hall has a large stage with state of the art sound and lighting equipment and linked changing rooms - making it perfect for productions. At the central hub is our friendly café where you can unwind with a speciality coffee or make use of our fully licensed bar.

**All rooms are air conditioned.**

**PARKING:** Ample car parking in the vicinity of the centre, including 3 disabled parking bays.

We offer all these rooms to hire at very competitive rates, so whatever your needs, please contact us on **01604 583626** (option 2), email [facilities@duston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:facilities@duston-pc.gov.uk) or visit [www.duston-pc.gov.uk](http://www.duston-pc.gov.uk) for more information.

**"Let us take the stress out of your event..."**

**St Luke's Centre,  
Main Road**



SLC is situated at the heart of Old Duston village and was formerly St Luke's Primary School. It has been refurbished to include commercial offices and a nursery. It also has 2 good sized rooms and a main function hall with attached kitchen all available for community use.

This is a lovely centre with flexible spaces providing the perfect venue for a wide range of events. The main hall and kitchen is suitable for bigger social and community events, and our 2 smaller rooms currently support a wide range of activities provided by the local community groups and clubs as well as meetings and training sessions.

Being across the road from St Luke's Church makes it the ideal place to hire for christening parties and gatherings. One of these rooms can be extended into the welcoming entrance area to provide extra space.

**PARKING:** Limited car parking spaces available to the rear of the hall. 3 disabled parking bays. Rear pedestrian access available.

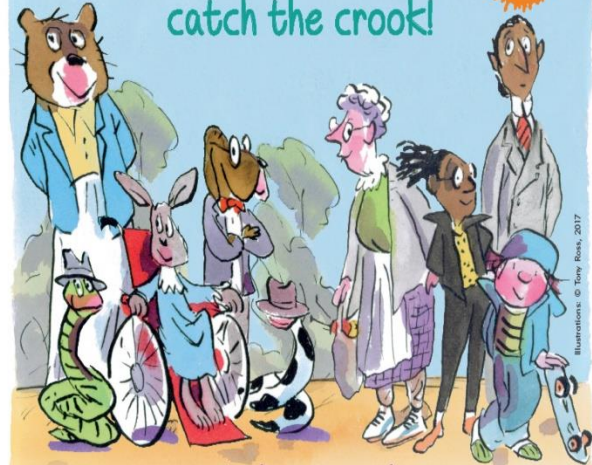
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# ANIMAL AGENTS

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2017

Read the books,  
catch the crook!

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LOCAL  
LIBRARY!



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### Read the books and catch the crook!

Join the Animal Agents at your local library this Summer. Pick up your collector folder anytime from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July and start reading! Collect stickers and help to solve the mystery as you read your library books. When you have read six books you will receive a certificate and a medal.

### Animal Activities at your local library

All libraries in Northamptonshire will run a series of FREE events for children aged 4 to 12 this Summer. Visit your local library for their timetable or visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/whatson](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/whatson). Remember these activities will be popular so booking will be essential!

### Lots more fun to be had...

For more Animal Agents activities you can visit the official website [www.animal-agents.org.uk](http://www.animal-agents.org.uk). For more information or to request this leaflet in another language or format, please contact [Stacey.Matthews@firstforwellbeing.co.uk](mailto:Stacey.Matthews@firstforwellbeing.co.uk)



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## Duston Parish Council Events 2017

### JULY

**Duston Sports Centre**  
8<sup>th</sup> - Duston Fun Day

### SEPTEMBER

**Duston Community Centre**  
16<sup>th</sup> - Table Top Sale

### NOVEMBER

**St Luke's Community Centre**  
12<sup>th</sup> - RBL Remembrance Teas  
18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Market

### DECEMBER

**Duston Village**  
1<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> - 'Elf on the Shelf' Advent Windows



**Duston Parish Council** are again pleased to fund hanging baskets for Summer 2017 supplied by Perkins Florist.

If you are a member of a group or have an event/activity you would like to include in the next edition, please contact the Duston Parish Council Office by email on [office@duston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@duston-pc.gov.uk). This newsletter has been edited by Cllr Lisa Jayne Read.