



Duston Parish Council

# Connecting the Community

## October – December 2017



EAST MIDLANDS IN BLOOM BRONZE AWARD WINNERS 2016

### DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS

#### A BIG thank you...

...for joining us at the **Duston Fun Day** on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017. A great day out for all the family. Well done to the local community groups who raised **£2,611.25** for their chosen charities. See our website gallery for more pictures of the day.

[www.duston-pc.gov.uk](http://www.duston-pc.gov.uk)



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DUSTON CONNECT



#### Grow Together Allotment

If you would like to get involved (all weathers), please come along and join us between

**9am – 3pm on 19<sup>th</sup> October.**



#### Christmas Market 2017

Kicking off the festivities with our annual Christmas Market, this year being held at St Luke's Centre, Main Road on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Food, crafts, music and much more... Get in touch if you would like a stall.



#### Duston Festive Windows December 2017

Follow the festive trail around the village. More information coming soon on our boards and website.



#### Table Top Sale 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Why not have a Spring clear out and get rid of your clutter? **Tables only £5!**

Please contact us for more information on any of the above events.

[office@duston-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@duston-pc.gov.uk)

01604 583626 (option 1)

# THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



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.

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/>

The Royal British Legion supports serving members of the Armed Forces, Veterans and their families. If you need help, call our Contact Centre helpline on 0808 802 8080 from 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week (calls are free from UK landlines and main mobile networks) for all enquiries. The Royal British Legion's Head Office and postal address is: 199 Borough High Street, London SE1 1AA.

## 2017 EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### OCTOBER

**6<sup>th</sup> – ‘Ladies who like to Brunch’** – 10:00 & Presentation at 11:00 - Duston Community Centre, Pendle Road. Call 07464 333509 to confirm attendance.

**7<sup>th</sup> – Abseil Event** (Sponsorship) - Fancy a challenge, why not join the RBL team?

**Poppy Appeal** - Volunteers needed. Please contact Darrin (Poppy Appeal Organiser) on 07956 386720 or by email [PAO@dustonrbl.co.uk](mailto:PAO@dustonrbl.co.uk)

### DECEMBER

**1<sup>st</sup> – ‘Thank You’ Evening** to all volunteers during the Poppy Appeal – St Crispins Club, Berrywood Road, Duston.

### NOVEMBER

**3<sup>rd</sup> – ‘Ladies who like to Brunch’** – 10:00 & Presentation at 11:00 - Duston Community Centre, Pendle Road. Call 07464 333509 to confirm attendance.

**11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day** - Table Top event at St Francis Church, Limehurst Road, NN5 6TQ - £5 per table – To find out more call 01604 590419.

**11<sup>th</sup> – Annual Dinner Dance – in aid of the RBL & Cynthia Spencer Hospice** at the Marriott Hotel, Northampton - £35 per ticket inc drinks on arrival, glass of wine with a three course meal, entertainment, raffle & auction.

**12<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Service** – 15:00 at St Luke's Church, Duston. Refreshments afterwards at St Luke's Community Centre.

**18<sup>th</sup> – 13:30 - Cream Tea & Presentation by Sam Bailey Artist of The Mighty 456 book; hand drawn images of all the fallen British soldiers in Afghanistan** – St Luke's Church, Main Road.

**29<sup>th</sup> – Women's Section Coffee Morning** – 10:30 – 12:00 at Candance Court Community Centre, Duston.

# 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.

**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.

# YOUR TOOLS ARE AT RISK

Thieves are currently targeting builder's & trades person's vans and tools.



- Keep your vehicle locked and your keys secure
- Park in a well-lit area and in clear view of any CCTV cameras
- Choose a space which is overlooked by properties
- If possible, reverse park against a wall or fence so rear doors are inaccessible
- Do not leave tools unattended in your vehicle. Remove as many tools as you can each night
- Call 999 immediately if you see a crime in progress or any suspicious activity around trade vans. Note descriptions and registration numbers of those involved

In an emergency call 999  
For non-emergencies call 101  
Visit [www.northants.police.uk](http://www.northants.police.uk)

Follow us on Twitter @northantspolice  
Join us on Facebook.com/northantspolice



## SECURE YOUR VAN AND TOOLS

Thieves are currently targeting trade vans parked overnight to steal tools.

As your tools are your livelihood, losing them can cause far greater loss than their financial value.

### Things to do to make your van and tools secure...

- Upgrade the security on your van and fit an independent alarm. Don't rely on the factory fitted alarm. Select one accredited by 'Thatcham' and always use it. [www.thatcham.org](http://www.thatcham.org)
- Fit additional locks on your van doors as some manufacturer's locks can be picked.
- Fit a quality tool chest in your van and secure it with a 'Sold Secure' padlock. [www.soldsecure.com](http://www.soldsecure.com)
- Mark your tools so they can easily be identified as belonging to you. Here are some suggestions how:
  - Use CREMARK permanent tool marking kit [www.creproducts.co.uk](http://www.creproducts.co.uk)
  - Engrave your name and phone number together with 'IF SOLD, CALL ME'
  - Spray paint your tools a bright colour such as hot pink. This literally makes them too hot to handle!
- Keep an up-to-date list of your tools, including photographs and serial numbers, registered on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) - the world's largest FREE register of possessions and their owners. This will help all UK police forces to trace owners if the property is recovered.

SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017  
12NOON – 4:00PM  
DUSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
PENDLE ROAD, NORTHAMPTON  
NN5 6DT



We Are  
**Sainsbury's**  
Woodon Road Northampton Store  
Local Charity of the Year  
2017/2018

The Lewis Foundation provides comfort and happiness to cancer patients in Northamptonshire by handing out gift packs on a weekly basis. The Lewis Foundation is all about helping others in our community and bring members of the community together to support each other when they need it the most.

Please join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Fete to help raise money for cancer patients spending the festive period in hospital, so let's make someone smile this Christmas!

TOMBOLA

CAKES

TEA & COFFEE

FUN FOR EVERYONE

FACE PAINTING

RAFFLE

FESTIVE STALLS



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.