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DUNSTABLE WARDS MAP



Welcome



The Mayor's Message

Councillor Terry Stock

As you read this I shall be starting my year as the Mayor of Dunstable. Firstly I have to thank my colleagues on the Dunstable Town Council for the honour they have accorded me and I look forward to representing our ancient town and promoting its many assets.

There is much to commend Dunstable already but I look forward to the day when the A5 – M1 Link and the Woodside Estate to M1 Connection are completed thus freeing our High Street from all the heavy traffic and hopefully allowing the restoration of our High Street to a pedestrian friendly area. Regrettably this will not be completed during my year but at least it will begin.

The youth of the town will receive their much wanted Skate Park which will be built and managed by the Town Council in association with Central Bedfordshire Council and should be finished this year. I look forward to seeing it in action.

I am also looking forward to attending the many events scheduled throughout the Summer and meeting as many people as possible. Thanks to the hard work of our staff the venues and facilities will be at their best. I look forward to sharing them with you.

It is usual for the Mayor to choose charities to support during his year and I have therefore chosen three. As it is the 100th Anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, Help for Heroes seemed appropriate, Girl Guiding/Scouting from my long Scouting background, and Dunstable and District Disabled Sports who do wonderful work.

I have arranged various charity fund raising events and I hope that I can rely on your generous support so that we might help these most deserving charities.

I look forward to meeting as many people and organisations as possible during my year and I thank you all in advance for your support.

Councillor Stock
Dunstable Town Mayor



David Ashlee

Town Clerk and
Chief Executive

Welcome to the summer edition of Talk of the Town.

This is always an exciting time for the Council as we launch our 2014 events programme. This year's programme looks set to be just as impressive as last year and we are all hoping for a summer of fine weather so that as many residents as possible can fully enjoy the wide range of events and attractions organised by the Council.

The events programme includes the ever popular 'Summer of Music', my particular favourite, the Beer Festival and the Council's summer events programme for young people. Full details of all our events can be found on the Council's new and improved website at www.dunstable.gov.uk.

Many readers may not be aware that Dunstable Town Council is the local burial authority and the Council takes this responsibility extremely seriously; so it is particularly pleasing that this edition of Talk of the Town is able to report that the Council has achieved silver standard for its Charter for the Bereaved status. Achieving this standard helps reassure all users of Dunstable Cemetery that the Council's full burial and bereavement service is carried out to a very high standard.

This summer also sees the launch of the World Cup and what better way to watch all the televised matches than at our very own Creasey Park Community Football Centre. The Centre will be open for most of the matches and will be offering a range of promotions, so why not enjoy the games on our large screen TV's in the relaxing surrounds of the Centre.

Readers will notice that the town is once again 'In Bloom' as the Council in partnership with 'Promoting Dunstable' launches its 2014 'Dunstable In Bloom' campaign. Let's hope that we can win another gold medal this year!

I hope you enjoy this edition of Talk of the Town and please feel free to comment on any of the Council's services using the comment form at the back of this edition or by visiting our website www.dunstable.gov.uk or following us on Twitter and Facebook. Happy reading!

David Ashlee
Dunstable Town Clerk and Chief Executive

NOTICEBOARD

Kingsbury Bowls Club Open Day

15 June 2014, 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

All you need are flat soled shoes (trainers) and all other equipment will be provided by the bowls club. Refreshments will also be available. It's a great way to meet people and enjoy a pleasant summer afternoon or evening with a little light exercise. It is suitable for all ages. Kingsbury Bowls Club look after the Green on behalf of the Council carrying out the upkeep and grass cutting to provide a good playing surface for the game of bowls. They provide Stewards to open the Green in the afternoon and evening, Monday to Friday to allow members of the public to use the Green and provide assistance for both new and experienced bowlers. The Green will be available for use until 14 September 2014, Monday to Friday, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm to dusk. There is a charge for each session or a season ticket can be purchased. You can also become a member of Kingsbury Bowls Club and take part in friendly matches against other local clubs at weekends and internal club games. For more information see our website at www.kingsburybowls@weebley.com

WWI Events

Dunstable Town Council is hosting a selection of WWI commemorative events throughout the summer to acknowledge the start of and remember the effects of WWI 100 years ago. Part of these events will be an exhibition at Priory House, and we are seeking items to display as part of the exhibition. If you would like to exhibit any items please contact Lisa Vincent on 01582 891406.

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9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Monday to Friday




Visit the Dunstable Town Council website using your smartphone. Simply download a 2D barcode reading app and hover your phone over the pattern to the left.


Social Media Links

You can follow Dunstable Town Council on Twitter and Facebook using the details below:

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Incredible Edible
Dunstable

First Birthday Party

Sunday 6 July 2014, 2 pm to 4 pm
Katherine Drive, Dunstable LU5 4NP

Fancy dress competition,
face painting, and a raffle.

For more details and ways you can help contact Syra on 07905 116623 or email incredibleedible395@gmail.com



Dunstable Market operates in the Ashton Square area every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday throughout the year. Visit Dunstable

Market for a range of quality goods, including local produce, a friendly, unique and personalised shopping experience and always excellent value. Dunstable Market will be open as usual over the May and August Bank Holiday weekends. Make sure you shop local and support your traders! www.dunstable.gov.uk

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DESTINATION DUNSTABLE

Keeping you abreast of town centre news, initiatives and developments



Dunstable Market – Putting the heart back into Dunstable

Dunstable Market is an historic, outdoor general market that operates in the Ashton Square area on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. We are currently seeking traders in cards, footwear, deli products, haberdashery, toys and tools. A range of incentives are available for new traders to Dunstable Market and included within the pitch rent is the hire of a bespoke market stall which will be erected and dismantled by the dedicated market team, together with waste management facilities. Dunstable Town Council is also committed to actively promoting and marketing Dunstable Market, ensuring that it is a thriving location for your business to grow.



To express an interest in trading and to find out more about Dunstable Market contact Andy Weare (Market Officer) on 01582 891402 or 07803 627544 or visit www.dunstable.gov.uk

FRENCH MARKET DUNSTABLE market

PUTTING THE HEART BACK INTO DUNSTABLE

For one day only, experience
a Taste of France!

Saturday 25 October 2014

The Square, High Street South,
Dunstable

Purchase a range of goods including:



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Pancakes
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Music
... & more!

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DUNSTABLE market

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Fridays and Saturdays.**

Visit Dunstable market for:

- A range of quality goods, including local produce
- A friendly, unique and personalised shopping experience
- Excellent value

Play your part in reviving Dunstable's history and shaping
it's future by shopping local and supporting your market.

**For further information and to keep up
to date with events and promotions visit:**

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NOT SO SECRET AGENTS

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Want to book a National Express coach ticket? Go on a day trip or short break? Spend the day in Brighton?

Visit the Agents at the Dunstable Tourist Information Centre in Priory House and let us do all the hard work for you.

We are agents for all of the companies below



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Go Dunstable! Active Lifestyles Festival

Central Bedfordshire

Saturday June 14th
11am - 5pm
Grove House Gardens
Dunstable



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Organisers reserve the right to cancel the event in the case of adverse weather conditions.

*Consent forms will need to be completed prior to participating in some attraction



Dunstable Rep presents...

Lest We Forget!



Commemorating the centenary of the First World War
Directed by Angela Goss



Tickets £13
Members £9
Members' guests £11
Under 18s £6

11th to 19th July 2014*
7.45pm

Box office opens Monday 30th June

Box office 07940 105864 or
dunstablerepboxoffice@gmail.com

*Please note that there will be no performance on Sunday 13th July

The Little Theatre,
High Street South,
Dunstable
LU6 3SF

Young DUNSTABLE

News for the
young in our
community



It's Holiday Heaven!

With the Easter school holidays behind us, thoughts turn to the long and hopefully hot days of the coming summer break. If you are looking for fun and affordable activities for you or your children then rest assured plans are well underway for Dunstable Town Council's 2014 Summer Activities Programme 28 July to 22 August.

For the sports lovers amongst you we will have Rugby Tuesdays and Football Fridays at Creasey Park Community Football Centre and Tennis coaching for our future Wimbledon hopefuls at Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground Tennis Courts.

For the history buffs we have a number of activities planned around the World War I centenary and its impact on Dunstable, some taking place at the cemetery in West Street.

For the culture gurus we have different arts and crafts activities every Friday evening in Grove Corner plus photography and music workshops.

For families we have a number of FREE family fun sessions in The Mayfield Centre, Creasey Park Community Football Centre, Grove House Gardens and Priory Gardens.

We will also hold the ever popular inflatable day where the children can bounce the hours away while parents can enjoy a chat with friends – why not bring a picnic!

The full programme will be available on www.dunstable.gov in June.

Remember book early to avoid disappointment.

For more details please contact Jacqui on Jacqui.groom-tully@dunstable.gov.uk or 01582 89 1434.

Summer Sessions

Grove Corner is a centre for young people and offers free drop-ins for 13- to 18-year-olds Mondays and Wednesdays 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm and Fridays 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm.

Over the school summer break we will be offering the following activities:

On Mondays there will be drop-in or hang-out sessions in Grove Corner and Grove House Gardens in partnership with 4YP.

On Wednesdays we want to offer live music nights, so if you are a singer/musician and want to play in a small but friendly venue then we want to hear from you!

On Fridays drop-ins will start at 7.00 pm and there will be free art and craft activities if you want to join in.

Junior Youth Club, which is normally on Friday evenings 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm will be closed for the summer break but earlier themed sessions will be available from 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm

For more details please contact Jacqui on Jacqui.groom-tully@dunstable.gov.uk or 01582 89 1434.

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FREE Fun For Everyone
Dunstable Town Council's
Summer of Music
Grove House Gardens

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**Prepare yourself for
 a summer of fantastic
 music events!**



Sonia

Dunstable Live
Saturday 21 June
3.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Grove House Gardens
FREE



Five hours of tribute bands representing 'America's Greats' on Saturday 21 June. Dunstable Town Council is kicking off the Summer of Music with its fourth year of the increasingly popular Dunstable Live, paying tribute to some well loved acts from across the pond!

Starting the day off, there will be some jail house rocking with 'Alvin as Elvis', performing your favourite songs from the 'The King', moving onto 'Debbie Nunn' who will get you 'into the groove' performing much loved classics from the reigning Queen of pop, Madonna. Moving up the pop monarchy, it's time to show off your moonwalk and don your sparkling white glove as 'Rock Wit You' will be performing their homage to the late king of pop Michael Jackson.

For the penultimate band, you will be 'dancing in the dark' with the 'East Street Band' who will be performing classic songs from Bruce Springsteen such as 'Born To Run' and 'Born In The USA', while topping the night off, Grove House Garden will be filled with the sound of 'Bon Jovi' singing all of your favourite songs from Bon Jovi until 8.00 pm.

The King and Queen of Pop and the King of Rock 'n' Roll are coming to Grove House Gardens for a one fantastic FREE event! It's safe to say that the royalty of the music industry has come to Dunstable!

3.00 pm to 3.45 pm – Alvin (Elvis Presley)
 3.50 pm to 4.40 pm – Debbie Nunn (Madonna)
 4.45 pm to 5.30 pm – Rock Wit You - (Michael Jackson)
 5.45 pm to 6.45 pm – The East Street Band (Bruce Springsteen)
 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm – Bon Jovi – (Bon Jovi)

Band Concerts
Grove House Gardens
Weekends throughout the summer



Dunstable Town Council is pleased to announce its annual Band Concert programme for 2014. Make sure you come down and enjoy these lovely free concerts in the beautiful setting of Grove House Gardens, 3.00 pm until 4.45 pm.

Sunday 29 June	Dunstable Town Band	Traditional Band Concert
Sunday 6 July	Hertfordshire Town Band	Traditional Band Concert
Sunday 13 July	Leighton-Linslade Band	Traditional Band Concert
Sunday 27 July	Welwyn Garden City Band	Traditional Band Concert
Sunday 3 August	Hitchin Town Band	Songs from the West End
Sunday 10 August	St Albans City Band	Songs from TV/Film
Sunday 17 August	Chiltern Hills brass band	Big Band
Sunday 24 August	Watford Band	Last Night of the Proms

Alvin Elvis
Elvis Tribute



East Street B
Springsteen Tr



Party in the Park
Saturday 19 July
Grove House Gardens
12 noon to 8.00 pm



Party in the Park is back. The 8 hour family fun event features live music, children's rides and attractions, fun fair and much more! This is a fantastic event for all the family and it's completely FREE!

Throughout the day you can walk around the gardens and enjoy stalls from local businesses along with amusements available for all, back by popular demand including a petting zoo and a fun fair!

Moving on into the evening, the stage will want you to 'step back in time' with Jeni Jaye's fantastic Kylie tribute act! You will not be able to get her out of your head!

For the finale, Grove House Gardens will be playing host to the one and only Sonia who will be performing some of her greatest hits from the 1990s including 'Listen to Your Heart', 'Better The Devil You Know' and 'Hopelessly Devoted To You'!

Dunstable Town Council is still looking for local music acts and stalls for this event. If you would like to take part, either visit the website www.dunstable.gov.uk and download the application form, or contact Lisa Vincent on 01582 891406 or via email at lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk



Dunstable Rocks
Saturday 30 August
Grove House Gardens
12 noon to 10.00 pm

Dunstable Rocks is back for another year to finish the Summer of Music with the final date on its calendar the only way it knows how!

Grove House Gardens will once again be hosting Dunstable Rocks for all of you who love to party out in the sun and into the evening! Set on Saturday 30 August, the popular free outdoor event runs from 12 noon to 10.00 pm starting off the day with local upcoming acts to entertain you, getting you ready for the main acts in the evening!

To kick off the evening, there will be the sounds of the Stereosonics, playing some of the best loved tracks of Stereophonics including 'Dakota' and 'Have A Nice Day'.

Keeping things rocking, Grove House Gardens will be filled with the sounds of Oasis with the amazing tribute band Noasis singing some of your favourite hits such as 'Wonderwall', 'Don't Look Back In Anger' and 'Champagne Supernova'!

Finally, Dodgy, the 90s rock pop trio, will be 'Staying Out For The Summer' and rocking the stage to finish off the final night of the Summer Of Music with a bang! Best known for their hits 'Staying Out for the Summer', 'If You're Thinking of Me', and 'Good Enough'.

This is the perfect combination taking you back to the fun 90s hopefully in the sun at Grove House Gardens this summer.



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For further information and to view the list of performers, please visit www.dunstable.gov.uk or ring 01582 891406



Jeni Jaye
Kylie Tribute

Bon Giovi

Dodgy

'Staying Out For The Summer'
'Good Enough'
'If You're Thinking of Me'

Band
tribute

Noasis
Oasis Tribute

Debbie Nunn
Madonna Tribute

'Rock Wit You'
Michael Jackson Tribute





PRIORY HOUSE
HERITAGE CENTRE

New Menu at Priory House Tea Rooms



With the summer just around the corner, Priory House Tea Rooms is having a spring clean and bringing some changes to our popular food menu, so alongside our customers' favourites you will find some new delicious additions.

We have continued to expand our homemade range with homemade scotch eggs, quiches and salads. As well as updating our popular sandwich and panini range, we've added the summer favourites of cheese and ham Ploughman's, locally sourced and accompanied with Priory Pantry condiments.

Local produce is important to us, so as well as sourcing as much as possible from local suppliers (and preparing food ourselves in the Priory House kitchen) we've also partnered up with the local bakery Prudens. They will now be our main supplier of fresh bread featuring throughout our food and afternoon tea menus.

For more details visit www.dunstable.gov.uk, email prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk or phone 01582 891420 for all enquiries.



The Tea Guild's
Award of Excellence 2013



PRIORY HOUSE

Friday 13 June 2014

8.30 pm to 1.00 am

Are you brave enough to explore the halls of Priory House in the dark?

Join Damien O'Dell and the Anglia Paranormal Investigation Society for the evening and find out!

Tickets are **£25.00** and must be purchased in advance

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PRIORY HOUSE
HERITAGE CENTRE

Priory House Tea Rooms Open for Father's Day

On Sunday 15 June, why not treat your dad to afternoon tea at the award-winning Priory House Tea Rooms, from only £15.50 per person?

Priory House Tea Rooms will be open for afternoon tea from 1.00 pm to 4.30 pm. Booking is essential so to confirm your table please contact Priory House in advance by email at prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk or by telephone on 01582 891420.

Gift vouchers are also available to purchase as a gift for your father and there are all sorts of great Dunstable-related gift ideas available in the Priory House gift shop.

Coming to Priory House Tea Rooms this July and August – Summer Sundays!

Due to popular demand Priory House Tea Rooms will be open every Sunday throughout July and August from 12 noon to 4 pm, with a wide selection of home baked cakes and scones, freshly brewed tea and coffee and our yummy ice cream sundaes available. We will also be serving our sumptuous Priory House Tea Rooms afternoon tea for bookings made in advance.

The Tea Guild's
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PRIORY HOUSE

Guess who's back in the Habit?

Priory Pudding Nights are back!!

*Thursday Evenings
6.30 pm to 9.30pm*

Enjoy a range of desserts and liqueur coffees in the Priory House Tea Rooms; Thursday evenings between 6.30 pm and 9.30 pm.

Last orders will be taken at 9.00 pm.

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Creasey Park Offers 'World Cup Reward'

This summer at Creasey Park Community Football Centre the more games you watch the more rewards you can earn!

Simply spend £3 or more while a World Cup match is being played to get a stamp for your chance to get these exclusive rewards:

- 2nd Match = Free Walkers Crisps
- 4th Match = Free Chocolate Bar
- 5th Match = Free Barry's Fries
- 7th Match = Free Chicken Burger

Go to www.dunstable.gov.uk/football_fixtures.htm or scan the QR code to see all the matches we will be showing live. Terms and conditions apply.



SUMMER SPECIAL OFFER

7-a-side for £75

Enjoy some great football with friends this summer and take advantage of this very special summer offer. For just £75 you can play an hour-long game of 7-a-side football with full use of changing facilities and enjoy a meal afterwards – and all for just £75. That's less than £5.50 per player!

Another Championship Season at Creasey Park

It was just 12 months ago Creasey Park was celebrating the success of Dunstable Town FC and AFC Dunstable Ladies winning their respected leagues. Now 12 months on and it seems it's business as usual for these two teams who are both once again league champions. On Saturday 26 April with a nail biting 1-0 victory over Uxbridge FC, Dunstable Town FC clinched the Calor Gas Southern Football League, Central Division. Winning a league is always a fantastic achievement but made even more impressive with the fact in was the club's first season in the league after gaining promotion last year. Dunstable Town FC will be playing in the Southern League Premier League next season which is just two divisions below the Football Conference league Luton Town have just been promoted from. AFC Dunstable Ladies have also shown equally impressive form this year as they too have won their league in their first season. AFC Dunstable Ladies won their league with matches to spare finishing 9 points clear of second place – a truly fantastic effort. The Ladies now progress to the Eastern Region Women's Football League Premier Division, this is just two leagues below The FA Women's Premier League Southern Division. Congratulations to both teams from all at Creasey Park and Dunstable Town Council.



Over 55s' Lunch Club

Creasey Park Community Football Centre over 55s' lunch club is a great way to spend a couple of hours on a Thursday afternoon but don't just take our word for it, read what some of the members have to say.

"We are over the moon with the club, not only the lunches but the staff are excellent too."

"The social side is also good, it means we can get out and not sit watching TV all day."

"The service and quality of food is fantastic."

"We would recommend this club to anyone over 55 years old. Dunstable Town Council deserves all thanks for creating this club."

If you would like to meet new people over a two course lunch, would enjoy a chat or to take part in a quiz or listen to an occasional speaker then contact Dunstable Town Council for an application form on 01582 513000 or email sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk



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Spotlight On...

Council Volunteers

To celebrate National Volunteers' Week from the 1 to 7 June, we have shone the spotlight on one of our volunteers Marian Sanderson. Marian runs the Pokémon Club every Tuesday (8.00 pm to 8.00 pm, school term times only) at Grove Corner.

What made you want to become a volunteer?

Pokémon Club was likely to close because the lady who previously ran it was going to have to stop due to family commitments. My son and many of his friends have a great time there and it seemed a shame to let it go, so another mum, Cathy, and I decided to try to keep it going.

For people who don't know, please can you explain a bit more about the Pokémon Club?

Most of the children who go to the club could explain better than me how it all works, but basically Pokémon is a Japanese phenomenon which has expanded to DS games and cards, among other things. The children come to the club to play against each other in both formats in relaxed surroundings. Snacks and drinks are available for sale as are Pokémon cards. Every couple of months John, who runs the Pokémon league (a national tournament) in the London area, comes and runs a tournament on a Sunday for anybody who is interested.

How long have you been a volunteer?

I have worked as a volunteer for Pokémon Club since September last year.

If you were to encourage others to volunteer, what would you say the best bits about it are?

Volunteering is full of opportunities both in terms of looking favourable on CVs and university/college applications. Volunteering can be hard to fit into everybody's already busy lives but when you see something happening that is making people happy, that just could not happen if there had to be a wage involved (which is all too often the case), that is a big reward. The children at Pokémon Club are a lovely bunch and Cathy and I really look forward to seeing them every Tuesday.

If you could volunteer to do anything or for anyone what would you do and why?

I would love to travel abroad and volunteer at some point, when my children are a bit older!

Which Pokémon character is your favourite and why?

I've always had a soft spot for Pikachu!



The Pokémon club has been running for many years why do you think it is so successful?

Pokémon is a very specific interest and children (and adults) are always pleased to find a venue where it is solely focused on. This is not a youth club! There are really not many of these clubs around and we have people travel quite far to join us. Also our members are a very friendly lot and make newcomers feel really welcome!

Do you volunteer anywhere else?

I help run a Young Leaders scouting group in Studham on alternate Fridays.

If people want to join the Pokémon club how do they join?

They can send me an email to mariansanderson@ntlworld.com with their details and I will get back to them. We'd love to see them.

If you would like to find out more on how to go about volunteering contact the Volunteer Centre in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, phone 01525 850559 or e-mail volunteer@action-centralbeds.org.uk. For opportunities at Dunstable Town Council please contact Sandy Coyle on 01582 891408.

Dunstable Town Guides

'Promoting the heritage of Dunstable'

The Dunstable Town Guides offer walks and talks on the heritage of Dunstable for your clubs and societies, and scouting, guiding and school groups. Contact Booking Secretary dunstablehg@gmail.com

Public guided heritage walks and ghost walks are also led by Dunstable Town Guides. The Dunstable Town Guides are supported by Dunstable Town Council.

What's on this Summer?

Guided Public Walks

Tickets cost £5 and need to be booked in advance from Priory House Heritage Centre 01582-891420, opening times 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays)

Saturday, 21 June, 6.00 pm

Summer Solstice Ghost Walk – meet at Priory Church

Saturday, 5 July, 11.00 am

Discover the Hidden Priory – meet at Priory House

Sunday, 20 July, 11.00 am

Dunstable's History and Heritage – meet at Priory House

Saturday, 2 August, 11.00 am

Discover the Hidden Priory – meet at Priory House

Saturday, 16 August, 11.00 am

Dunstable's History and Heritage – meet at Priory House

Sunday, 14 September, 11.00 am

Inns of Dunstable – meet at Priory House

Ghost Walk dates will be publicised in the next issue of Talk of the Town. Tea Time Tales with refreshments held at Priory House on alternate Thursday afternoons is another event organised by the Dunstable Town Guides. A leaflet giving the topics and dates of the talks is available from Priory House Heritage Centre.



Volunteers with Dunstable Town Mayor at the launch of Dunstable in Bloom

Volunteers Brighten our Town

Many of our readers will have noticed the wonderful new daffodil and narcissus bulb displays dotted around the town this spring and I am sure many of you will agree that they help to brighten up our town. As part of the town's 'Dunstable in Bloom' campaign, Promoting Dunstable secured funding from the Dunstable Joint Committee to purchase 24,000 narcissus bulbs. These were then distributed to local organisations, community groups, schools, churches and volunteers to plant in public places. Planting took place last October and a good number of the bulbs were also planted directly by the 'Dunstable in Bloom' team. We all enjoyed the results of their labours this spring. Thank you to all the groups and volunteers who took part.



Dunstable Cemetery - Charter for the Bereaved

Dunstable Town Council has retained its Charter for the Bereaved status for Dunstable Cemetery for 2014 and has moved from Bronze to Silver standard. The Charter scheme is administered by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management and sets standards of service which the Council is encouraged to adhere to when delivering burial and bereavement services. The Council has satisfied the Institute that it complies with the charter rights connected with funeral and burial services. Readers can be assured that Dunstable Town Council are committed to providing excellent cemetery and burial services designed to meet the needs of people using Dunstable Cemetery.

Planting for Gold

2014 marks the 50th anniversary of the Britain in Bloom campaign and to celebrate this and launch this year's Dunstable in Bloom campaign local volunteers and Council staff came together to plant a new flower border in Grove House Gardens.

The border has been planted using yellow and golden pollinator-friendly flowers. The Mayor and Mayoress of Dunstable, Councillor John and Mrs Ann Chatterley were on hand to plant the first few plants and the Dunstable in Bloom team from Promoting Dunstable worked alongside some of the Council staff from Grove House to complete the planting in just one morning.

Local residents are encouraged to plant similar plants in their gardens this year to encourage pollinating insects and a list of suitable plants for people to use can be found at www.rhs.org.uk/britaininbloomlaunch

Help Make Dunstable Bloom in 2014

The Best Front Garden competition was a great success last year and Promoting Dunstable in partnership with the Town Council will be running a number of horticultural competitions again in 2014. The competitions this year will include:

- Best Front Garden**
- Best Container Display in a Front Garden**
- Best Hanging Basket in a Front Garden**
- Tallest Sunflower Competition**
- Best Licensed Premises Floral Display**
- Best Allotment**
- Best School Garden**

Judging will take place from mid-July onwards and the winners will be announced and presented with trophies at an evening award ceremony on 17 September 2014 at Weatherfield Academy. Winners will receive shields and certificates.

You can enter more than one competition and if you would like to take part please return the feedback slip at the back of Talk of The Town. Please fill in your name, address, telephone number and email address and mark the slip with the name of the competitions that you wish to enter. Alternatively, you can enter by emailing your information to john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk

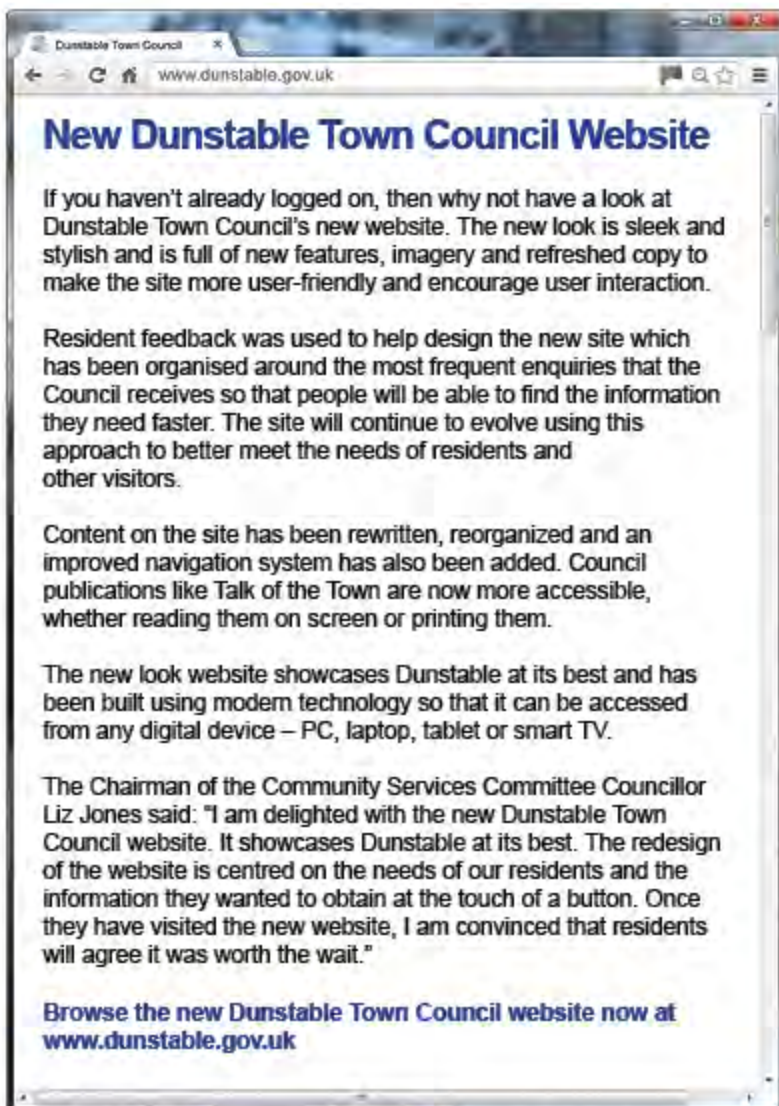
The closing date for entries is 5.00 pm on Friday 4 July 2014.

Council and Committee Meetings

Copies of the agendas for all meetings are available for inspection 3 days beforehand at Grove House, Priory House (Tourist Information Centre) and Dunstable Library or via the Council's website www.dunstable.gov.uk. All meetings commence at 7.00 pm and are held at Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable unless otherwise stated, and all are open to the public. Members of the public are welcome to ask questions about matters being considered at the meetings. Advance notice is required by the previous working day and further information is available from the Council's Head of Finance and Support Services at rosemary.osullivan@dunstable.gov.uk.

Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below:

02/06/2014	Community Services Committee	12/08/2014	Plans Sub-Committee
09/06/2014	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee	21/08/2014	Accts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
10/06/2014	Plans Sub-Committee	02/09/2014	Plans Sub-Committee
16/06/2014	Finance & General Purposes Committee	18/09/2014	Accts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
19/06/2014	Accts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm	08/09/2014	Community Services Committee
26/06/2014	Dunstable Joint Committee (<i>Welling House</i>)	15/09/2014	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee
30/06/2014	COUNCIL	22/09/2014	Finance & General Purposes Committee
01/07/2014	Plans Sub-Committee	23/09/2014	Plans Sub-Committee
22/07/2014	Plans Sub-Committee	25/09/2014	Dunstable Joint Committee (<i>Welling House</i>)
24/07/2014	Accts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm	06/10/2014	COUNCIL
24/07/2014	Personnel Sub-Committee		



New Dunstable Town Council Website

If you haven't already logged on, then why not have a look at Dunstable Town Council's new website. The new look is sleek and stylish and is full of new features, imagery and refreshed copy to make the site more user-friendly and encourage user interaction.

Resident feedback was used to help design the new site which has been organised around the most frequent enquiries that the Council receives so that people will be able to find the information they need faster. The site will continue to evolve using this approach to better meet the needs of residents and other visitors.

Content on the site has been rewritten, reorganized and an improved navigation system has also been added. Council publications like Talk of the Town are now more accessible, whether reading them on screen or printing them.

The new look website showcases Dunstable at its best and has been built using modern technology so that it can be accessed from any digital device – PC, laptop, tablet or smart TV.

The Chairman of the Community Services Committee Councillor Liz Jones said: "I am delighted with the new Dunstable Town Council website. It showcases Dunstable at its best. The redesign of the website is centred on the needs of our residents and the information they wanted to obtain at the touch of a button. Once they have visited the new website, I am convinced that residents will agree it was worth the wait."

Browse the new Dunstable Town Council website now at www.dunstable.gov.uk

Town Mayor of Dunstable Councillor Terry Stock Forthcoming Planned Events

Monday 23 June

Charity Welcome Dinner

7.30 pm, Curry Garden, Katherine Drive, Dunstable

Saturday 5 July

Charity Coffee Morning

10.00 am – 12 noon, Council Chamber, Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable

Monday 14 July

'Lest We Forget' Production

7.00 pm, The Little Theatre, High Street South, Dunstable

Friday 19 September

Race Night

7.30 pm, St Mary's Social Hall, West Street, Dunstable

Thursday 16 October

Golf Day

All Day, Dunstable Downs Golf Club, Whipsnade Road, Dunstable

Sunday 9 November

Remembrance Sunday

11.00 am, Priory Gardens and Priory Church

Invitations and more details will be available on the Town Council's website nearer the dates. In the meantime, for any further information please contact Michele Markus on 01582 891408 or email michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk



Services Dunstable Town

Council Provides For You

Grounds and Environmental Services

Cemetery Management

Maintenance of grounds, grave preparation, burial and memorial arrangements
Dunstable Cemetery, West Street, Dunstable LU6 1PD
01582 891426 | cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk

Parks and Open Spaces

Maintenance of grounds and pitches, litter picking, dog bins, grass cutting
Freephone 0800 013 0350 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

Allotments

Plot lettings and maintenance of sites
01582 891426 | allotments@dunstable.gov.uk

Play Areas

Maintenance, inspections and cleansing
Freephone 0800 013 0350 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

Town Centre Maintenance

Maintenance of raised beds, grassed areas and floral displays
01582 513000 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

Maintenance of Priory & Grove House Gardens

Grounds maintenance, litter picking, dog bins
01582 891413 | john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk

Town Ranger

Cleaning up the public places in Dunstable
Freephone 0800 013 0350

Mayoral and Democratic Services

Remembrance Day Parade and Service, Mayor's Charity Events, Civic Services, Democratic Representation
01582 891404 | michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk

Main Council Reception 01582 513000

Community Services

Town Centre Management

Economic regeneration, Christmas lights, Ashton Square public toilets and Dunstable Market (Market operates Wednesday, Friday and Saturday)
01582 891405 | clare.brett@dunstable.gov.uk

Events Programme including:

Dunstable Live, Fireworks, Party in the Park, Dunstable Rocks!
01582 891406 | lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk

Priory House

Heritage Centre, Tourist Information Centre, functions, tea rooms and gift shop
Priory House Heritage Centre, 33 High St South, Dunstable LU6 3RZ
01582 891420 | prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk

Grove Corner Young People's Centre

76a High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1NF
01582 891434 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

The Mayfield Centre

Community drop-in, learning opportunities, advice, information and guidance, homework drop-in
Mayfield Centre, Mayfield Road, Dunstable LU5 4AP
01582 670695 | cathy.carty@dunstable.gov.uk

Voluntary Sector Support (grants)

01582 513000 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

Older People's Support Service

Good Companions day care, dan, CPCFC Lunch Club
01582 513000 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

Creasey Park Community Football Centre

Full size artificial and grass pitches, function room hire, licensed bar, BMX track
Creasey Park Drive, Dunstable LU6 1BB
01582 891433 or 07712 861618 | cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk

For any queries relating to Council Tax, Housing Benefits, Refuse or Highways please contact Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8000 or email customer.services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

For more information about services provided by Dunstable Town Council visit www.dunstable.gov.uk

TALK TOWN

Feedback Form

We would appreciate your comments on the services we provide.

Please enter your comments in the area to the right and return your slip to Grove House or fax to 01582 890606.

Return your comment slip to:
Dunstable Town Council, Grove House,
76 High St North, Dunstable,
Bedfordshire LU6 1NF

Your comments:

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Please enter your details so that we may respond to your comments:

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Thank you for submitting your comments, the information will be used by Dunstable Town Council for developing services and marketing purposes and will not be sold to any other organisation. Your details are strictly confidential. The data protection act 1998 guarantees that the information you have provided will only be used for the correct purposes. If you do not want to receive any additional information from Dunstable Town Council please tick this box.

