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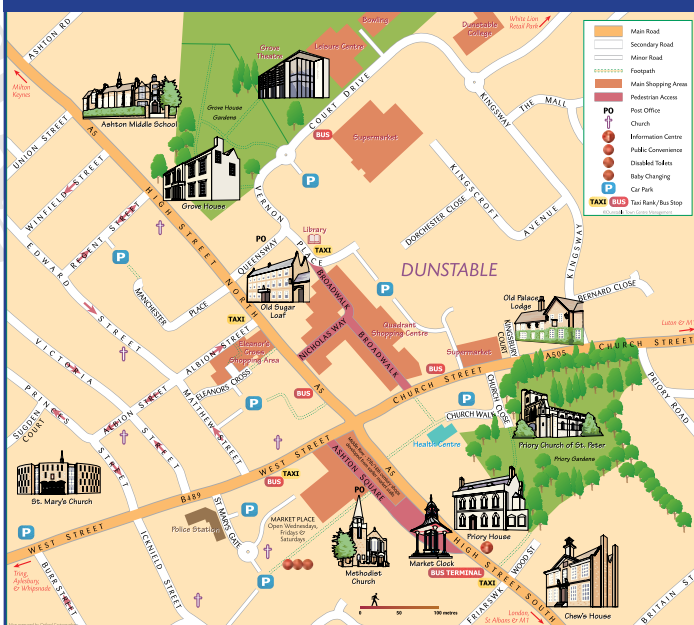


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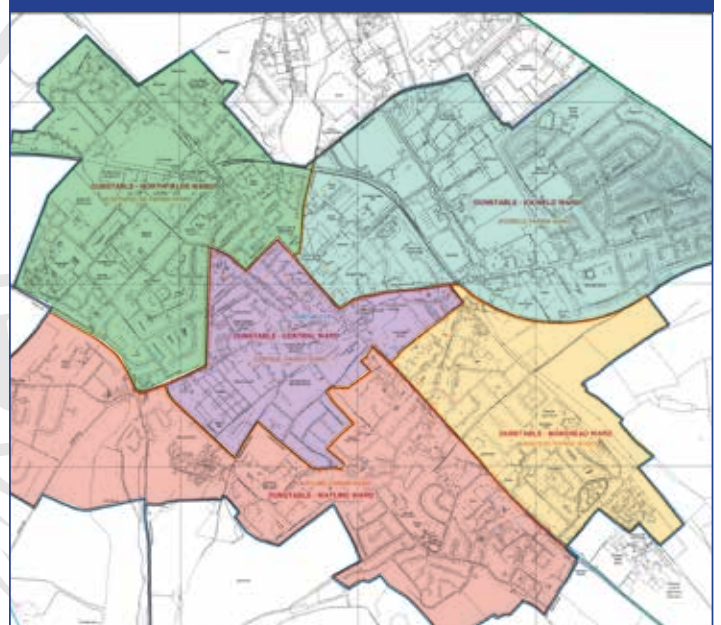


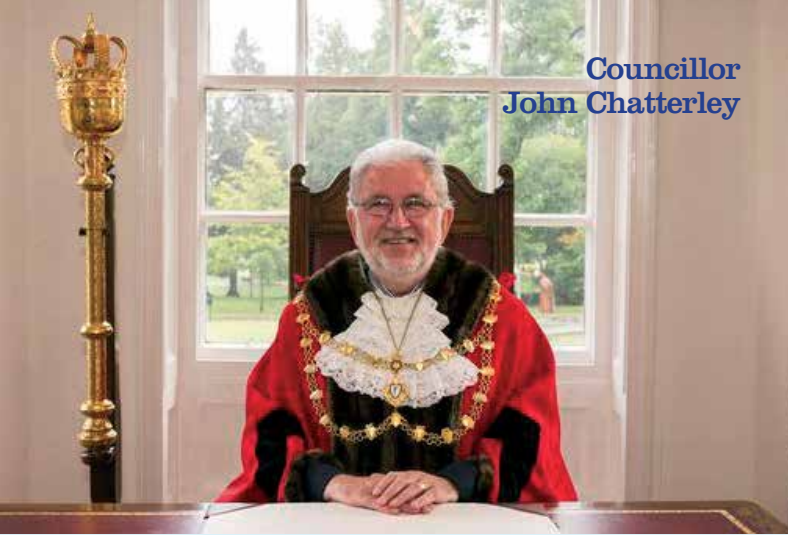
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DUNSTABLE TOWN CENTRE



DUNSTABLE WARDS MAP





The Mayor's Message

During my first few months as Town Mayor, it has been an honour and a pleasure to represent the town in visiting schools, organisations and businesses. I have met some terrific people, people who make Dunstable great.

What a fantastic "Summer of Music"....I have thoroughly enjoyed the weekend afternoon band concerts but for me the jewel in the crown must be the music extravaganzas...Dunstable Live, Party in the Park and Dunstable Rocks – events that have been enjoyed by thousands.

Our parks, open spaces and gardens continue to enhance the town and the recognition given at the recent Anglia in Bloom awards is a credit to everyone involved. The Promoting Dunstable sub group Dunstable in Bloom have worked with Dunstable Town Council, businesses and residents to ensure that we are "Bloomin' Good" with our gardens and green spaces.

Our town has a rich and interesting heritage and thanks must go to the Medieval Dunstable team, historians, archaeologists, churches and schools who have worked together under the banner of "Promoting Dunstable" to research the full medieval story of the town from 1100-1540. The closing service celebrating the dedication of the Augustinian Priory 800th anniversary is on 20 October at 4.30 pm. We are also pleased to welcome our friends from our twin towns of Porz am Rhein and Bourgoin Jallieu to join us for this celebratory weekend.

Our young people have been kept busy during the summer holiday period with youth organisations throughout the town excelling in providing numerous activities for young people, including a full programme of activities organised by the Community and Young Peoples Services team.

Dare I say it but the build up to Christmas is starting – seems to start earlier every year – but exciting times ahead with plenty of festive events and I hope very much that you will be able to join me and other Members of the Council at the Torchlight Carol Service on the Square.

There are many great things happening with opportunities all around us and I hope that you will be able to take advantage of some of our forthcoming events and activities.

I am sure that in these difficult economic times and the challenges we may face in the future, together with your support, the Members and Officers at Dunstable Town Council will continue to maximise efforts to continually add value to Dunstable.

I hope that you will continue to give feedback on the various services and activities as we are always keen to hear your views – either via email to info@dunstable.gov.uk or by using the feedback form.

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Welcome

to the autumn edition of Talk of the Town

Welcome to this important edition of Talk of the Town. At the end of this year the Town Council will be adopting a new Corporate Plan that will set out what the key priorities are for the Council and what will be the key aspirations for the Council over the next 3 years. The Council is keen to get residents' views on its aspirations so please visit our website (www.dunstable.gov.uk) to help with our consultation on this important document.

Dunstable Town Council is always focused on service improvement that helps make Dunstable a better place and in this edition the Council is very proud and pleased to be reporting on our 'QUEST' recognition at Creasey Park Community Football Centre, the retention of Green Flags for Grove House Gardens and Priory Gardens and our recently announced achievement of another gold medal in the 'Anglia in Bloom' larger town category. Such awards and external recognition of what the Council does for Dunstable helps demonstrate value for money to the town's council tax payers.

To further evidence what the Town Council does for Dunstable, this edition also features the new arrival of BT Sport at Creasey Park Community Football Centre, the launch of a new medieval exhibition and audio guides at Priory House to help celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Augustinian Priory, the launch of a new 'Pop-Up Shop in Middle Row as well as the completion of the preservation of the historic wall paintings at Priory House.

I hope everyone enjoyed the very well attended 'Summer of Music' festival. I have certainly never seen the crowds so big and for those of you that prefer more sedate entertainment then can I please encourage a visit to Priory House to enjoy our increasingly popular afternoon tea offer.

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.

Happy reading!

David Ashlee
Dunstable Town Clerk and Chief Executive

NOTICEBOARD

News and updates from your Council, keeping you abreast of the latest local information...

Corporate Plan 2014-16

Dunstable Town Council is currently putting together the Corporate Plan for 2014 to 2016 and we would love to hear from you.

Do you agree with our priorities and proposed actions?

Are our priorities for the town shared by you?

Have we missed out something that you think we should be doing for the town?

A draft document is now on our website that you can view at www.dunstable.gov.uk or email your comments to: info@dunstable.gov.uk or write to Dunstable Town Council, Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 1NF

Do you want your photo on the front cover of Talk of the Town?

Dunstable Town Council has launched a fantastic photo competition. The competition is open to all ages and the photos have to be in or of Dunstable. Full terms and conditions are available at www.dunstable.gov.uk.

All entries will be judged before the top 10 will be shown on our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/DunstableCouncil.com

Then it's up to you to vote by 'liking' your favourite one. The photo with the most 'likes' at the end of the competition will be the winner and will be the front cover of our November edition of Talk of the Town.

Send in your photo by **5 pm on Friday 11 October**.

You can e-mail your photo to lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk or send it to **Dunstable Town Council, 76 High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1LN**. For further details and terms and conditions visit www.dunstable.gov.uk

Social Media Links

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

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-  Facebook/grovecornerdunstable
-  @dunstabletc
-  @dunstabletown
-  @prioryhouse
-  @dunstableevents
-  @creaseypark



A Free Guided Walk

To celebrate the launch of the new book available at Priory House edited by Jean Yates, come and enjoy a free guided walk by the Dunstable Town Guides of 'Medieval Dunstable and its Hidden Priory'.

You will be greeted by the Town Mayor on Saturday 28 September, Saturday 5 October and Saturday 12 October. The walk starts at 11 am by the entrance to the Tourist Information Centre at Priory House. The final walk of the season will be on Saturday 19 October.

For more information call Priory House on 01582 891420 or visit www.dunstable.gov.uk

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Monday to Friday



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Keeping you abreast of town centre news, initiatives and developments



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PopUp Britain Launches PopUp Dunstable

An empty shop in Dunstable is to host a unique initiative aimed at creating the high street entrepreneurs of the future.

PopUp Britain, the retail arm of national enterprise campaign StartUp Britain is to open PopUp Dunstable in Ashton Square, and is looking for local online retail start-ups to take part.

The shop is the first of its kind in Beds, Herts and Bucks and will open in October 2013.

Emma Jones, StartUp Britain co-founder, said: "Our aim is to give the growing number of online retail start-ups a chance to test out their products in a physical high street environment, talking to their customers face-to-face and getting a feel for demand."

"Our shops not only provide a new shopping experience in the short term, and a buzz to the high street, they also bring a meaningful boost to the local economy for the long term."

"Initiatives like PopUp Britain go to the heart of our mission – to work towards developing an economically and socially vibrant community in a sustainable environment."

The pop-up shop will run for three months and new start-up retailers will regularly share the space for between two and four weeks. The shop has the capacity to house four start-ups, co-working and co-funding the space at a time. Retailers will range from fashion to home wares, to unique handmade gifts and chocolates.

The shops reflect the trend that more than 70% of businesses are now started and run from home by people with a passion for what they do. According to a recent Government report into business, 95.5% of all British businesses are micro businesses, employing 7.8 million people and contributing 20% of private sector turnover.

The day-to-day running of the shop will be the responsibility of Dunstable Town Council.

Cllr Terry Colbourne, Vice Chairman of Dunstable Joint Committee, stated: "PopUp Dunstable is an exciting opportunity for small businesses that don't have a presence on Dunstable's High Street to give it a go at minimum cost and risk, and Dunstable Town Council is proud to be leading on this. I would encourage anybody who runs a small business, be it from home or on the internet, to give this a try."

Local businesses interested in taking part should call 01582 513000 or email info@dunstable.gov.uk or go to www.popupbritain.com/apply

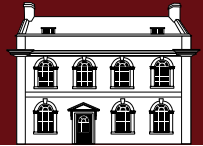
The shop will be located at 3 Ashton Square, so why not pop in when you're next in town?





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Priority House News



New Medieval Exhibition

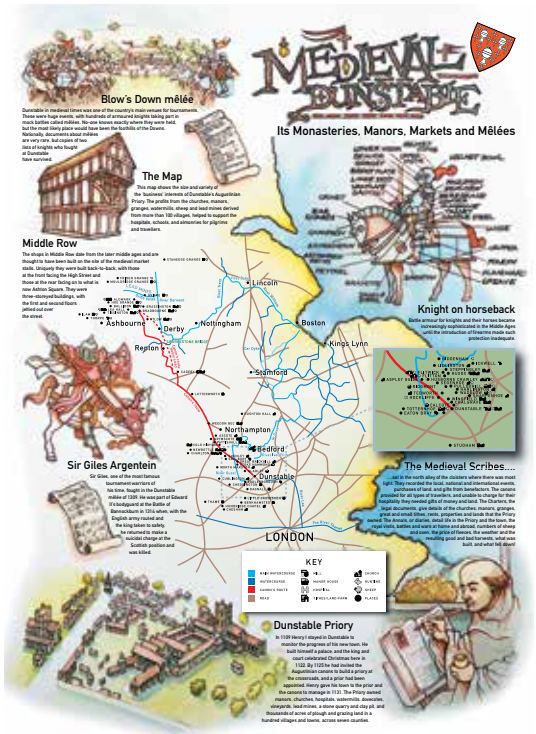
Follow the history of Dunstable throughout the medieval period and discover previously unknown information about the history of our town.

With the help of the Heritage Medieval Lottery Funding we have been able to research the history of the Priory with the use of the translated Prior's Annals and discover a new side of Dunstable during medieval times. The exhibition gives you the inside scoop on the tournaments that were held at Blows Down, the market and how it developed, the many manors and land that were owned by the Priory and the feud that raged between the monasteries. Full of fun facts and interesting stories, the exhibition is suitable for all ages.

The accompanying book *'Medieval Dunstable, its Monasteries, Manors, Markets, and Mêlées'* is also now available to purchase at Priory House.

Discover new facts about Dunstable, the mêlées and tournaments, the Dominican friary and the size and importance of the Augustinian priory with this brand new book, researched and written by local authors. The scale of the priory's power, lands and business interests across more than a hundred villages and towns in six counties are also all recorded in the book.

There is also a DVD included with pictures and photographs of the various places mentioned within the pages, and an audio copy of the Gregorian chant that took place at the priory earlier in the year. All this for only £12.50. A poster detailing the villages and towns across the six counties where the Augustinian Priory of Dunstable had their main interests has been commissioned and is also on sale for £3.75.



Dunstable's Hidden Augustinian Priory



Audio Guides Available at Priory House

With the help of the National Lottery Heritage fund, local historians have been able to unveil the details of the Augustinian Priory hidden beneath the soil for the last 500 years.

Together with the University of Bedfordshire, these details have been put together to form a story that will captivate your attention.

Either individually or as a group of up to eight people, listen as the story unfolds and be transported back in time to 1461. Experience the sounds of the Canon's chanting, the bustling kitchen and the day to day life within the court yard of the Priory.

The audio guides are now available to hire for a nominal charge of £2.50 (and a refundable cash deposit of £10) from the Priory House Heritage Centre. The tour takes approximately one hour; therefore to ensure that you are able to fully enjoy your experience at your leisure, you are advised to begin your tour by 2:45 pm at the latest.

To avoid disappointment it is also possible to book a slot. Please contact Priory House Tourist Information Centre for more details (01582 891420) or visit www.dunstable.gov.uk

Once you have completed your tour why not treat yourself to some refreshment in our award-winning Priory House Tea Rooms where a selection of speciality teas and homemade cakes await you?

Wall Painting Improvements

Sadly, viewing the beautiful Elizabethan Wall Painting in Priory House has not been the easiest thing to do due to the reflections on the protective glass covering it. However, thanks to the Friends of Priory House and Gardens securing Heritage Lottery funding, all that is about to change.

Cliveden Conservation have been working on the painting throughout the summer; the glass and frames have been removed and the painting itself has undergone a thorough examination under ultra violet light and had some very delicate remedial work carried out. The next stage is reframing and glazing the paintings with a reduced reflective UV protective material, and then it will be able to be seen and enjoyed by all.

If you would like to learn more of the history of the painting and its national historical importance, then keep an eye out for a series of talks on the subject which will be organised by the Friends of Priory House and Gardens over the coming months, or check their website www.friendsofprioryhouse.co.uk

We've Got Christmas Down to a Tea



With less than 100 days until Christmas, it's time to start thinking about that extra special gift. Why not choose a Christmas Afternoon Tea at the Priory House Tea Rooms? Three courses of seasonal sandwiches and homemade savouries, scones and cakes washed down with our very own Dunstable Tea. There are a wide variety of Dunstable Teas to choose from including our brand new 'Prince George' tea released to celebrate the birth of the new prince. For more information contact Priory House on 01582 891420 or visit www.dunstable.gov.uk

Young DUNSTABLE

News for the young in our community

Autumn Half Term

FREE family arts and craft sessions suitable for families with children aged 5 and over will take place during the autumn half term holiday. The Mayfield Centre will hold a spooky Halloween themed activity on Tuesday 29 October and Creasey Park Community Football Centre will host a Bonfire themed activity on Friday 1 November both 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm. For more information contact Sandy Coyle on (01582) 891408 or visit www.dunstable.gov.uk



Summer Activities

Dunstable Town Council's Summer Activities programme went with even more of a bounce this year, with not one but two inflatable days. Employees of Scottish and Southern Electricity organised and staffed a number of bouncy castles that children enjoyed for free, and our usual big inflatable day attracted a large number of families despite the wet start to the event.

Children and young people also enjoyed a great array of sports such as Martial Art Mondays, Football Fridays and professional tennis coaching. Those of a more artistic nature took part in jewellery making, street art, cake decorating and helped to shape the new folklore for Dunstable by making wind objects with Creative Bedfordshire.



Other highlights included story telling with the Library Service alongside bug hunting, clay modelling and den building. The National Trust helped out with kite making on Dunstable Downs. There was even a ghost walk led by the Dunstable Town Guides, and families also enjoyed some free arts and craft sessions in a number of venues.

Many activities were booked up very quickly, so don't be disappointed next year and remember to book up early.

Radio Project and Event Report

It has been a great summer for young people who like media and music, with two fantastic projects both called The Mix. The first project gave 10 young people who were interested in radio, the opportunity to work with local company Schools Radio Network. They learnt the tricks of the trade in making broadcasts, including developing new skills such as interviewing. They then put the skills into action by interviewing artists performing at The Mix event at Party in the Park. The radio shows were broadcast on Friday evenings on Schools Radio Network at 9.00 pm.

The Mix event was held in a giant marquee at this year's Party in the Park and was strictly for the 13 to 18 age group. Young people enjoyed live music from local bands such as Barricade, The Wasted and London Lights, as well as an acoustic set from Nadeem Leigh who appeared on this year's The Voice. A number of young people who regularly attend Grove Corner, volunteered both in the lead up to the event by helping to arrange auditions, and in making sure the day went smoothly by taking on tasks such as stage management and taking photographs.



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FIREWORKS DISPLAY

TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER
CREASEY PARK

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CENTRE
CREASEY PARK DRIVE, DUNSTABLE LU6 1BB

6.30 PM - GATES OPEN

7.30 PM - GATES CLOSE

**8.00 PM - FIREWORK
DISPLAY STARTS**

**PLUS FUN FAIR RIDES,
FOOD AND MUSIC**

ADULTS - £3.00

CHILDREN (16YRS & UNDER) - £2.00

FAMILY TICKET

(2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN) - £9.00

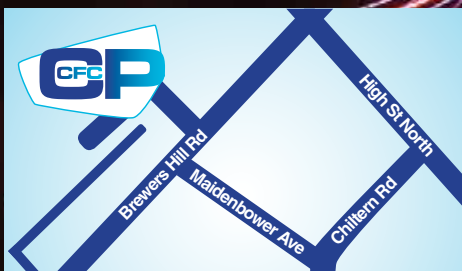
CONCESSIONS (60YRS & OVER) - £2.00

UNDER 5YRS - FREE

(No unaccompanied children under 14 years)



**6.45 PM
TO 7.30 PM
MEET
FIREMAN
SAM!**



For further information contact
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or visit www.dunstable.gov.uk

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Another Successful Summer of Fantastic Free Events!

2013 saw the best year yet for our events programme. Dunstable Live, Party in the Park and Dunstable Rocks had record attendance. The sun shone at all three events which have been branded the best year yet! The theme for Dunstable Live was Ska and Reggae, which proved to be a big hit for the people of Dunstable. The theme for 2014's event is still to be decided. If you have a suggestion for the next theme or any other acts you would like to see then please e-mail Lisa Vincent on lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk. We thank you for your continued support for our events programme and we look forward to seeing you all at the fireworks display on Tuesday 5 November at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. If you would like to be kept up to date with all the events then follow @dunstableevents on Twitter, or 'Like' Dunstable Town Council on Facebook.





Dunstable Remembers

Dunstable remembers the men and women of the town who gave their lives in the two World Wars. This year's Remembrance Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 10 November 2013.

The parade of the town's ex-service and uniformed organisations will assemble in Grove House Gardens (at the rear of Grove House) at 10.15 am and will then march to the War Memorial in Priory Gardens, via High Street North to the crossroads and traffic lights, then down High Street South (A5) to Priory House where the Town Mayor will take the salute. The parade will then form up at the memorial for the Act of Remembrance and wreath-laying ceremony at 11.00 am. At the end of the ceremony everyone is invited to attend a short Service of Remembrance in the Priory Church.

There will also be a short service at the War Memorial to mark Armistice Day on Monday 11 November at 11.00 am.

Members of the public are most welcome to take part in Dunstable's Act of Remembrance. Dunstable Town Council are once again keen to involve as many young people of the town as possible and would like to encourage representatives from schools in the town to take part in the parade and wreath laying.

For further information please contact Michele Markus on 01582 891404 or email michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk



Town Mayor of Dunstable Councillor John Chatterley Planned Charity Events

in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support**,
Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation
and **Bedfordshire Youth Association**

Forthcoming Mayor's charity events are as follows:

Friday 4 October

Charity Thai Evening

7.30 pm

Chiangmai City Thai Restaurant, High Street North

Monday 7 October

Afternoon Tea with the Town Mayor

2.00 to 3.30 pm

Priory House Tea Rooms, High Street South

Thursday 10 October

Charity Golf Day

All Day

Dunstable Downs Golf Club

Monday 4 November

Afternoon Tea with the Town Mayor

2.00 to 3.30 pm

Priory House Tea Rooms, High Street South

Wednesday 13 November

Charity Dinner with Entertainment

Ivory Lounge, High Street North

Friday 15 November

Charity Race Night

7.00 pm

St Mary's Social Club, West Street

Monday 2 December

Afternoon Tea with the Town Mayor

2.00 to 3.30 pm

Priory House Tea Rooms, High Street South

Friday 13 December

Christmas Social

7.30 pm

Council Chamber, Grove House

For further information please contact
Michele Markus on 01582 891404 or email
michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk



Older People's Services

A Summer Trip to Southend

In early July, 42 users of both the Good Companions Club and the Creasey Park Community Football Centre over 55s Lunch Club enjoyed a lovely day out at Southend on Sea. This was a great opportunity for users of both clubs to meet and get to know each other. It soon became apparent that some already did!

Those less mobile didn't miss out on anything either as four of our wonderful volunteers made sure they enjoyed their day too by helping to push wheelchairs when required.

It was an early start, but we arrived in Southend by 11.00 am giving us all the chance to enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee before deciding on plans for the day.

Many people wandered around the marvellous shopping centre or along the pier, while others chose to sit quietly on the sea front and just enjoy the sun.

We were keeping our fingers crossed for good weather and it didn't let us down. It was a glorious day, the sun shone brightly and it was very warm – a good reason to enjoy a nice ice-cream in the afternoon before heading back to the coach for the journey home.

We arrived back in Dunstable around 7.00 pm very tired but having all enjoyed a lovely day. Margaret Carter, 82, from Dunstable said "It's been a brilliant day, and I have thoroughly enjoyed it from start to finish. The fish & chips were out of this world and I've loved every minute." Roll on next year!!

Mayfield Centre

The Mayfield Centre is located in the neighbourhood shopping area on Mayfield Road on the Downside estate. The friendly staff and volunteers offer a warm welcome to all residents of Dunstable and provide information, advice and guidance on all manner of things, such as benefit advice and sign posting to appropriate agencies. With a bank of six computers and free internet access, it is the ideal place to search online for jobs or housing. The computers can also be used to support you if you have returned to studying.

During school holidays The Mayfield Centre provides free family fun sessions, the next will be a Halloween themed arts and crafts event on Tuesday 29 October 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm.

For more information, contact The Mayfield Centre on 01582 670695 or visit www.dunstable.gov.uk



Creasey Park Over 55s Lunch Club

Members of the Creasey Park Over 55s Lunch Club have enjoyed a lovely summer of Thursday sessions with good food and even better company. The Fire Service visited and gave advice on fire safety in the home. Many enjoyed a keep fit session which helped burn off the extra calories of a delicious desert, and best bib and tucker was worn for the Lunch Club Garden Party on 29 August. Members joined the Good Companions for a day out at the sea side, where all enjoyed the good weather. But the best bit of all was the good humour and laughter shared amongst the members, staff and volunteers! For more information please contact Sandy Coyle or Elaine McGarrigle on (01582) 513000 or visit www.dunstable.gov.uk

DAN – Good Neighbour Scheme

Dunstable Action Network (DAN) Good Neighbour scheme continues to help Dunstable residents in need. A small but dedicated number of volunteers have taken people to the shops, hospital and doctors appointments, carried out odd jobs and offered friendship to those who cannot get out and about. If you are elderly or disabled and think you could benefit from some friendly support, or if you have a little time to spare and would like to help a local person in some way, please contact Sandy Coyle on 01582 513000 or email sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk for more information.



Presenting our
2013/14 season

God of Carnage - Yasmina Reza

Friday 27th September to Saturday 5th October 2013

The Rise and Fall of Little Voice - Jim Cartwright

Friday 22nd to Saturday 30th November 2013

The Lion in Winter - James Goldman

Friday 17th to Saturday 25th January 2014

Out of Order - Ray Cooney

Friday 14th to Saturday 22nd March 2014

Sleep No More - David Gillespie & Colin Wakefield

Wednesday 7th to Saturday 17th May 2014

Lest We Forget - A wartime revue

Friday 11th to Saturday 19th July 2014

Join us at our season launch party on **Sunday 1st September at 7.45pm** to find out more.

Little Theatre	Box office
High Street South	07940 105864
Dunstable	dunstableboxoffice@gmail.com
LU6 3SF	www.littletheatre.org.uk



It's Official! Dunstable is Bloomin' Lovely

Dunstable in Bloom is now in its fourth year and the town has achieved a Gold Medal in this year's Anglia in Bloom competition in the 'Large Town' category.

The Priory Gardens were nominated in the 'Best Public Open Space' section and Chiltern School Sensory Garden was nominated in the 'Best Garden for Special Needs' category, while Willow Nursery School was nominated in the section for the 'Best Young People's Project (aged 12 and under)'.

The winners and awards were announced at the Anglia in Bloom Awards ceremony on 10 September 2013 in St Albans and the Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor John Chatterley, was on hand to collect the awards. Local volunteers from Promoting Dunstable also attended the ceremony and were delighted with the awards recognising their hard work and commitment to the Dunstable in Bloom campaign.

The Dunstable in Bloom team are already planning next year's entry and if you would like to support the team or have an environmental project that you would like to showcase please contact John Crawley on 01582 891413 or email john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk

Green Flag Status Retained

Dunstable has retained its Green Flags for both Priory and Grove House Gardens for the third year running, and that makes them among the best parks in the country.

The national award, handed out by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, recognises and rewards the best parks and green spaces across the country.

A Green Flag flying overhead is a sign to visitors that both the gardens boast the highest possible standards, are beautifully maintained, and have excellent facilities.

The awards provide national recognition for the hard work and dedication of all the grounds staff and volunteers who have helped to create these fantastic places for all to enjoy.



Creasey Park Community Football Centre Achieves Quest UK Quality Scheme Accreditation



**CREASEY KICKZ
FOOTBALL PARTIES**



BAR & FOOD



**FUNCTION
HIRE**



**CLUB
PRESENTATIONS**



PITCH HIRE



CORPORATE



Quest is a tool for continuous improvement, designed primarily for the management of leisure facilities and leisure development. Quest defines industry standards and good practice and encourages customer focused ongoing development and delivery.

Achieving Quest at the first attempt is a major achievement for any facility in the leisure industry. The centre and its staff have been rigorously assessed over two days as well as numerous mystery visits. The advantage of working to the Quest framework encourages best value, benchmarking of services across the country and a framework for continuous improvement, resulting in service enhancement increasing the benefits brought to the wider community.

Speaking of the award Councillor Terry Colbourne, Chairman of the Council's Grounds and Environmental Services Committee, said: "For Creasey Park Community Football Centre to secure Quest registration in only its second year of operation is a wonderful achievement. This award further demonstrates the Council's commitment to delivering high quality services to all residents and visitors to Dunstable".

Creasey Park kicks off the new season by signing up BT Sport



Creasey Park Community Football Centre is the ideal place for a Saturday full of live sport. Enjoy all the 38 live Premier League games kicking off at 12.45 pm; followed by watching Dunstable Town FC or AFC Dunstable, our two home clubs, at 3.00 pm. There is a widely stocked bar and catering facilities to complement our three large screen TVs. Please see our website for all the live Premiership games we will be showing, as well as all home fixtures for both first teams. www.dunstable.gov.uk/cpcfc/fixtures

Football Foundation recognises Creasey Park CFC as a model of best practice

The Football Foundation is the UK's largest sports charity. Funded by the Premier League, The FA and Central Government, their purpose is to improve facilities, create opportunities and build communities throughout England.

As part of the sports development plan, Creasey Park Community Football Centre has been subjected to regular assessments through the Football Foundations Monitoring and Evaluation process. The centre has been awarded 4 out of 5, "Very good, exceeding expectations" in its first assessment.

As a result of the facility performing so highly, the Football Foundation has requested that the project is put forward as a case study so that other projects will be able to benefit from the success of Creasey Park Community Football Centre.

For more information on any of these stories contact Creasey Park Community Football Centre on 01582 891433 or cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk

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Priory House Tea Rooms

In this edition of Talk of the Town, we shine the spotlight on Jackie Carrington. Jackie works in Priory House Tea Rooms as a kitchen/waiting assistant. Lisa Vincent found out a little more about what it's like working in the Priory House Tea Rooms.

You have been working in Priory House Tea Rooms for two and a half years now, what do you like the most about your job?

Every day is different. In any one day I can be making homemade cakes, serving afternoon tea or working in the kitchen.

Priory House Tea Rooms have launched 'Dunstable Tea' in partnership with The Tea Consultancy. What involvement did you have in selecting the range of teas for Dunstable Tea?

We had training from Malcolm Ferris-Lay to help broaden our knowledge of tea and how to serve it. We also had tea tasting sessions and shared our own opinions of which tea types and blends to choose for Dunstable Tea.

In your role you must meet a lot of people. Do you have any funny stories you can share?

I do meet a lot of characters in my job. I also organise the Priory Pudding Nights on a Thursday evening, where we enjoy desserts, puddings and cakes, and one gentleman asked if he could have a steak and kidney one!

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I help run and organise a children's entertainment group called Dolly Mixtures with my mother. We do variety shows in residential homes, hospices and hospitals locally and in Herts, Bucks and London.

What comments have you heard from your customers about Priory House Tea Rooms?

The comments we receive are always very good. Not only do we have lovely comments in the Tea Rooms, but also on Trip Advisor. While I am on the Dunstable Market stall on the first Wednesday of the month, I usually have local people coming up and telling me what good experiences and service they have received at the Tea Rooms.



Jackie Carrington

I hear you like making cakes to sell in Priory House Tea Rooms. What is your favourite cake, and what is the favourite cake of customers?

This is a difficult question. My personal favourite cake is a lemon meringue cupcake. Our customers favourite seems to be the Earl Grey cupcake made from our own Dunstable Tea.

What is the most popular item on the menu at Priory House Tea Rooms?

Probably our homemade shortbread, as each hot drink is served with a chunk of it.

You must be very proud of Priory House Tea Rooms winning an award of Excellence from the Tea Guild. Can you tell our readers a bit more about Priory House Tea Rooms Afternoon Tea?

These are very popular they are taken in our Undercroft and usually last for about one and a half hours. Customers are treated to homemade hot savouries and a selection of finger sandwiches, ranging from roast beef to salmon. We then serve homemade warm scones with whipped cream and our very own homemade jam. Afterwards homemade cakes and pastries are served. Of course, if you can't manage to eat it all then we can box it up for you to take home. This is all served with any tea from our range of Dunstable Teas.

Can you tell us in less than fifty words why people should visit Priory House Tea Rooms?

It is excellent value for money, offering tradition, high standards of service and with a lovely atmosphere. Our menu is vast, the majority of it is homemade and we always have something new for the customer to try.

For more information contact Priory House on 01582 891420 or visit www.dunstable.gov.uk

Search for Priory House on



Council and Committee Meetings

Copies of the agendas for all meetings are available for inspection three 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 rosemary.osullivan@dunstable.gov.uk.

Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below:

07/10/2013	COUNCIL	13/01/2014	Grounds & Environmental Services Cttee
15/10/2013	Plans Sub-Cttee	14/01/2014	Plans Sub-Cttee
24/10/2013	Accts Sub-Cttee <i>5.30 pm</i>	20/01/2014	Finance & General Purposes Cttee
24/10/2013	Personnel Sub Committee	23/01/2014	Accts Sub-Cttee <i>5.30 pm</i>
04/11/2013	Community Services Cttee	23/01/2014	Personnel Sub Committee
05/11/2013	Plans Sub-Cttee	03/02/2014	COUNCIL
11/11/2013	Grounds & Environmental Services Cttee	04/02/2014	Plans Sub-Cttee
18/11/2013	Finance & General Purposes Cttee	20/02/2014	Accts Sub-Cttee <i>5.30 pm</i>
21/11/2013	Accts Sub-Cttee <i>5.30 pm</i>	25/02/2014	Plans Sub-Cttee
26/11/2013	Plans Sub-Cttee	03/03/2014	Community Services Cttee
02/12/2013	COUNCIL	10/03/2014	Grounds & Environmental Services Cttee
05/12/2013	Dunstable Joint Committee <i>Watling House</i>	13/03/2014	Dunstable Joint Committee <i>Watling House</i>
17/12/2013	Plans Sub-Cttee	17/03/2014	Finance & General Purposes Cttee
19/12/2013	Accts Sub-Cttee <i>5.30 pm</i>	18/03/2014	Plans Sub-Cttee
2014		20/03/2014	Accts Sub-Cttee <i>5.30 pm</i>
06/01/2014	Community Services Cttee	31/03/2014	Town Meeting (<i>Creasey Park</i>) <i>7.30 pm</i>

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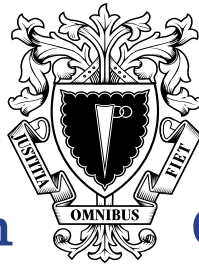
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Maintenance of grounds, grave preparation, burial and memorial arrangements
Dunstable Cemetery, West Street, Dunstable LU6 1PD
01582 891426 | cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk

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 and 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 Manager

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

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

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