

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

# TALK TOWN

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*'Helping make Dunstable a Better Place'*

# Christmas in Dunstable

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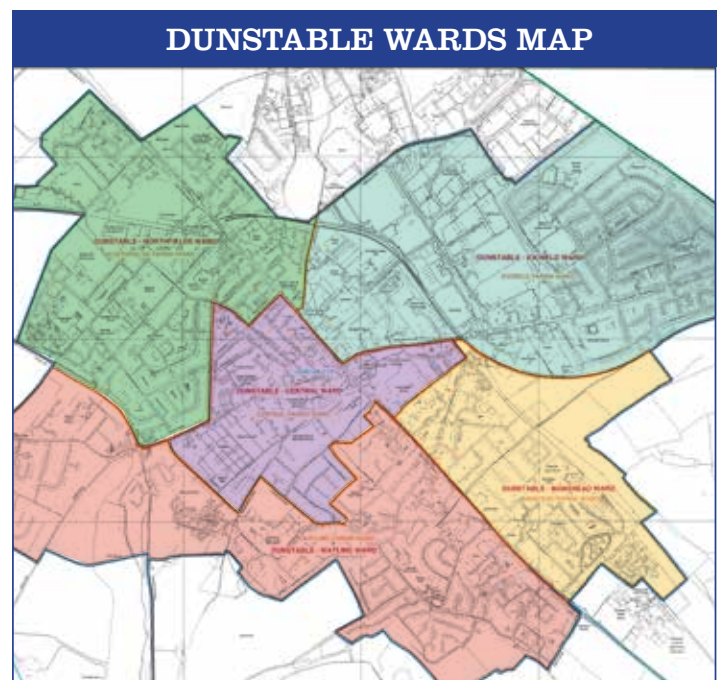
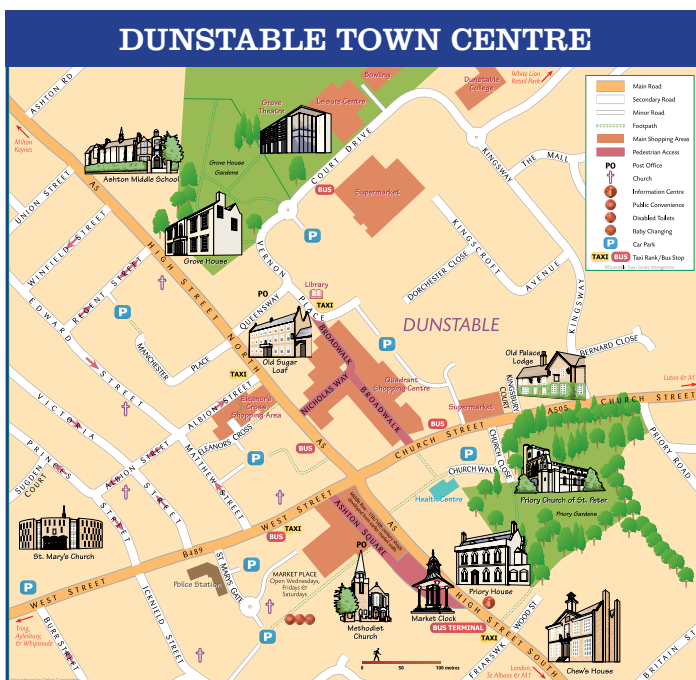
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# Welcome



## The Town Mayor

**Councillor Terry Stock**

As I write this Autumn has well and truly begun, however, our parks and gardens could do with the rain. Hopefully my Mayoral duties will be more indoors than out as was the case in August and September.

We continue to meet very interesting people and do unusual things; here are just one or two items from a long, but enjoyable list of engagements. Recently I was warding off evil spirits from the new Quadrant Care Residential home in Church Street, by performing the 'Topping Out' ceremony (placing the last tile on the roof). Not every day is one hoisted thirty feet into the air by scissor lift! The Mayoress and I were also privileged to attend the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Royal Anglian Regiment at RAF Duxford when new colours were presented by the Duke of Gloucester. Not only do serving soldiers parade, but also many of the regiment's veterans, and it is a stirring sight to see so many marching with such pride. A very good day that ended with Beating of the Retreat at the Regiment's Memorial. The town's run of success continues at the Anglia in Bloom Awards – the long drive to Gorleston-on-Sea was made worthwhile by the six nominations and one category win (Best Community Project – well done Incredible Edible) and I was pleased to accompany the Bloomers representatives as they received their certificates and awards. Well done everyone.

The town's recent events went very well – in particular our World War I day at Priory House and Gardens. The weather was not particularly kind, but we performed a small act of Remembrance, which I thought went well and reminded us of the hardships and effects of that Great War. The exhibition that accompanied that day is very interesting, containing, as it does, many artefacts and information supplied by local residents and I do urge you to visit it (and enjoy the tea rooms while you're there).

Thank you to all who attended the Charity Race Night – we raised a goodly sum for the appeal. There are some good things to come too and the Christmas Concert will go ahead on December 11, so I hope we can fill the Methodist Church.

Some good news for Dunstable which are new announcements as I write, but you will know all about them by the time this is distributed. Firstly, the link from the M1 to the Woodside Industrial area has cleared its last hurdle and will commence as planned. This will benefit all residents but especially those on the Eastern side of Dunstable (Poynters and Luton Roads very especially). Secondly, I understand that the police presence in Dunstable is to be strengthened by the stationing of further police officers operating from Dunstable Police Station. A very welcome development.

Now may I have a little rant? We have a 20mph blanket speed limit for the vast majority of roads in Dunstable – some may not like it, but it is a fact. The object of the exercise is obviously to reduce vehicle speeds, but it appears that there are a significant number of drivers determined to ignore it. Please don't do it – it is dangerous and anti-social and I certainly do not want to see accidents or 'traffic calming' measures due to the inconsideration of a minority.

Now that's off my chest, Christmas is on the horizon and as this is the last issue before the festive season may I wish you a very happy, safe and enjoyable Christmas.

*Councillor Stock*  
Dunstable Town Mayor



## David Ashlee

**Town Clerk and  
Chief Executive**

Welcome to the winter edition of Talk of the Town.

This edition features heavily on all that the Town Council is doing in the run up to Christmas and I encourage all readers to shop local and take advantage of everything that Priory House and Dunstable Market have to offer.

As well as delivering a range of really important quality of life services for the town, the Town Council also facilitates a range of partnership initiatives with other service providers, such as Central Bedfordshire Council. This edition highlights some of this work in the feature on 'Our Place', which is an initiative led by the Town Council aiming to improve services on the Downside Estate. The Council is very proud to have been successful in its bid to be part of this Department for Communities and Local Government scheme, which is being rolled out across the country.

This edition also features the Council's success in the annual 'In Bloom' awards and I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone involved in the 'Incredible Edible' scheme, on Katherine Drive, that was successful in winning the overall award for 'Best Local Community Project' in the Anglia Region.

I never cease to be amazed as to how many local residents have still not visited Priory House. Please make an effort to enjoy everything the heritage centre has to offer; be it the award-winning tea rooms, the gift shop or the wonderful exhibition commemorating the centenary of the First World War and how it impacted on Dunstable.

Finally, can I also take this opportunity to ask local residents to give their support to both Dunstable football clubs – AFC Dunstable and Dunstable Town FC – that have their home at Creasey Park? Both teams are doing well this season and Dunstable Town Football Club is competing for their third successive league victory and promotion.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Talk of the Town. We are currently running a survey on what residents think of this publication, please find further details on the 'Noticeboard' on page four of this issue. 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](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) or following us on Twitter and Facebook.

Happy reading!

*David Ashlee*  
Dunstable Town Clerk and Chief Executive

# NOTICEBOARD

## Dunstable's Journey Through **THE GREAT WAR** and Beyond



The WWI exhibition in Priory House Heritage Centre will be on display until March. If you haven't had a chance to visit yet then don't miss it. The exhibition focuses on Dunstable life during the war and brings home true stories from the front line. There is even a WWI Spy Mission for children. Opening hours are 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday.

For further information visit  
[www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

Alternatively, call Priory House  
on 01582 891420

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Monday to Friday



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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dunstable Town Council would like to wish everybody a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



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## Talk of the Town

We would really like to hear your feedback on our Talk of the Town Magazine. Do you like it? Do you find it informative? Any suggestions or changes?

Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DR9XY33> and take our quick survey.

Your views really do matter. If you don't have internet access please use the feedback form on the back of the magazine.



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# DESTINATION DUNSTABLE

Keeping you abreast of town centre news, initiatives and developments

## Christmas SHOPPING DUNSTABLE on market

### Free Parking for Seasonal Shopping at Dunstable Market

Dunstable Market offers a unique and traditional shopping experience located right in the heart of Dunstable. Goods on sale include gifts, plants and flowers, clothing, jewellery, toiletries perfumes, bags, sweets, mobile phone accessories and more. A range of fresh and freshly baked foods can also be purchased and you can even have your lunch on site!

If that isn't enough to tempt you to put the market top of your Christmas shopping destinations, there will also be FREE parking in Dunstable town centre, including in the Ashton Square Car Park where the market is located, on the following dates:

Saturday 29 November

Saturday 6 December

Saturday 13 December

Free parking will also be provided at St Mary's Gate (West Street), Church Street and Mathew Street (Eleanor's Cross) on the above dates\*.

And there is more! To really put you in the festive mood, there will be Christmas themed entertainment on The Square on Saturday 6, 13 and 20 December, with a giveaway of hot roast chestnuts on 6 December, the perfect accompaniment to your seasonal shopping spree!!

Dunstable Market is an historic, outdoor general market that operates in the Ashton Square area on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The market will be open as usual throughout the Christmas period, with the exception of Friday 26 December 2014.



Some of the market traders getting into the festive spirit!!

### Italian Food Market Brings Christmas to Dunstable

So many things can be associated with Italy such as fast cars, sunshine and football, but undoubtedly one of the greatest associations is food. Italy's passion and love for food is second to none. Discussions about how to cook pasta sauces and what goes with what start on the school playground and becomes part of the culture as you grow up.

Italia in Piazza shares this passion and love for food. This Italian Market will bring real Italian food, made in Italy, right to our doorstep, when it visits Dunstable in December! And when they say made in Italy they mean real Italian foods served by real Italians!

On Friday 5 December, Italia in Piazza market will come to Dunstable for the very first time. They will be set up on The Square and open from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm. Products to purchase will include cheeses, cured meats, herbs and pasta, olives, biscotti, oils, vinegars and Torrone the famous nougat cake. Please come along and take a look at what Italy really has to offer and say Merry Christmas or Buon Natale to our Italian friends!!

### Want to trade on Dunstable Market?

Dunstable Town Council is currently seeking traders in cards, footwear, deli products, haberdashery, toys and tools. A range of incentives is 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 or to find out more about Dunstable Market contact Andy Weare (Market Officer) on 01582 891402 or 07803 627544 or visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

\*The free parking initiative is funded by the Dunstable Joint Committee.

# Our Place

## Your Town Council Wins 'Our Place' For Downside

Downside is now part of the national 'Our Place' programme thanks to Dunstable Town Council securing approval for a Development Strategy and a small amount of funding to kick start a number of community projects. Work with partner organisations is now focused on preparing an operational plan.

### But What Is Our Place And What Does It Mean For Local Residents?

Our Place is a national government programme looking at how local services can be improved by involving local people. Dunstable Town Council has received support and a grant through the Our Place programme run by Locality, the Local Government Association, Community Development Foundation and other partners, funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government. For more information visit <http://locality.org.uk/projects/place/>

The Downside Our Place Partnership is led by Dunstable Town Council and consists of representatives from Central Bedfordshire Council, CAB, Voluntary and Community Action, Job Centre Plus and the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group. These partners have come together to find more effective and efficient solutions to tackling financial, health and wellbeing issues affecting those who live on Downside. They are committed to working closely together and involving local residents in the design and delivery of related services. Without you this partnership can only do so much, please get involved and help shape the services in your neighbourhood.

### A5-M1 Link Update

Following the Secretaries of State for Transport and Communities and Local Government decision to proceed with the A5 - M1 link Dunstable Northern Bypass scheme, advanced work has started in the area.

UK Power Networks (UKPN) is currently on site in order to upgrade and relocate existing overhead power cables underground. The upgrading work is part of UKPN scheduled improvement work. However these works have been brought forward because they are vital preparation for the A5-M1 Link road.

The Highways Agency is due to start main construction work on the A5-M1 Link road in early 2015.

The Scheme consists of:

- 4.5km of new two lane dual carriageway;
- a roundabout at the western end with the A5;
- a roundabout near the middle at the intersection with the A5120 Bedford Road;
- a new M1 Motorway interchange at the eastern end which would be called Junction 11a;
- a new bridge to carry Sundon Road over the new link;
- the diversion of B579 Luton Road on the eastern side of the M1 motorway around the junction and a realignment on the western side of the M1 with two new junctions;
- a new over-bridge across the M1;
- two bridges over the A5-M1 link for pedestrians and farm vehicles access;
- provision of lighting from the A5 to A5120 as well as signs, safety barriers and drainage to the appropriate standards;

When updates are available, they can be found on the Highways Agency website - [www.highways.gov.uk](http://www.highways.gov.uk) and you can also subscribe to be alerted by email when updates are made.

### What's Happening Now?

#### Citizens Advice Bureau out of hours service for Downside

The Citizens Advice Bureau will now be running an evening advice service, from The Mayfield Centre every Wednesday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This is a FREE drop in although appointments can be booked to ensure you can be seen that week. For more information or if you would like to book an appointment telephone 01582 670003 or pop into The Mayfield Centre.

#### Employment Community Information Day

Tuesday 18 November 2014 at The Mayfield Centre, 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. Come along and meet employers, trainers and support agencies for those looking to get into work.

### What Else Has Been Happening This Autumn?

This autumn partners have been busy training up Community Connectors and also hosting focus groups with local residents on topics including: debt and financial welfare, training and employment and access to services. Findings from these focus groups will be reported on our website and in future Talk of The Town editions.

### Coming This Winter To The Mayfield Centre

Stop Smoking Sessions every Monday from 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm. For more information pop into the centre or visit the website where the launch date will be published as soon as it is confirmed.

Visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk/downside-our-place](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/downside-our-place) for all the latest news and information about Downside's Our Place programme.



# Christmas Entertainment

Dunstable Town Council has put together a great programme of events for the festive period to entertain children and adults alike...

**Saturday 29 November**

**Dunstable Ladies Choir**

Quadrant Shopping Centre  
12 noon to 1.00 pm

**Saturday 29 November**

**Santa's Grotto**

Quadrant Shopping Centre  
Free  
11.00 am to 3.00 pm

**Wednesday 3 December**

**Queensbury Academy Band**

Quadrant Shopping Centre  
12 noon to 2.00 pm

**Friday 5 December**

**Christmas Tree Carols and  
Torchlight Procession**

The Square  
From 7.00 pm

**Friday 5 December**

**Italia in Piazza**

italian Food Market  
The Square  
9.00 am to 4.00 pm

**Saturday 6 December**

**Salvation Army Band**

Quadrant Shopping Centre  
9.30 am to 1.00 pm

**Saturday 6 December**

**Christmas Sparkle**

organised by Grove Theatre  
Grove House Gardens

**Saturday 6 December**

**Christmas Grotto**

Quadrant Shopping Centre  
Free  
11.00 am to 3.00 pm

**Saturday 6 December**

**Craft Workshop & Meet and  
Greet Costumed Character**

Quadrant Shopping Centre  
Free  
11.00 am to 3.00 pm

**Saturday 6 December**

**Tea with Santa**

Priory House Tea Rooms  
£8.50 Pre booking essential  
2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

**Wednesday 10 December**

**Manshead School Band**

Quadrant Shopping Centre  
12 noon to 2.00 pm

**Saturday 13 December**

**Christmas Cracker**

Santa's Grotto, crafts and choir  
Priory House  
10.00 am to 4.00 pm

**Wednesday 17 December**

**Ashton Middle School Band**

Quadrant Shopping Centre  
12 noon to 2.00 pm

**Saturday 20 December**

**Salvation Army Band**

Dunstable Market  
9.30 am to 1.00 pm

**Saturday 20 December**

**Christmas Grotto**

Quadrant Shopping Centre  
11.00 am to 3.00 pm

**Saturday 20 December**

**Tea with Santa**

Priory House Tea Rooms  
£8.50 - Pre booking essential  
2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

**Monday 22 December**

**Tea with Santa**

Priory House Tea Rooms  
£8.50 - Pre booking essential  
2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

**Wednesday 24 December**

**Salvation Army Band**

Quadrant Shopping Centre  
9.30 am to 12.30 pm



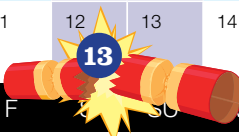
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# 2015 DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL'S EVENTS YEAR PLANNER

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<b>January</b>				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>February</b>							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>March</b>							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>April</b>			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>May</b>							4	5	6	7	8	9	19	11	12	13	
<b>June</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>July</b>			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>August</b>						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>September</b>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>October</b>				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>November</b>							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>December</b>		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

DUNSTABLE CLASSIC  
**MOTOR RALLY**



- 1** **Dunstable Skate Park Official Opening Event**  
**Dunstable Skate Park**  
*Saturday 21 March*  
*12 noon*  
 An exciting event marking the opening of Dunstable's new state-of-the-art skate park.
- 2** **St George's Day**  
**Priory Gardens**  
*Saturday 25 April*  
*11.00 am to 4.00 pm*  
 Free St. George's Day event with entertainment for all of the family!
- 3** **Tudor History Day**  
**Priory Gardens**  
*Saturday 16 May*  
*10.00 am to 4.00 pm*  
 A family fun day featuring music, activities and displays found in the Tudor period.
- 4** **Beer Festival**  
**Grove House Gardens**  
*Friday 29 May – 4.00 pm to 11.00 pm, Saturday 30 May -12 noon to 11.00 pm and Sunday 31 May - 12 noon to 5.00 pm*  
 Three day Beer Festival set in a closed off marquee in Grove House Gardens with music.
- 5** **Classic Motor Rally**  
**Priory Gardens**  
*Saturday 6 June*  
*10.00 am to 4.00 pm*  
 Every year, Priory House hosts the motor rally where people get the chance to look at vintage cars and bikes along with charity and business stalls.
- 6** **Dunstable Live**  
**Grove House Gardens**  
*Saturday 20 June*  
*3.00 pm to 8.00 pm*  
 Five hours of the best Country tribute acts.
- 7** **Sunday Band Concerts**  
**Grove House Gardens**  
*Sunday 28 June, Sunday 5, 12, 26 July, Sunday 2, 9, 16 August*  
*3.00 pm to 4.45 pm*  
 Traditional band concerts in the park.
- 8** **Party in the Park**  
**Grove House Gardens**  
*Saturday 18 July*  
*12 noon to 8.00 pm*  
 Eight hour family fun event including music, stalls and entertainment.
- 9** **Dunstable Rocks**  
**Grove House Gardens**  
*Saturday 22 August.*  
*12 noon to 10.00 pm*  
 Ten hours of non-stop local music with a main headline act. There will also be food stalls and a bar to enjoy.



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**10** **Town Fayre**  
*Chews House Anniversary*  
**Priory Gardens**  
*Saturday 19 September*  
*10.00 am to 4.00 pm*  
Traditional town event including shows, crafts and entertainment.

**11** **Fireworks**  
**Creasey Park Community Football Centre**  
*Thursday 5 November*  
*From 6.00 pm*  
Large fireworks display at Creasey Park with food and funfair.

**12** **Christmas Carols and Torchlight Procession**  
**The Square**  
*Friday 4 December*  
*From 7.00 pm*  
Torchlight procession through Priory Gardens and carol singing on The Square.

**13** **Christmas Cracker**  
**Priory House**  
*Saturday 12 December*  
*10.00 am to 4.00 pm*  
Visit Priory House and meet Santa and enjoy our craft workshops.  
  
Dates correct at time of going to print.  
Events are subject to change.

For full event details  
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PRIORY HOUSE  
TEA ROOMS

# Priory House Christmas Cracker

Saturday 13 December  
10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Priory Church Girls' Choir  
12 noon to 2.00 pm

Santa's Grotto  
£2.50 per visit with gift

Christmas Crafts  
Children's Craft Workshop - £1.50 per child

Christmas Shop  
Local crafts and special Christmas gift display  
in the Priory House Shop

Christmas Menu  
In the Priory House Tea Rooms






[www.dunstable.gov.uk/christmas-cracker.htm](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/christmas-cracker.htm)



# Christmas Afternoon Tea

Our award-winning afternoon tea is available as a seasonal special from 17 November for £15.50 per person.

Seasonal additions to our savouries and fillings will include mini turkey and cranberry pies, cheese skewers, salmon and mackerel mousse, mature cheddar with homemade Christmas chutney, roast beef mustard and rocket, brie and cranberry, as well as the usual favourites.

Afternoon tea would not be complete without our homemade scones and strawberry jam with lashings of fresh cream, followed by a selection of our homemade cakes and pastries, also with a seasonal twist.

Afternoon tea can be enjoyed with a wide range of Dunstable Tea speciality teas and infusions and for an extra £4.00 you could complement your experience with a glass of prosecco or warm and spicy mulled wine!

For more information call 01582 891420 or email [prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk). Alternatively you can visit our website at [www.dunstable.gov.uk/christmas-afternoon-tea](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/christmas-afternoon-tea)



# Chinese New Year Celebrations

Thursday 19 February heralds the start of the Chinese new year, which in 2015 is the year of the sheep. Celebrations for all ages are being planned. Maybe you will see a Lion Dance through the Market or listen to tales of the Terracotta Warriors in Priory House. Maybe you will be making Chinese lanterns and kites. Maybe you will be tasting a range of teas from China and learning about their history, growth and production and having a Chinese sweet meat with it.

To kick start Chinese New Year celebrations we will be offering crafts on Chinese New Year's eve, Wednesday 18 February to, ensure we are ready to welcome in the New Year the following day.

There will be something for all ages from Wednesday 18 February through to Saturday 21 February. Keep an eye on [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) for further information on these events.




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TEA ROOMS



PRIORY PUDDING NIGHTS

Book a table for 6 or more  
and receive a free bottle of  
sparkling wine!

Make it a Habit!

# Christmas Pudding Nights

From  
Thursday 20 November  
6.30 pm to 9.30 pm

Homemade Christmas Pudding  
Homemade Panettone Bread & Butter Pudding  
Glazed Plum Frangipane  
and other winter puddings

For more information and to make a group booking  
contact Priory House on 01582 891420 or email  
[prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk)




[www.dunstable.gov.uk/christmas-pudding-nights.htm](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/christmas-pudding-nights.htm)



# Original Christmas Gifts

The Priory House Gift Shop is getting ready to celebrate Christmas in style from Monday 27 October.

Want to support your local economy? The Priory House Gift Shop is the local spot for local products made by local people. We stock a wide variety of handmade items including woodwork, pottery, photographs and paintings. We also have a selection of locally produced honey, preserves and chutneys.

Our large selection of glass tree ornaments and wide variety of unusual Christmas items mean you are sure to find something you will not find anywhere else in Dunstable, which will brighten your festive season or somebody else's.

If you are looking for a gift for that hard to buy for person, why not treat them to some Dunstable Tea? The Dunstable Tea range is exclusive to Priory House and consists of over 20 different blends and infusions all named for the history and heritage of Dunstable. Available in loose leaf and tea bags, Dunstable Tea makes the ideal gift.

Here at Priory House we are also launching a range of beautifully presented Gift Hampers. Our hampers will include Dunstable Tea, homemade Christmas pudding and cake, local honey and Priory Pantry chutneys and jams. Ideal for the person who has everything one of our smaller hampers will make the perfect thank you gift. Prices start at £10.

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PRIORY HOUSE  
HERITAGE CENTRE



PRIORY HOUSE

## Tea with Santa

Spend the afternoon with Santa  
at  
Priory House

Saturday 6, Saturday 20 & Monday 22 December  
2.00 pm to 3.30 pm  
£8.50 per child

Listen to stories from Santa and enjoy  
some sandwiches and cakes. You will even take  
home a present.

Most suitable for children between the ages of  
4 and 8 years.

Tickets must be booked in advance, call Priory House  
on 01582 891420 or email [prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk)  
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# Christmas Football Festive Fixtures at Creasey Park

Enjoy supporting your local football clubs throughout the crucial festive period. Watch Dunstable Town competing in the Southern Football League and AFC Dunstable competing in the Spartan South Midlands Football League Premier Division.

<b>AFC Dunstable</b>	v Tring Athletic	Saturday 6 December	3.00 pm
<b>Dunstable Town</b>	v Hereford United	Saturday 13 December	3.00 pm
<b>AFC Dunstable</b>	v Berkhamsted	Saturday 20 December	3.00 pm
<b>AFC Dunstable</b>	v Ampthill Town	Saturday 27 December	3.00 pm
<b>Dunstable Town</b>	v St Neots	Thursday 1 January	3.00 pm
<b>Dunstable Town</b>	v Bideford	Saturday 3 January	3.00 pm

## New Year's Day Special

Come down to watch **Dunstable Town v St Neots** on New Year's Day and get a bacon roll before the game for only £1 – the perfect way to get you ready for the game!



## Creasey Park Toddler Group

Why not come down to Creasey Park Community Football Centre on a Friday morning for our toddler group? We have loads of great toys for your little ones to play with and you can enjoy some nice refreshments and chat with other parents/carers. We have different activities planned for future sessions, which we will update on our Facebook page and are looking forward to our Christmas party, when Father Christmas is dropping in to see us all.

Doors open at 9.30 am to 11.00 am and admission is £2 for the first child and 50p for any other children with you. We have tea and coffee for the adults and soft drinks and snacks for the children. We also need volunteers to help with the setting up and tidying up so if you can lend a hand we would appreciate it.

So come and see for yourself, to avoid disappointment you can contact us and book a place on 01582 891433 or find us at [www.facebook.com/groups/Creaseyparkmumsandtots](http://www.facebook.com/groups/Creaseyparkmumsandtots)



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## Community Services Assistant

**Jack Adams-Rimmer has been working for Dunstable Town Council for three months as a Community Services Assistant. As he is new to the Community Services Team we thought we would get to know him better by shining the spotlight on him.**

### **Tell us the best bit about your role as a Community Services Assistant?**

My role as a Community Services Assistant is to assist in the day to day running of The Mayfield Centre based at Downside. I signpost people to the services that The Mayfield Centre provides and I also work at Grove Corner, which is based next to Grove House Gardens and provides drop in sessions for young people.

### **Before you started working for Dunstable Town Council, what did you do?**

Before I started working for DTC I was attending the University of Northampton studying BA Sports Development, whilst holding part time employment at the White Lion Restaurant. I graduated in July of 2014 and I attained a 2:1 honours degree. I had also completed some voluntary placements at Downside Neighbourhood Centre and Tithe Farm Neighbourhood Centre.

### **What football team do you support?**

The football team I support is Manchester United. I have been a fan since I was very young due to the influence of family members and have been to a number of games.

### **When you started you were straight into the summer activities programme, how did you find that?**

I was very pleased with the fact I could get involved straight away with the summer activities especially as I ran the football sessions at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. I enjoyed

the whole experience of working with parents and children within the community.

### **Do you have any hobbies?**

I mainly play football three times a week and like to keep fit when and where I can. I play for Totterhoe Football Club on a Saturday and I enjoy it very much.

### **What is your favourite or dream holiday destination and why?**

I would love to go to the Caribbean because of its chilled out nature, good music and lovely views.

### **What plans do the community services have coming up over winter?**

Downside is now part of the national Our Place programme as Dunstable Town Council has secured approval for the drafting of an operational plan and a small amount of funding to kick start a number of community projects. For example, The Mayfield Centre has recently started holding a work club which will continue every Wednesday for the foreseeable future. The Mayfield Centre will also be hosting the Citizens Advice Bureau on Wednesday evenings. Not only that, we will be holding smoking cessation clinics from November.

### **You work at various locations, The Mayfield Centre and Grove Corner can you tell us a bit more about these centres?**

The Mayfield Centre provides support, advice and a range of opportunities

such as training, events and activities for the whole community. The Centre has a bank of computers with free internet access. The main purpose of the centre is to meet the needs of the community.

Young people can use Grove Corner for free as a chill-out place to do college work, school work, meet friends, make new friends, play free pool, use the online computers, play music, take part in activities, have a cup of tea and have something to eat.

### **What skills do you think you have brought to this role?**

I like people and feel I am very approachable. I am also quite good at IT and have recently undertaken training with Job Centre Plus to enable people to open a Universal job account and The Library on the 'Learn My Way' program which enables people to easily access health related information. New services and changes in delivery are happening quite quickly at The Mayfield Centre and I would encourage people to keep checking the Town Council website for updates.

### **Finally... if you were Prime Minister for a day what would you change or do?**

I would create a bank holiday and reinstate Concorde, so I could go to the Caribbean for a long weekend.



# Dunstable's Green Spaces

## Dunstable Blooms Again with a Silver Gilt Medal



Councillor Terry Stock and Sahira Ward receiving an award at the Anglia in Bloom ceremony

The Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Terry Stock, collected yet another Silver Gilt Medal for Dunstable in this year's Anglia in Bloom Awards. The Town has won three Gold Medals and two Silver Gilt Medals in the last five years.

The Incredible Edible Dunstable project at Katherine Drive also won Best Community Project in the Anglia Region and Blows Down, Woodside Industrial Estate, the Wildlife Trust Youth Rangers and the Town Ranger Service were all nominated as finalists in the special award categories.



Volunteers at the Incredible Edible site on Katherine Drive which won 'Best Community Project'



Councillor Terry Stock and Hugh Garrod receiving an award at the Anglia in Bloom ceremony

The winners and awards were announced at the Anglia in Bloom Awards ceremony on 9 September 2014 in Gorleston and the Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Terry Stock 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 judges also complimented Dunstable on the Weatherfield Academy for their WWI themed environmental projects, Lancot Lower school for their enthusiasm and Travel Choices Hub and Middle Row for their ingenious floral display and the quality of both Priory and Grove House Gardens.

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



## 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](http://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](mailto:rosemary.osullivan@dunstable.gov.uk).

Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below:

<b>01/12/2014</b>	COUNCIL	<b>02/02/2015</b>	COUNCIL
<b>04/12/2014</b>	Dunstable Joint Committee, Watling House	<b>03/02/2015</b>	Plans Sub-Committee
<b>16/12/2014</b>	Plans Sub-Committee	<b>19/02/2015</b>	Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>
<b>18/12/2014</b>	Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>	<b>24/02/2015</b>	Plans Sub-Committee
<b>2015</b>		<b>02/03/2015</b>	Community Services Committee
<b>05/01/2015</b>	Community Services Committee	<b>09/03/2015</b>	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee
<b>12/01/2015</b>	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee	<b>12/03/2015</b>	Dunstable Joint Committee (Watling House)
<b>13/01/2015</b>	Plans Sub-Committee	<b>16/03/2015</b>	Finance & General Purposes Committee
<b>19/01/2015</b>	Finance & General Purposes Committee	<b>17/03/2015</b>	Plans Sub-Committee
<b>22/01/2015</b>	Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>	<b>19/03/2015</b>	Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>
	Personnel Sub-Committee	<b>30/03/2015</b>	Town Meeting (Creasey Park CFC) <i>7.30 pm</i>

## Have you ever thought about becoming a Councillor?

Are you always moaning about 'the Council'? Do you think you could do a better job? Then why not consider becoming a local councillor!

The next local elections are to be held on Thursday 7 May 2015 and this could be your opportunity to become more involved in how local decisions are made about the public services delivered in Dunstable.

Becoming a councillor is an important commitment and the Electoral Commission give a step by step guide to becoming a councillor be it on Central Bedfordshire Council or Dunstable Town Council.

To find out more about becoming a Dunstable Town Councillor visit the web address: [www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-and-community-council-elections-in-england-and-wales)

Alternatively you can email [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk) or ring the Council on 01582 513000 and we will try to answer any queries you may have.

## Dunstable Town Mayor's Forthcoming Charity Events

Thursday 11 December

### Christmas Concert

*The Methodist Church, The Square*

Various local schools, Dunstable Town Band, DAOS, Dunstable Ladies Choir and Dunstable Concert Ensemble will support with performances and more acts to be confirmed

7.30 pm

£5.00

Friday 6 February 2015

### Bowling Night

*GOBowling, Court Drive*

7.30 pm

£15.00 per person to include food

Sunday 22 March 2015

### Civic Service

*Priory Church of St Peter, Church Street*

3.00 pm

Saturday 18 April 2015

### Charity Ball

*The Chiltern Hotel*

7.30 pm

Ticket price to be confirmed

For more details please contact Michele Markus on 01582 891404 or email [michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto: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

For more information visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

## 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 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

### Priory House

Heritage Centre, TIC, 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 | jack.adams-rimmer@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

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

### Peter Newton Pavilion (Managed by Beds FA)

Century House, Skimpot Road, Dunstable LU5 4JU | 01582 565111

### Downside Community Centre

Licensed to the Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Suffolk Road, Downside Estate, Dunstable | 01582 666403

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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:  
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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:

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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.



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