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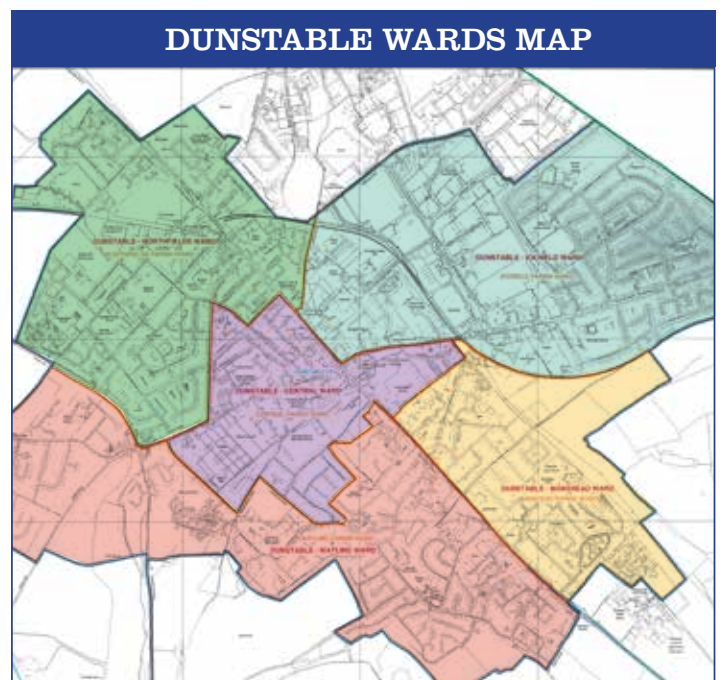
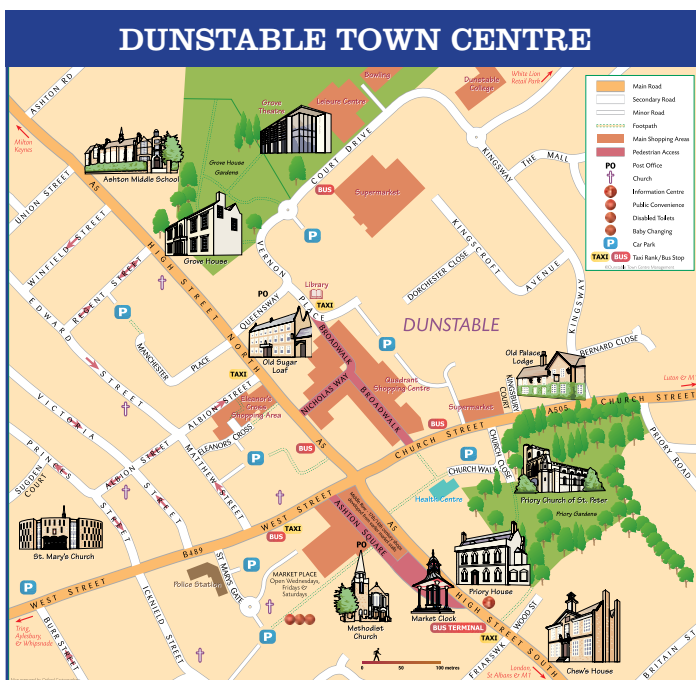
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The Town Mayor

Councillor Terry Stock

The two months since I was made Mayor have been busy but very enjoyable. The Mayoress and I have been made very welcome at many events ranging from official openings to awards days and evenings, anniversaries – even an early morning meeting with local businesses over breakfast!

There were some revelations (to me at least)– Weatherfield Academy was one - for how many of us knew that it was the former occupants of this site that received and collated the data for the D-Day weather forecast and indeed was instrumental in setting the date.

Young people with special needs were a significant part of the action at the Bedfordshire Games, which attracted a large entry and the High Sheriff along with several other Civic leaders were kept busy presenting the medals. A most enjoyable and satisfying day. This along with visits to several local charities and schools that do sterling work in this area comprised some of the most thought provoking visits.

The Dunstable Town Council Events have been most successful – The Car Rally, Beer Festival, Dunstable Live and the Party in the Park provided a focal point for many Dunstable folk to gather round and enjoy themselves in mainly glorious weather. Well done to the staff and voluntary helpers.

I was very pleased and gratified for Dunstable to open three businesses and I wish them well for the future. I am looking forward to seeing more of our empty premises filled as I have the feeling that the town's economic climate is improving and with that will come more businesses.

My Charity events have been most enjoyable and successful and thank you to all who have supported them. In this anniversary year of WW1 the performance of "Lest We Forget" was a theatre sellout and I must congratulate the Little Theatre on its enjoyable and thoughtful production.

Future Events this year in support of the Mayor's Appeal are the Race Night, Golf Day, hopefully a Christmas event and I hope that as many of you as possible will support me in raising some much needed cash for the excellent charities in my list.

I was very proud to be Flying the Flag over Grove House Gardens and Priory Gardens in the achievement of gaining Green Flag status on both parks.

I look forward to meeting as many people and organisations as possible over the coming weeks.

Councillor Stock
Dunstable Town Mayor



David Ashlee

Town Clerk and
Chief Executive

Welcome to the autumn edition of Talk of the Town.

There is no doubt that the work of Dunstable Town Council continues to go from strength to strength. Many of you will have enjoyed the Council's ever successful 'Summer of Music' and the weather this year really helped make all of the Council's summer events even more popular and well attended than previous years.

This year's 'In Bloom' campaign was one of our most successful yet with the local community, under the guidance of 'Promoting Dunstable', getting more and more involved. The retention of the Green Flags for Grove House Gardens and Priory Gardens also helps demonstrate how well the Council is looking after the green spaces of Dunstable.

By the time this edition of Talk of the Town reaches your doorstep, contractors will be about to start work on the new £250,000 skate park for the town that the Council is building in partnership with Central Bedfordshire Council. This new facility will be a great new addition to the portfolio of services and facilities that the Town Council provides for the residents and businesses of Dunstable.

Creasey Park Community Football Centre has also retained its QUEST registration, the official quality mark of the leisure industry. This award demonstrates that the facility is well managed, providing excellent service to its customers and let's hope that how the Council manages the facility and associated grounds will help AFC Dunstable and Dunstable Town FC to more successes for this football season.

Continuing to provide high quality services is getting more and more difficult for local government across the country as finances become more and more pressurised, however, Dunstable Town Council remains committed to improving services to its residents and I would encourage all readers to visit the Council's website to view the Annual Report for 2013/14.

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

Town Mayor's Forthcoming Charity Events

Friday 19 September 2014

Race Night

St Mary's Social Centre, West Street, 7.30 pm
£10.00 per person to include Fish, Chicken or Spring Roll and Chips Supper

Thursday 16 October 2014

Charity Golf Day

Dunstable Downs Golf Club, Whipsnade Road, 10.00 am Tee off
£50.00 per person (4 Ball preferable)

December (Date TBC)

Christmas Concert

The Methodist Church, The Square, 7.30 pm

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

For invitations and more details please contact Michele Markus on 01582 891404 or e-mail michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk

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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.

PRIDE IN DUNSTABLE

Friday 26 September

9:30 am to 4:00 pm at ASDA car park, The Market (Ashton Square) and across Downside

Talk to the volunteers at Health Watch, learn more about fostering and recycling, have your number plates secured and your bikes marked together with a number of environmental improvements taking place throughout the day. For more information please visit:

www.dunstable.gov.uk/pride-in-dunstable-day.htm

Social Media Links

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@prioryhouse

Celebrate at Creasey Park

Creasey Park Community Football Centre is the perfect place for a celebration. The venue will suit any party size from 20 to 100. Facilities include a fully licensed bar, a comfortable chill out area with soft mood lighting, internal music system or option to hire a DJ, ample parking up to 90 spaces and the ability to consider individual requirements to make it the function you really want. There are three buffet menus to choose from, ranging from £5 per head to £10 per head. Variations to the menus can also be catered for. Interested? Contact the centre by:

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Meet Our New Regular Traders on Dunstable Market

Why did you become a market trader?

Victor: I was made redundant and then when the company I worked for closed down I bought the stock from them to open a market stall.

Chris: Both Lyn and I felt that we were in very mundane and boring jobs and that there must be more to life than just a nine to five job, so we started to look for a product that we felt we could be good at selling and had a rough insight in to, which in the end became fashion and costume jewellery.

What are the benefits of being a market trader?

Chris: Being able to work for ourselves as traders gives us the option to work on selected days at different markets of our choice. It enables us to market our product to a host of people from different walks of life. Being outdoors and interacting with other traders is also a benefit and most importantly meeting the public. Being a trader is fun and cost effective.

Victor: Being your own boss.

Why did you choose to come and trade on Dunstable Market?

Chris: Dunstable was our first choice of market due to its location and being local to where we live, - why not trade in the local town. The Market Officer was very welcoming and helpful when I came to visit and had all the answers to my questions. It was due to his approach that we finally decided to trade on Dunstable Market.

Victor: Dunstable is my home town.

Tell us about your product – how/why did you choose to sell your product?

Chris: We sell fashion and costume jewellery, including sterling silver nickel free

pendants, necklaces, fashion earrings, beaded bracelets, bangles, silver bracelets, belly bars, nose studs and we have recently added watches to our collection. We choose to sell fashion and costume jewellery as we saw that there was a gap in the market and we could possibly do very well in this field.

When the weather is horrible, what gives you the motivation to trade?

Victor: I would not want to let my regular customers down.

Chris: In the winter when temperatures are very cold all the motivation we need is the fact that we both enjoy setting up our stall and enjoy dealing with the public.

Markets in general have seen a decline in trade. What would you do to encourage shoppers to support Dunstable Market?

Victor: I think you can encourage customers by giving them the best possible deal and quality.

Chris: We would encourage people to shop on Dunstable Market as there are many varied stalls where there is a bargain to be had. It has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, and it keeps the economy not only for the market, but Dunstable as a whole moving forward (keep it local).

If you were not a market trader, what would you be?

Victor: I would be retired!

Chris: If I was to move away from market trading then I would look for a job in management as this is where I left off.



Chris & Lyn Brookes

Chris and Lyn have been trading on Dunstable Market since October 2013, which is when they started as market traders, selling fashion and costume jewellery. Broleys Jewellery trades on Dunstable Market every Saturday.

Why should people buy from your stall?

Victor: For the best prices and quality in Dunstable.

Chris: People should buy from Broleys Jewellery because they are offered a good quality product at an affordable price, and we are professional in our approach to customer needs and requirements. They are welcomed with a friendly and happy attitude and receive good quality customer service.

Being a market trader keeps you very busy – if you do have any spare time, what do you like to do?

Chris: Lyn and I like to spend quality time together away from the business routine, this includes bike riding, hill riding and spending time with other family members.

Victor: Sit in the garden with a beer!



Victor Rowland

Victor Rowland has been a trader on Dunstable Market for the last nine months, since November 2013. He sells cosmetics, toiletries, perfumes and bags every Wednesday.



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PUTTING THE HEART BACK INTO DUNSTABLE

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

Pubs in Dunstable Could Be Best Bar None!



The Central Bedfordshire Community Safety Partnership is pleased to be running the pilot Best Bar None scheme in Dunstable Town Centre in 2014.

Best Bar None is a national award scheme supported by the Home Office and aimed at promoting responsible management and operation of alcohol licensed premises. The scheme was piloted in 2003 and has now been adopted by over 100 towns and cities. The Best Bar None scheme provides a platform to assist licensed venues in running a safe and responsible licensed premise with high professional standards of customer care.

The scheme aims to reduce alcohol related crime and disorder in a town, to reduce the harmful effects of binge drinking, to share best practice and to encourage constructive engagement between enforcement agencies and the alcohol trade.

To date 12 licensed premises within Dunstable town centre have applied to be part of the scheme. Over the next few weeks these premises will be assessed against a number of criteria set by the Community Safety Partnership. If all criteria are met then the premise will be Best Bar None accredited and will receive a plaque which can be displayed in their premise to show the public they have achieved the Best Bar None standard. There will also be an overall winner which will be picked by three independent judges and announced at a small awards event in November.

The scheme is running as a pilot. If the scheme proves successful it is hoped that it will run annually and will be extended to include other towns within Central Bedfordshire.

Pitch Perfect at Creasey Park

On Wednesday 13 August Dave Smith, Dunstable Town Council Grounds Supervisor, travelled to the FA's National Football Centre, St Georges Park for the FA's National Groundsman of the Year awards. Dave was nominated by Dunstable Town FC for the Creasey Park pitch. Last year Dave received a highly commended recognition at the same awards. After much hard work, staff training and new machinery the pitch is in an excellent condition even after a staggering 120 matches.

These improvements in the pitch were recognised by the FA's inspectors as Dave Smith won 3rd place for the Southern Football league in which Dunstable Town FC play and also 3rd place nationally for all clubs that play at Step 3 & 4, a very high honour indeed.

Dave commented: 'It's fantastic to receive this personal recognition from the FA, but it really is a team effort by all the grounds staff at Dunstable Town Council, notably Ken McGarrigle and Rob Scott.'



*Why poisonous
plants make
good medicines*

Friday 12th September
The Undercroft, Priory House LU6 3RZ
7pm for 7.30pm

Dr. Henry Oakeley
Garden Fellow at the
Royal College of Physicians

Tickets: £7 Friends £5
07706 131942
secretary@friendsofprioryhouse.co.uk



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Atropa belladonna



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Young DUNSTABLE

News for the
young in our
community

Summer Sizzler to Autumn Action

Dunstable Town Council's 2014 Summer Activities programme proved to be a BIG HIT! --- children and young people enjoyed the many and varied activities on offer.

The sports programme of Football, Rugby, Fencing, Taekwondo and Tennis was very popular and who knows maybe a future Olympian or Commonwealth athlete was amongst them.

The more creative souls let their imagination run riot at family fun days and art in action sessions. Colourful items were made linked to themes such as seaside and carnival. The next generation of fashion designers created amazing T Shirt designs and the urban crew produced some fantastic graffiti pieces. Music lovers learnt to play African drums and budding photographers focused on developing their camera skills.

National Play Day, with the Downside Neighbourhood Centre and Inflatable Day in Grove House Gardens provided hours of fun for families, children and young people of all ages.

If you took part in any of the activities check out the images on www.dunstable.gov.uk/summeractivities

Back at school? Don't worry half term is just around the corner and Dunstable Town Council has some spooky fun on offer. Thrills and Chills at FREE family fun workshops 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm on Tuesday 28 October at The Mayfield Centre and Friday 31 October at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. No need to book, just turn up. Suitable for families with children aged 5+.

For more details please contact Jacqui:
Email: jacqui.groom-tully@dunstable.gov.uk
Tel: 01582 891434.

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GroveCornerDunstable

Beat the Winter Blues

With the nights drawing in and winter around the corner, don't go into hibernation, get out and enjoy the company of friends. Grove Corner is bright, dry, warm and just the place to chill out with friends. Listen to music, catch up with gossip on the computers, play pool or table football and all for FREE. Sessions are:

13 to 18 year olds Monday's and Wednesday's 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm
and Friday's 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm.

10 to 13 year olds Friday's 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Drinks and snacks are available to buy.

For more details please contact Jacqui:
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FRENCH MARKET



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Dunstable

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Pancakes
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Leather Handbags
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Music
... & more!



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FIREWORKS DISPLAY

WEDNESDAY 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 - £4.00

CHILDREN (16YRS & UNDER) - £2.00

FAMILY TICKET

(2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN) - £10.00

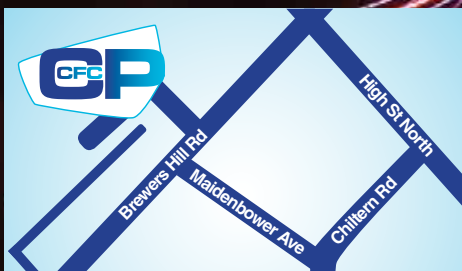
CONCESSIONS - £2.00

UNDER 5YRS - FREE

(No unaccompanied children under 14 years)



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



Entrance via
Brewers Hill School
and Creasey Park Drive



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

Heritage Lottery Fund awards £9,900 to 'Dunstable's Journey Through the Great War and Beyond' to mark First World War Centenary

Dunstable Town Council has received £9,900 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for a project, Dunstable's Journey through the Great War and beyond. Awarded through HLF's First World War: Then and Now Programme, the project will focus on preserving and sharing with the community the local history of Dunstable during World War One.

The grant will be used to fund a special free event on 20 September in Priory House and Gardens, from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, and also a three month exhibition in Priory House Heritage Centre.

Held to mark the Centenary of the First World War, the free family event will be an enjoyable, educational, interactive experience focused on preserving local history. The event themes will focus on the impact of the war on family life, children's schools and toys. There will also be a First World War recruitment stand, nursing and medical display and a cavalry picket line.

In addition a ceremony will take place at the war memorial, where 185 poppies will be displayed in the surrounding trees, to represent the people from Dunstable who died during the conflict. The poppies have been made by local children and community groups.

The specially created exhibition, displayed in the Priory House exhibition room, will focus on Dunstable during the conflict years. Volunteers and members of the public have

collected photographs, newspaper clippings, documents, letters and photos of keepsakes, and even donated personal items to display.

The exhibition will be launched at the event on 20 September and will run for three months. Entrance to the exhibition will be free of charge.

Chairman of Community Services, Councillor Patricia Staples, says "We are thrilled to have received the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and the grant is a wonderful opportunity for the Town Council to mark this centenary year. We hope the event and exhibition will be educational and informative for all who attend. It will provide families with the opportunity to engage with our local history and learn about the impact the conflict had on every day life."

Explaining the importance of the HLF support, the head of the HLF in the East of England, Robyn Llewellyn, said: "The impact of the First World War was far reaching, touching and shaping every corner of the UK and beyond. The Heritage Lottery Fund has already invested more than £15million in projects – large and small - that are marking this global Centenary; projects like this are enabling even more communities like those involved in Dunstable's Journey through the Great War to explore the continuing legacy of this conflict and help local young people in particular to broaden their understanding of how it has shaped our modern world."



Supported by

The National Lottery
through the Heritage Lottery Fund



For more information on Dunstable Town Council's WWI centenary exhibition and other commemorative events visit www.dunstable.gov.uk



PRIORY HOUSE



Priory House Tea Rooms

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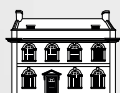


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PRIORY HOUSE



The Priory House Gift Shop

Each month new traders showcase their products at Priory House.

Be sure to make Priory House Gift Shop your first stop for unique and unusual gifts, not found anywhere else on Dunstable's High Street.

Show your support for Small British Businesses
Shop Local!



Priory House
33 High Street South, Dunstable
(opposite the clock tower)

Monday to Saturday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Tel: 01582 891420 Email: prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk
<http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/showcase-shelving-at-priory-house.htm>



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Dunstable Remembers

Dunstable remembers the men and women of the town who gave their lives in the two World Wars and later conflicts. This year's Remembrance Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 9 November 2014.

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 of St Peter.

There will also be a short service at the War Memorial to mark Armistice Day on Tuesday 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.

Lest We Forget

For further information please contact
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Dunstable Town Tour Guides

'Promoting the heritage of Dunstable'

The Dunstable Town Tour Guides offer walks and talks on the heritage of Dunstable for your clubs and societies, and scouting, guiding and school groups. Contact the Booking Secretary dunstablehg@gmail.com. Public guided heritage walks and ghost walks are also led by Dunstable Town Tour Guides. The Dunstable Town Tour Guides are supported by Dunstable Town Council. So, what's on this winter?

Tea Time Tales

Tea Time Tales with refreshments are held in Priory House on alternate Thursday afternoons and a leaflet giving the topics and dates of the talks is available from Priory House Heritage Centre.

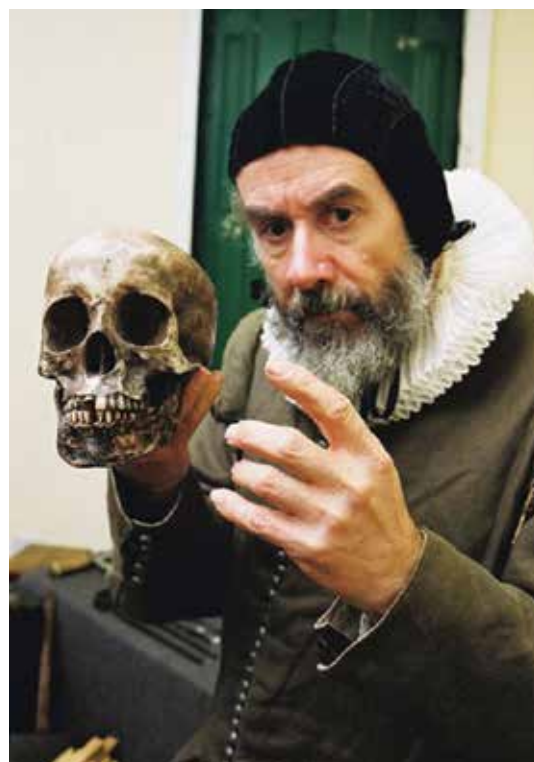
Hallowe'en Ghost Walks

Friday 31 October starting at 5.00 pm (Family Ghost Walk in costume), 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm

Christmas Ghost Walks

Saturday, 13 December at 4.00 pm (Family Ghost Walk) and Friday, 19 December at 7.30 pm

All Ghost Walks start at Priory Church car park. Family Ghost Walks are suitable for children over 8 years old and children must be accompanied by adults. A torch and warm clothes are recommended and the ghost walk route is unsuitable for wheelchairs. Ghost Walk tickets cost £5 and need to be booked in advance from Priory House Heritage Centre 01582 891420, opening times 10.00 am – 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays).





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Creasey Park is Quest Quality

Dunstable Town Council and Creasey Park Community Football Centre are once again proud to announce they have achieved the national accreditation award for the sport and leisure industry. Creasey Park Community Football Centre managed by Dunstable Town Council has again proven to meet the very high standards required to be awarded the leisure industry quality mark. The Quest scheme defines industry standards and recognises excellence in facility management, customer service, ongoing development and continuous improvements. Councillor John Kane commented: "Again Creasey Park Community Football Centre has achieved the prestigious Quest accreditation award. This is after another year of hard work by all the staff and demonstrates the Town Council's commitment to Creasey Park Community Football Centre and a wider commitment to consistently deliver service excellence to our local community."



It's Kick-off at Creasey Park

The new 2014/15 football season is well under way at Creasey Park. After yet another promotion last season Dunstable Town FC are now playing in the Southern League Premier Division, only two promotions away from the Football Conference. The high quality of football being played at Creasey Park is on the right track to reach the heydays of Georgie Best and Jeff Astle. New signings this season include ex-Aldershot and Shrewsbury Town professional Ben Herd, ex-Luton Town and England C International Charlie Henry, Scott Davies signed from Oxford Utd and Wales U19 goalkeeper Luke Chambers signed from Southend Utd. It's set up to be another exciting and nail biting season at Creasey Park.

So come down and watch the season unfold. Not only will there be great football on the pitch to enjoy, but off too. Creasey Park Community Football Centre boasts a licensed bar with selected match day specials, then grab a bestie burger from our refreshments kitchen. Why not come down before a match to watch a Barclays Premier League match? Kick-off is at 12.45 pm. (ee BT Sport for fixtures.)

The season's stand-out fixtures are against Histon (Tuesday 28 October, 7.45 pm), Hereford Utd (Saturday 13 December, 3.00 pm), St Neots (Thursday 1 January, Time TBA) and Hitchin Town (Saturday 21 March, 3.00 pm). To view all Dunstable's fixtures this season visit their website <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/dunstabletownfc/> or the league website <http://www.southern-football-league.co.uk>. Tickets prices for home games are £12 for adults, £6 concessions and just £3 for kids. Follow Dunstable Town FC on Twitter@[dunstabletownfc](https://twitter.com/dunstabletownfc)

The football doesn't stop there as AFC Dunstable will be bidding for promotion this year from the Spartan South Midlands Premier League and all their fixtures can be found on their website www.afcdunstable.com. Ticket prices for home games are £5 for adults, £3 concessions. Follow AFC Dunstable on Twitter@[afcdunstable](https://twitter.com/afcdunstable). AFC Dunstable Ladies have started their challenge for a third successive promotion playing in the Eastern Region Women's Football League Premier Division on Sunday afternoons at Creasey Park. All their fixtures can be found on their website www.afcdunstable.com



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Dunstable History Society

The History Society is based in Priory House Heritage Centre and works with the Town Council on the events and exhibitions in Priory House and also works hard to find out the history surrounding Dunstable and the people who lived here. We shine the spotlight on the History Society to find out more about its own history...

How long has the history society been going?

The Dunstable Local History Society was started in 1991, when the Friends of Dunstable Museum finally gave up the battle for a museum in the town. Two members who did not want to see the interest in local history die, John Lunn and Joan Curran (currently Secretary of the Society), wrote to all the members inviting them to a public meeting in Dunstable Library to discuss forming a Local History Society; 32 people turned up, and the Society was born. Today we have 180 members.

Do you have a favourite era in history and why?

For us the Victorian period is the most fascinating. The town was growing fast as the hat trade was booming, pubs were becoming hat factories and the town was expanding rapidly from a small area around the crossroads and starting to take shape as the town we know today. The railways had arrived, there was a proper main road through the town and life was becoming recognisable in many ways as the kind of life we live today.

How did you start to get involved in the History Society?

It was a request for help with typing in the early days that brought Rita Swift into taking a very active part in the Society, particularly in researching Dunstable's history. It was in response to another request, this time for help with the graphics for a display for a History Day, that David Turner became involved with the Society and local history in general. Now we are looking for volunteers with computer and indexing skills to help index the huge collection of photographs we have acquired.

Tell us a bit more about what the history society does and how it has evolved into what it is today?

When the Town Council bought Priory House the Society was given the use of a room there as a base and a place to keep the collection of books, maps, photographs, documents and papers that had been given to us. We now act as an archive centre, with

a wide collection of material on the town that anyone can consult, including an almost complete run of local directories from 1905 until publication ceased in the 1960s, tax lists as far back as 1290, licensing lists, a complete set of Bedfordshire Magazines, the first OS map of the town in 1881 and hundreds of photos. (Unfortunately we cannot accept artefacts as we have nowhere to store or display them and we have to pass documents that require special storage conditions on to the archive at Bedford, though we are given photocopies to keep). Joan and Rita are at Priory House Heritage Centre on Thursday mornings and are always pleased to see visitors. Just ask at the desk in the shop downstairs.

How can people get involved with the History society

From September to May we meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Methodist Church Hall at 7.45 pm for talks, and in June, July and August we organise outings to places of interest. Anyone can just turn up for a single meeting for a small fee, or join as a new member for an annual subscription of £6. (For more information phone 01525 221063 or visit our website www.dunstablehistory.co.uk) also via our website we receive dozens of queries from all over the world, which we do our best to answer, and we issue a newsletter twice a year, full of stories about Dunstable. This is also available on the internet, for those of you who have access to it.

If you could change one thing in history what would you change and why?

There is something in Dunstable's past we would like to change. We wish that Henry VIII had actually carried out his proposal to make Dunstable Priory a cathedral. Detailed plans had been made for it to happen, but it was too expensive so we never had a Bishop of Dunstable. What would Dunstable have been like if it had been a city? An interesting thought. And, of course, we wish the town had had a by-pass years ago.

Photograph by David Turner



Dunstable's Green Spaces



Green Flag Success

Priory and Grove House Gardens are among the very best in the UK – and that's official.

Both Priory and Grove House Gardens are listed among a record-breaking 1,476 parks and green spaces across the country that have received a prestigious Green Flag Award. The 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 the public that the space boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities.

Councillor John Kane, Chairman of the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee said: "We are absolutely delighted to have retained our Green Flag Awards for both our prestigious gardens for 2014/15. These Awards recognise and highlight that people in Dunstable are benefiting from green spaces of the very highest quality." Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd said: "A Green Flag Award provides national recognition for all the parks managers, staff and volunteers who, through their dedication and hard work, have helped to create these fantastic places for everyone to enjoy."

The Town Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Terry Stock joined fellow Councillors, grounds staff, In Bloomers and Friends of Priory House and Gardens for a flag raising event on Tuesday 29 July 2014 when the new flags were raised.

Litter Issues

Readers will hopefully be very pleased to have read about the Green Flag Awards for Priory and Grove House Gardens. However, littering still remains a problem in certain places and at certain times of year. The Town Council is currently considering the opportunities and ways that it can work with partner organisations to develop a litter campaign for the town, to reduce the amount of litter that is discarded in public places which makes them unsightly for both residents and visitors. We hope to bring you more information about the campaign in future editions. In the meantime residents are encouraged to do the following:

- Use the many litter bins provided around the town.
- Encourage your friends and neighbours to do the same by setting a good example.
- When attending events, shopping in town or using one of our parks and open spaces, use the bins provided.
- Not to flick cigarette ends out of the car window or stamp them out on the floor.
- Clean up after your dog. Both dog bins and ordinary litter bins can be used.
- Wrap used chewing gum in the original wrapper and discard it in a bin or take it home.

If you have any helpful suggestions to make about educating people to dispose of their litter we would like to hear from you. You can either use the feedback form at the back of this edition or email direct to john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk

Anglia in Bloom Target

The Town Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Terry Stock, will be attending this year's Anglia in Bloom Awards Ceremony on 9 September 2014 at Gorleston on the east coast. Dunstable is hoping that the Mayor will collect a fourth Gold Medal for the Town in this the fifth year of the Dunstable in Bloom campaign. The Anglia in Bloom judges visited the town on 9 July 2014 and were taken on a three and a half hour tour. A number of sites and projects around the town have been entered for special awards including:

- The Paddocks and Blows Down SSSI
- Incredible Edible Dunstable at Katherine Drive
- Weatherfield Academy
- Lancot Lower School
- Travel Choices Wheels Flower Display
- Wildlife Trust Youth Rangers Scheme
- Grow Your Own at New Woodfield Green
- Priory Gardens
- Town Centre Floral Displays

We wish them all success at this year's awards ceremony. Watch out for the results on the Council's website, facebook and twitter feeds as well as the local media. 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. 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:

08/09/2014	Community Services Committee	04/11/2014	Plans Sub-Committee
15/09/2014	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee	10/11/2014	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee
22/09/2014	Finance & General Purposes Committee	17/11/2014	Finance & General Purposes Committee
23/09/2014	Plans Sub-Committee	20/11/2014	Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>
25/09/2014	Dunstable Joint Committee (<i>Watling House</i>)	25/11/2014	Plans Sub-Committee
06/10/2014	COUNCIL	01/12/2014	COUNCIL
14/10/2014	Plans Sub-Committee	04/12/2014	Dunstable Joint Committee, Watling House
23/10/2014	Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>	16/12/2014	Plans Sub-Committee
23/10/2014	Personnel Sub-Committee	18/12/2014	Accts Sub-Committee <i>5.30 pm</i>
03/11/2014	Community Services Committee		

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 - <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 or ring the Council on 01582 513000 and we will try to answer any queries you may have.

Your Town Council Leads on Our Place Development Strategy

Dunstable Town Council during June and July worked alongside partners from Central Bedfordshire Council, the voluntary and community sector, Job Centre Plus and the Chiltern Vale Clinical Commissioning Group on a Development Strategy for the delivery of services on Downside, tackling issues around financial hardship and health and wellbeing. Officers spent two weeks surveying local residents, businesses and community groups to understand local needs and issues and reached over 110 people. We'd like to thank everyone who took part. The key findings were:

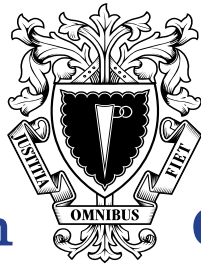
- Over 55% of people surveyed access the Mayfield Centre when seeking information and advice.
- Over 33% of people surveyed found transport and access a problem when trying to access advice and guidance
- Over 51% of people said that having access to advice and guidance after 5.00 pm and at weekends would help.
- 68% of people surveyed said that crime was a concern to them and 45% of people surveyed said that health and GP services were of concern to them. These were also the two services areas people wanted to see improvement to.

The Downside Our Place partnership were successful in going through to the next stage of the programme where partners will work closely to involve local residents in the design and delivery of services. This will include the training up of Community Champions by the CAB, the creation of user and resident user forums for health, unemployment, housing and benefits, and the piloting of an evening CAB surgery. If you are a local resident on Downside and would like to be involved complete and return the form at the back of this edition of Talk of The Town or email becky.wisbey@dunstable.gov.uk

New Services to be delivered from The Mayfield Centre

The partnership work that has taken place whilst drawing up the Our Place Development Strategy has already resulted in some exciting developments. On Tuesday 9 September from 11.00 am to 3:30 pm FREE Health Checks will be available at the Mayfield Centre for all 40 to 74 year olds. To book an appointment and to check eligibility please contact the Mayfield Centre 01582 670695. If popular these FREE health checks may become a regular activity. Please note you do not have to live on Downside to access these. Central Bedfordshire Council's Public Health Team is also exploring the possibility of hosting a Lifestyle Hub from the centre, where individuals can access support and advice in choosing healthy lifestyle choices. For more information on these and other services from the Mayfield Centre please visit www.dunstable.gov.uk or phone 01582 670695.

It has also been confirmed that Voluntary and Community Action will be running a work club from the Mayfield Centre every Wednesday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm starting on 3 September. There will be staff on hand during these sessions to help those looking for employment; offering advice with job searches, job applications and interviews. For more information contact Vicki Drummond – 01525 850559 or vicki@action-centralbeds.org.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

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, 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 | 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

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

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

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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.



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