

TALK *of the* TOWN

DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

'Helping make Dunstable a Better Place'



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Dunstable Town Council introduces a new town centre cleansing service



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Welcome



The Mayor's Welcome

Councillor Peter Hollick

Christmas is now well behind us and we are well into the New Year, one which should see a number of positive developments in our town.

But – briefly looking back – The Mayoress and I had a very busy run-up to Christmas joining in many celebrations starting with the Carols and Torchlight Procession in Ashton Square and the lighting of the Christmas tree, followed by the laser light display on the first Friday evening in December. The following day there was a busy Special Market with the cast of Aladdin visiting a number of venues.

Amongst other events, we attended the Salvation Army Christmas at The Grove, Caritas Harmony and the Vauxhall Male Voice Choirs Christmas Charity Concerts; joined in the late night shopping at Lombardo's, at Eleanor's Cross and in the Quadrant Centre; I enjoyed watching budding skaters on the ice rink in Ashton Square and visited Mistletoe Magic with the reindeer at Priory House.

At the end of November an exhibition was held in the pavilion at Bennetts Memorial Recreation Ground for residents to comment on the town's plans for a Splash Park. Most comments were very positive, welcoming this facility for their young children.

In early December local residents were invited to a celebration on the soon to be opened Woodside Connection. There were bicycle time trials for the youngsters along the road, music, refreshments and the Extreme Cycling Competition Team performing.

Looking forward – We expect more new shops both in the Quadrant and on White Lion Retail Park. Lidl is being built on the Luton Road. The town centre should see some positive changes when the A5-M1 Link and Woodside Connection are opened – still destined to be this Spring.

The Town Council's annual events programme is starting again. This will include the popular Proms in the Park which was staged for the first time last year in conjunction with the BBC Last Night of the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in September.

No one can say that there is nothing to do in Dunstable. There are many organisations for young people as well as clubs, societies and other groups for the rest of us. There are plenty of opportunities for volunteering. Surely there is no reason to sit back and complain. Even the busiest of people do join in and put something back into the community. If it's not too late, make a New Year resolution to do something for your town, join in and play your part! Dunstable has a great future and you should be a part of it.

I am happy to visit schools, clubs, etc. either to give a talk about e.g. Dunstable and its past and future or to join in some celebration of yours. Just contact Michele Markus at the Town Council to arrange it.

Councillor Peter Hollick
Town Mayor of Dunstable



David Ashlee

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Welcome to the New Year edition of Talk of the Town and can I take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a very prosperous 2017.

I hope you all enjoyed Christmas and that you were able to take advantage of the expanded town centre Christmas programme made possible by the Town Council and the Dunstable Joint Committee. The new lighting extravaganza that followed the Council's traditional Christmas Tree Carols and Torch Light Procession was very well received as were our reindeers and Santa's visit to Priory House and Gardens. The town centre Christmas lights were the best they have ever been and at the time of writing this introduction, I am eagerly awaiting the Skate Rink being installed on Ashton Square.

I hope that readers have now noticed the Town Council's new Town Centre Ranger scheme launched in November and some of you will also have noticed new architectural lighting schemes on Grove House, Priory House and the Dunstable Conference Centre. Whilst the lighting schemes are not yet complete I am sure you will all agree that they are already adding to an improved town centre image.

This edition features the Town Council's events diary for 2017. The Town Council is very proud of its events programme and this year's calendar features new outdoor cinema events and a repeat of last year's very successful Proms in the Park. I am also delighted to be able to inform all our residents that our Fireworks display for 2017 is for the first time going to be a free event. Please keep the events calendar in a handy place and make sure you make a note of all our events in your diaries!

This edition of Talk of the Town also features our Easter programme of activities including our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. If you have not visited this fantastic town resource yet then please pop along any evening. The award winning bar is open to all visitors and both Dunstable Town FC and AFC Dunstable will always welcome additional support.

I think 2017 is going to be a very good year for Dunstable and I look forward to Talk of the Town featuring the completed town centre architectural lighting scheme and proposals for the new Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground Splash Park and Café in the next edition.

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
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

NOTICE BOARD

News, Announcements and Items of Interest for Residents of Dunstable

2017 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:

23/01/2017	Finance and General Purposes Committee
24/01/2017	Plans Sub-Committee
26/01/2017	Personnel Sub-Committee
06/02/2017	COUNCIL
14/02/2017	Plans Sub-Committee
22/02/2017	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
06/03/2017	Community Services Committee
07/03/2017	Plans Sub-Committee
13/03/2017	Grounds and Environmental Services Committee
20/03/2017	Finance and General Purposes Committee
22/03/2017	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
28/03/2017	Plans Sub-Committee
03/04/2017	Town Meeting 7.30 pm <i>Creasey Park Community Football Centre</i>
18/04/2017	Plans Sub-Committee
19/04/2017	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
24/04/2017	COUNCIL
27/04/2017	Personnel Sub-Committee

Town Mayor's Forthcoming Charity Events

Charity Dinner

Friday 24 February 2017, 7.00 pm
Central Bedfordshire College, Court Drive, Dunstable
£23.00 per person
(includes 3 course meal with coffee/tea)

Mayor's Civic Service

Sunday 19 March 2017, 3.30 pm
Priory Church of St Peter, Church Street, Dunstable
All welcome

If you would like to attend any of these events please contact Michele Markus Tel: 01582 891404 or email michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk

Dunstable Town Meeting

to be held at
Creasey Park Community Football Centre,
Creasey Park Drive (Off Brewers Hill Road),
Dunstable LU6 1BB

Monday 3 April 2017

at 7.30 pm

All electors for the town of Dunstable are entitled to attend the Town Meeting and speak on any town affair.



Your Views Matter!

To have your say on Dunstable Market please visit www.dunstable.gov.uk to fill in a short survey.



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2017 DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL Event Programme



We are very excited to announce our 2017 events programme. This year sees some changes with the new **Priory Pictures** event – two free outdoor cinema events in Priory Gardens. After the massive success of the first **Proms in the Park** it is back for good and will be a regular in our events programme from now on. **Party in the Park** and **Dunstable Live** are back and this year's theme for Dunstable Live is 'A Night at the Movies', tributes to some classic movie soundtracks! Also back are **Around the World**, **Classic Motor Rally**, **Sunday Band Concerts** and our **Fireworks Display**, which is now completely **FREE** to attend! 2017 is going to be a year to remember for the events in Dunstable. Get these dates in your diary!

For all enquiries about any of these events, please contact the Events Team on 01582 891406

Celebrating St George

Saturday 22 April, 11.00 am to 4.00 pm
Priory Gardens

Around the World

Saturday 20 May, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Priory Gardens

Classic Motor Rally

Saturday 10 June, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Priory Gardens

Dunstable Live

Saturday 17 June, 3.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Grove House Gardens

Priory Pictures

Saturday 24 June, 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm
Priory Gardens

Sunday Band Concerts

25 June, 2, 9, 23, 30 July, 6, & 13
August, 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm
Grove House Gardens

Party in the Park

Saturday 15 July, 12 noon to 8.00 pm
Grove House Gardens

Priory Pictures

Saturday 5 August, 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm
Priory Gardens

Dunstable Beer Festival (TBC)

Thursday 17, Friday 18
and Saturday 19 August (TBC)

Proms in the Park

Saturday 9 September, From 6.00 pm
Priory Gardens

Dunstable Fireworks Display

Friday 3 November
Creasey Park Community Football Centre

Christmas Tree Carols and Torchlight Procession

Friday 1 December, From 7.00 pm
Ashton Square

Mistletoe Magic

Saturday 9 December, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Priory House





Easter Eggs-travaganza

Tuesday 11 April 2017, 10.00 am-12.00 midday

Creasey Park Community Football Centre will again be holding an Easter Fun Day and egg hunt. Come and follow the clues to find your prize and don't worry if you get stuck, the Easter Bunny will be popping down to give you a helping hand. There will also be free Easter themed arts and crafts to keep everyone busy and the café will be open serving refreshments and hot cross buns. There is a cost of £1 per child for the egg hunt.



Best Bar None Runner-Up

The bar at Creasey Park has come runner up in this year's Best Bar None awards night. Best Bar None is a national scheme aimed at making town centres better, safer and more vibrant places to go out. Licensed premises in Dunstable, Houghton Regis and Leighton-Linslade who signed up for this year's scheme were visited by an independent adjudicator to assess if set criteria had been met to achieve accreditation. Creasey Park received the second highest marks via the assessment scoring process.

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News for the young
people in our community

Grove Corner

Grove Corner Young People's Centre is open on **Monday** and **Wednesday** nights for young people aged 13 to 18 years old from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm and from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm on a Friday. New faces are always welcome. There is no need to book and it is free to attend.

Find Us On Facebook
Search: **GroveCornerDunstable**



Half Term Fun

Are you looking for some FREE activities to do with the whole family over February half term? Then Dunstable Town Council may have just the events!!

On **Tuesday 14 February** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Downside Community Centre there will be a free family fun workshop with Valentine themed arts and crafts.

On **Thursday 16 February** from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Creasey Park Community Football Centre there is a 'LOVE' themed free family fun workshop consisting of biscuit decorating, games, and arts and crafts.

Both events are suitable for children and young people aged 3 to 10 years old.

St Augustine's Junior Wardens

The Junior Wardens make a difference in their community by learning about different topics every half term and put that learning into action by undertaking community activities that make a difference.

To find out more about the group 'LIKE' Grove Corner facebook page or check out Dunstable Town Council website www.dunstable.gov.uk

We are still looking for adult volunteers to help with this group and to possibly set up a new group at Beecroft Academy so if you are interested in supporting this great project please contact:

Jack on 07713395234 jack.adams-rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk or
Gill on 07595067708 gill.briggs@dunstable.gov.uk

If you would like further information about Grove Corner or Junior Wardens please contact Senior Community and Young People's Officer, Gill Briggs on 01582 891434 or email gill.briggs@dunstable.gov.uk



New Town Centre Ranger for Dunstable

Dunstable Town Council has introduced a new, enhanced street cleaning operation in the town centre to help keep the area clean, litter free and well maintained.

The new Town Centre Ranger scheme is operating during the day and at weekends doing all those little jobs that we all often walk or drive past thinking 'why does somebody not clean that up or sort that out'.

Fred Sowa, the Council's new Town Centre Ranger pictured above, is using some of the most up to date cleaning equipment to help him in his new role. The new equipment will be used for removing graffiti and fly tipping, cleaning up grot spots, tackling weeds and power washing pavements.

This new scheme has been part funded by the Central Bedfordshire Council Market Town Regeneration Fund and is operated in addition to the existing sweeping and litter collection contract already in place.

If you are visiting the town centre and you notice something which you think needs doing you can contact the Council on the freephone number 0800 0130 350 or by email info@dunstable.gov.uk.

Alternatively, if you see the Town Centre Ranger operating then please feel free to speak to him directly.

Join Dunstable Men in Sheds

Are you into DIY? Looking to share and learn specific skills? Why not join Dunstable Men in Sheds?

Dunstable Men in Sheds is a new project aimed at men who have an interest in a variety of shed related activities. This includes woodwork, metalwork, horticulture and much more! The group are based at the Meadway Allotment store and are developing a hobby workshop where men can work together on activities whilst getting involved in wider community projects. Even if you have no interest in DIY but want to meet new friends over a cup of tea then you can get involved! Our committee members would welcome any men over 55 who would like to join and become a Dunstable Shedder! If you are interested and would like more information please contact Jack Adams-Rimmer on 01582 891434 or by email at Jack.Adams-Rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk



Dunstable Town Council will be promoting themed markets on the second Saturday of each month, from April through to December 2017.

Women's Day (Health and Beauty)
Saturday 8 April

Fair Trade Market
Saturday 13 May

Youth Event
Saturday 10 June

Family Day
Saturday 8 July

Pre-loved, Bric-a-Brac Market
Saturday 12 August

Charity Day
Saturday 9 September

Halloween & Autumnal Theme
Saturday 14 October

Food & Drink
Saturday 11 November

Christmas
Saturday 9 December



In addition, on the third Saturday of each month, again from April through to December, there will be a Creative Craft Market featuring goods that have been handmade in Bedfordshire. All themed markets will take place alongside our general, outdoor market from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.

Interested in trading at one of the themed markets? For only £15 per stall*, per event you can become a trader for the day or trial turning your quilting hobby into an earner!

Please contact Clare Brett (Town Centre Manager) on 01582 891405, email: clare.brett@dunstable.gov.uk or visit the Dunstable Town Council website for further information:

www.dunstable.gov.uk

*(and a minimum of £5 million Public Liability Insurance).



Dunstable Market operates in the Ashton Square area every **Wednesday, Friday and Saturday**

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

For further information and to keep up to date with events and promotions visit:
www.dunstable.gov.uk Telephone: 01582 513000 Email: info@dunstable.gov.uk





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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, sport pitches and skate park, 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

Main Council Reception 01582 513000

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

For more information visit www.dunstable.gov.uk

Mayoral and Democratic Services

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

Older People's Support Service

Good Companions day care, 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



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:

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