



The Mayor's Welcome

Welcome to this, the first edition of Talk of the Town for 2018, and a Happy New Year to you all. It seems strange to be thinking of the New Year as it is still 2017 as I write this article, and my consort Terry and I are still in the midst of a busy Christmas season of engagements. I have certainly sung a lot of carols this year.

I hope that all of you, who were able to attend, enjoyed the Torchlight procession, carol singing, tree lighting and light show on the 1st December, it certainly was a lovely start to the Christmas celebrations.

The town has certainly had some changes this year but it is the forthcoming ones that we now need to look forward to. I hope that many of you, as Dunstable residents, were able to attend the exhibitions on how best to improve our high street, now that it is no longer an available route for heavy lorries. Traffic surveys recently undertaken show that they have reduced by 80%, which I am sure all residents will agree is a great improvement. We can now hope that once the work starts on our "new look high street" it will rejuvenate our town as shops and people take the place of

We can also look forward to the reopening of the Leisure Centre, which will now include the Library and other new features. Other projects still to be completed by the Town Council include the new entrance way into Priory Gardens from High Street South. This historic site is something that the town is rightly proud of and a new entrance way will make it more visible to those visiting our town. I would like to thank the various historical groups and societies as well as the Town Guides, for all the work that they do in providing residents and visitors with information that keeps our history alive. I know that many of you enjoy shopping in our market and have heard that it is closing, this is not true. From February the Town Council is no longer directly managing the general market, we will continue to support traders but in a different way, they will be street traders. The Council will still advertise the markets, provide cleansing and waste management and continue to run specialist and craft markets.

2018 will also see events throughout the United Kingdom to commemorate the ending of the First World War. The Town Council will be holding events as well, so keep looking for updates and information on these. Some of you will be aware that our own War Memorial is now showing the effects of the passing years and I am pleased that the Town Council, in consultation with local and national organisations, is planning a refurbishment to be completed well before Armistice Day/Remembrance Sunday

Councillor Gloria Martin Town Mayor of Dunstable

Dunstable Town 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:

22/01/2018	Finance and General Purposes Committee
23/01/2018	Plans Sub-Committee
24/01/2018	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
25/01/2018	Dunstable Joint Committee Watling House
05/02/2018	COUNCIL
13/02/2018	Plans Sub-Committee
21/02/2018	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
05/03/2018	Community Services Committee
06/03/2018	Plans Sub-Committee
12/03/2018	Grounds and Environmental Services Committee
19/03/2018	Finance and General Purposes Committee
21/03/2018	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
22/03/2018	Dunstable Joint Committee Watling House
27/03/2018	Plans Sub-Committee
12/04/2018	Personnel Sub-Committee
16/04/2018	Town Meeting 7.30 pm (venue to be confirmed)
18/04/2018	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
24/04/2018	Plans Sub-Committee
30/04/2018	COUNCIL



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Mother's Day Sunday 11 March

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at the Priory House Tea Rooms from only £18.50 per person

Includes a posy for each table*

Under 12s £9.00

Available between 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm Monday 5 March to Saturday 10 March

> between 12 noon and 3.00 pm Mothering Sunday 11 March

> > **Fully Licensed**

Must be booked in advance

A 20% non refundable deposit will be taken at the time of booking to secure the reservation *Additional posies can be purchased for £5 at time

of booking www.dunstable.gov.uk/mothers_day_afternoon_tea.htm

Priory House, 33 High Street South, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 3RZ Tel: 01582 891420 Email: prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk



Meet the Councillors

CENTRAL WARD



Cllr Patricia Russell Dunstable I U5 4AP



Cllr Lisa Bird Dunstable LU6 1FT 01582 478078



Cllr John Chatterley 36 Roslyn Way Houghton Regis 01582 867536



Cllr John Kane 2 Ripley Road Luton LU4 0AT 01582 510048



ICKNIELD WARD

Cllr Gloria Martin 70 Crabtree Way Dunstable LU6 1UR 01582 666910



Cllr Sid Abbott 3 The Paddocks Friars Walk, Dunstable LU6 3FQA 01582 947345



Cllr Nigel Warren 41 Lowry Drive Houghton Regis LU5 5SJ 01582 864396

Cllr Pat Staples Mandelay 10 The Paddocks Dunstable LU6 3FQ 01582 650018

NORTHFIELDS WARD

WATLING WARD



Cllr Emma Simmons 27 Pipers Croft Dunstable LU6 3JZ 01582 933591



Cllr Terry Colbourne 70 Crabtree Way Dunstable LU6 1UR 01582 666910



Cllr Jeannette Freeman 77 Hillcroft Dunstable LU6 1TT 01582 756060



Cllr Anne Kennedy 25 Leyland Road Dunstable LU6 1FF 01582 260526

MANSHEAD WARD



Cllr Eugene Ghent 1 Fox Dells Dunstable LU6 3LD 01582 703036

Cllr Jessica Castle c/o Dunstable Town Council, Grove House, 76 High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1NF



Cllr Peter Hollick Carlisle Close Dunstable LU6 3PH 01582 665133



Cllr Liz Jones 82 Jeansway Dunstable LLIS APP 01582 472044



Cllr Claire Meakins 11 Bernard Close Dunstable LU5 4HI 07583 888001



Cllr Ann Sparrow 23 Staines Square Dunstable LU6.3.IG 01582 602386

Dunstable Town Council Committee Membership

Finance and General Purposes

Councillors Gloria Martin (Town Mayor) John Kane (Deputy Town Mayor) John Chatterley (Vice-Chairman) Sid Abbott Terry Colbourne Eugene Ghent Peter Hollick Liz Jones Anne Kennedy Claire Meakins Patricia Russell Ann Sparrow Pat Staples

Community Services

Councillors Gloria Martin (Town Mayor) John Kane (Deputy Town Mayor) Pat Staples (Chairman)

Lisa Bird Jessica Castle John Chatterley Terry Colbourne Jeannette Freeman

Eugene Ghent Anne Kennedy Claire Meakins

Patricia Russell Emma Simmons

Grounds and Environmental

Councillors Gloria Martin (Town Mayor) John Kane (Deputy Town Mayor)

Liz Jones (Chairman)

Sid Abbott (Vice-Chairman)

Lisa Bird Jessica Castle

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Peter Hollick

Emma Simmons

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DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE BOARD

News, Announcements and Items of Interest for Residents of Dunstable



PRIORY HOUSE HERITAGE CENTRE

Priory Pancakes

Join us at Priory House Tea Rooms for some very special pancakes on Shrove Tuesday 13 February from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.



Showcase Shelving

Are you a local crafter? Have you heard of Showcase Shelving? No? Then read on.

Showcase Shelving is a scheme for local crafts and small businesses whereby you rent a ladder of shelves in the gift shop here at Priory House for only £30 for any four week period, except November and December when the cost is £50. We sell your crafts through our till and then send you any money taken at the end of the following month. What could be simpler? A great way to trade on Dunstable High Street, without the risk.

If you are interested please give us a call here at Priory House on 01582 891420 or email prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk

Dunstable Town Mayor's Forthcoming Charity Events

Valentine Dinner & Dance Saturday 17 February 2018, 7.00 pm The Incuba, Brewers Hill Road, Dunstable (Ticket price to be confirmed)

The Shambles Music Evening Saturday 10 March 2018, 7.00 pm The Methodist Church, The Square, Dunstable

Town Mayor's Civic Service Sunday 22 April 2018, 2.30 pm
The Methodist Church, The Square, 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

will be held on

MONDAY 16 APRIL 2018 at 7.30 PM

Venue to be confirmed – information will be available on the Council's website in February

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



Town Rangers 'Go Social'

The Town Ranger service has a Facebook page @dunstabletownranger. This page is for you to report issues, receive updates and see what the Rangers have been working on around the town. Please like and share the page and let's work together to help make Dunstable A Better Place!







2018 sees a new year packed with events for all. The fantastic Priory Pictures is back offering a free outdoor cinema event, summer activities offer a range of events aimed at children and families throughout July and August; plus, there's our regular Motor Rally, Dunstable Live, Party in the Park and a special WWI commemorative event. There is lots to see and enjoy this year so get all these dates in your diary!



Display









Family Fun Event

Tuesday 13 February 10.00 am to 12 noon Creasey Park Community Football Centre

Family Fun Event

Tuesday 10 April 10.00 am to 12 noon Creasey Park Community Football Centre

Celebrating St George

Saturday 21 April 11.00 am to 4.00 pm Priory Gardnens

WWI Commemorative Event

Saturday 12 May 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Priory Gardens

Family Fun Event

Friday 1 June

10.00 am to 12 noon Creasey Park Community Football Centre

Dunstable Classic Motor Rally

Saturday 9 June 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Priory Gardens

Dunstable Live

Saturday 16 June 3.00 pm to 8.00 pm Grove House Gardens

Priory Pictures

Saturday 23 June From 3.00 pm Priory Gardens

Sunday Band Concert

Sunday 24 June 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm Grove House Gardens

Sunday Band Concert

Sunday 1 July 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm Grove House Gardens

Sunday Band Concert

Sunday 8 July 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm Grove House Gardens

Sunday Band Concert

Sunday 15 July 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm Grove House Gardens

Party in the Park

Saturday 21 July 12 noon to 8.00 pm Grove House Gardens

Sunday Band Concert

Sunday 29 July 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm Grove House Gardens

National Play Day

Wednesday 1 August 11.00 am to 3.00 pm St Augustine's School Grounds

Priory Pictures

Saturday 4 August From 3.00 pm Priory Gardens

Sunday Band Concert

Sunday 5 August 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm Grove House Gardens

Inflatable Day

Friday 10 August 12 noon to 4.00 pm Grove House Gardens

Sunday Band Concert

Sunday 12 August 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm Grove House Gardens

Thursday 16 August 11.00 am to 3.00 pm Beecroft Academy School Grounds

Art Attack

Thursday 23 August 11.00 am to 3.00 pm Priory Gardens

Proms in the Park

Saturday 8 September 6.00 pm Priory Gardens

Dunstable Fireworks Display

Monday 5 November From 5.00 pm Creasey Park Community Football Centre

Christmas Carols and Torchlight Procession

Friday 7 December From 7.00 pm Ashton Square

Mistletoe Magic

Saturday 8 December 10.00 am to 4.00 pm Priory House and Gardens

For all enquiries about any of these events please contact the Events Team on 01582 891406 or email events@dunstable.gov.uk





Dunstable in Bloom Remembers World War I

With last year's wonderful success in the Anglia in Bloom competition, our In Bloom volunteers are already turning their thoughts and attention to the 2018 campaign. With 2018 marking the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 this year's Dunstable in Bloom theme will be Remembrance and Peace.

The regional Anglia in Bloom competition is designed to encourage the improvement of our surroundings through the imaginative use of trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping. It also aims to achieve a litter free and sustainable environment.

This links directly to the four key aims of the Royal Horticultural Society namely horticultural excellence, community involvement, environmental friendliness and sustainability.

So, how can you get involved in 2018?

Dunstable in Bloom in partnership with the DLDD Trust will run the best front garden and floral display competition again this year. There are some lovely plants associated with Remembrance and Peace including Poppies, Forget-Me-Nots, Rosemary, Peace Roses and Lilies. Why not try and fit some of these into your borders, baskets and tubs?

'Wheelie Fantastic' World War Memorials

Our Wheelie Fantastic floral barrow project will return for the fourth consecutive year with Remembrance and Peace being the underlying theme.

Community groups, local organisations and businesses wishing to take part should contact Sandy Coyle on 01582 891408 or email sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk

Our local schools, our commercial premises and our community gardens will also be encouraged to theme their gardens and environmental projects around Remembrance and Peace.





Enjoy Easter Afternoon Tea at Priory House

Served from Monday 26 March to Saturday 31 March From £18.50 per person (under 12s £9)

A seasonal twist on our classic Afternoon Tea. Start your experience with our homemade savouries with a spring time twist and a selection of freshly made sandwiches. Follow this with two of our homemade scones, served warm or cold with freshly whipped cream and homemade strawberry jam. The finale is some delicious homemade cakes with a touch of Easter. All of this and as much of our Dunstable Tea range of loose leaf teas or speciality filter coffee as you can drink. Why not make the experience extra special by adding a glass of Prosecco or Pimms for an extra £4?

For more information or to book call 01582 891420 or visit the website at www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse

Town Centre News

The Heart of Dunstable

Dunstable has been chosen to receive a defibrillator from the charity Wayne's Fund. The charity has been set up to raise awareness of Sudden Adult Death Syndrome and to fund automated external defibrillators. After the death of Jeanette's son Wayne, just after his 30th birthday in 2005 from Sudden Death Syndrome, the charity was formed. Based in Watford and with the hard work from the many volunteers, money has been raised to buy defibrillators for towns and communities. Wayne's fund has donated one of their defibrillators to Priory House.

Be Independent

The New Year brings new shops to our high street. The

town has many independent retailers along the high street with new shops joining our town. Ashton Square has had two new shops open in the last few months. The Workhouse, with fantastic crafts on sale, Mystic - unisex hair salon plus Latte Heaven has had new owners. Craft and theme markets will be returning in April, with all independent traders selling unique items. Starting on Saturday 14 April 2018 with our St George's Market followed by the Craft Market on 21 April 2018.

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The Marvellous Men in the Meadway Shed!

Dunstable Men in Sheds have come a long way since they officially began. From bird boxes to bat boxes, to raised beds to totem poles, they have certainly been busy.

The group fosters the health and wellbeing of men and is open to men aged 55+. It provides facilities at Meadway Allotment stores so that men can meet, share common hobbies and interests and learn and share skills, as well as developing new ideas and helping with community based projects. The men come from all walks of life and enjoy good company, a cup of tea and chatting while having fun. Men in Sheds meeting times are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

The Men in Sheds unveil a totem pole building project with local school children

This fantastic scheme is always looking for community projects to work on, do you have one in mind? Are you a local school, group or organisation that could utilise their skills? Want to join the scheme or make a donation for a product? Then get in touch with Martin Young (Chairman) on 01582 668598 or by email to dunstablemeninsheds@gmail.com. You'll also find 'Dunstable Men in Sheds' on Facebook.

You're Very Welcome

Grove Corner Young People's Centre welcomes all young people aged 10 to 18 vears old. The Centre is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm and Fridays from 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm for those aged 13 to 18 and from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm every Friday for those aged 10 to 13 years

At Grove Corner there is FREE pool, FREE table football, WiFi, comfy chairs to hang out with friends, a big screen to watch films or the latest sports on TV and an affordable tuckshop selling drinks, burgers, chocolates and more. There are themed evenings, giving a chance to take part in debates, gain information on different issues young

people may face and often get some freebies!

Youth Workers are always interested in hearing from those who use the Centre about their thoughts and ideas on activities and where possible will try and facilitate these. There's no need to sign up, if you want to visit Grove Corner, just turn up on your preferred evening, sit back, relax and enjoy all that the Centre has to offer!

Our youth workers look forward to meeting you soon. For more information call Jack on 01582 891434 or text 07801 575139 or like 'Grove Corner Dunstable' on Facebook.

What's happening at Creasey Park CFC in early 2018?



Come along and support your home team!

The new year will see Dunstable Town FC attempting to strengthen their place in the Evostick Southern League Premier Division for next season. AFC Dunstable will be pushing forward in their battle for promotion from Evostick Southern League Central Division to the Premier Division. All fixtures can be found at http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/cpcfc

New Menu for 'Keepers Kitchen'

Come and see our new menu at 'Keepers Kitchen' and enjoy hot and cold food or snacks. We also have a range of alcoholic or soft drinks at 'The CrossBar'. We have FREE Wi-Fi available and BT sport on multiple large screens.

Competition Time - Win Big Match Tickets!

Help us spread the word! Would you like to win a FREE family ticket entry for 4 with a FREE meal deal to see Dunstable Town FC v Hereford FC on 17 February 2018 kick off at 3.00 pm. Please like and comment 'competition' on our Facebook page. The winner will be picked at random. The competition closes Sunday 11 February and the winner will be announced on Facebook. https://www.facebook.com/CreaseyPark/



Creasey Park Drive, LU6 1BB





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Services Dunstable Town Council Provides For You

Main Council Reception 01582 513000 For more information visit www.dunstable.gov.uk

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 & Town Centre Ranger

Cleaning up the public places in Dunstable Freephone 0800 013 0350

Grove Skate Park

01582 513000 | info@dunstable.gov.uk

Bennett's Splash & Splashside Café

01582 891433 | james.slack@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 | annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk

Events Programme including:

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

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Dunstable Town Council, Grove House, 76 High St North, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU6 1NF

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