

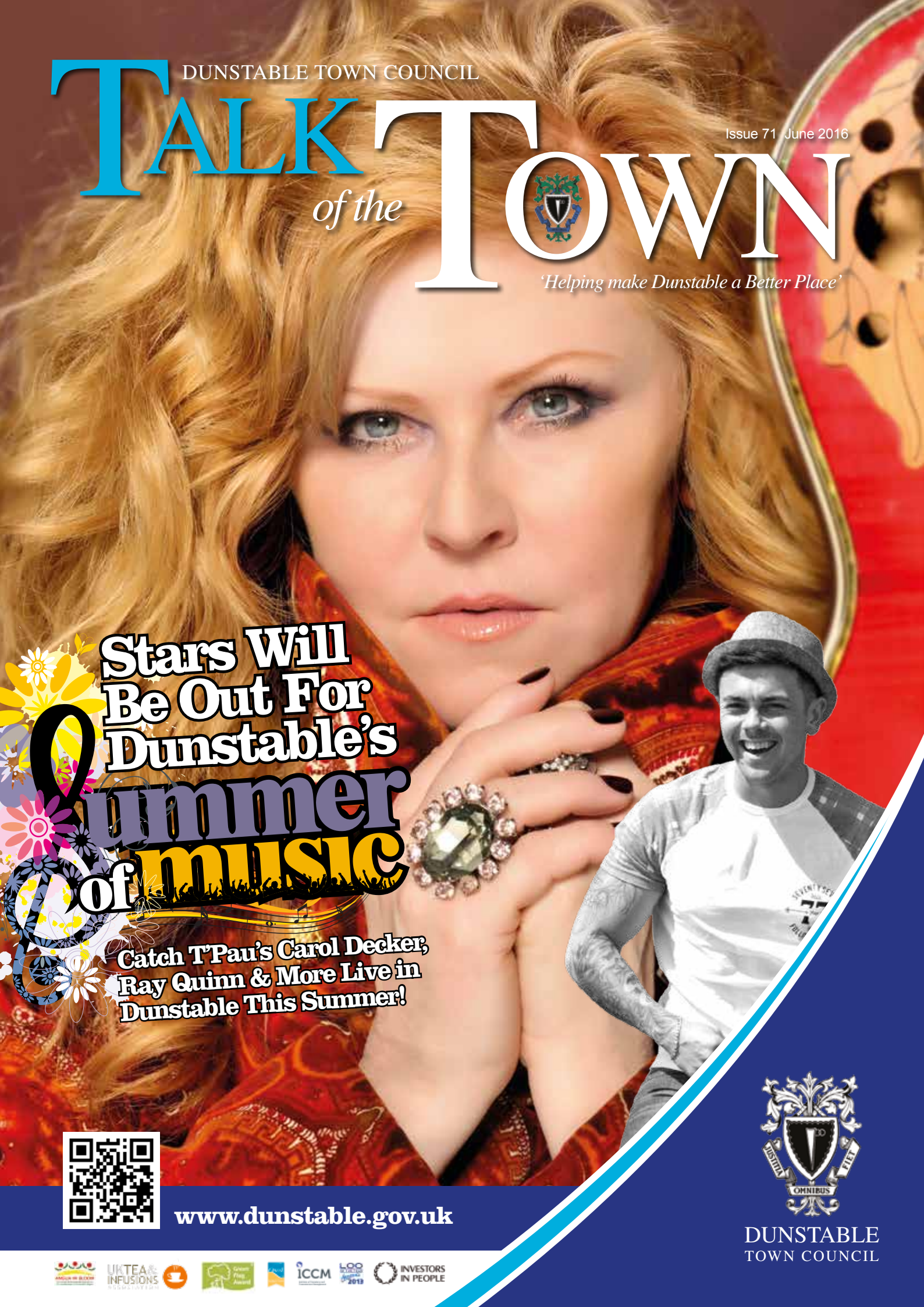
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TALK *of the* TOWN



'Helping make Dunstable a Better Place'



Stars Will Be Out For Dunstable's Summer of music

Catch T'Pau's Carol Decker, Ray Quinn & More Live in Dunstable This Summer!



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Welcome



DUNSTABLE
TOWN COUNCIL



Immediate Past Town Mayor

Councillor
Liz Jones

By the time you read this my year as Town Mayor will have ended and Councillor Peter Hollick will have been invested for the municipal year 2016/17. Councillor Hollick has lived in the town for over 30 years and is keen to continue the work of the Dunstable Joint Committee in building on footfall in our town centre to help support our retailers and encourage new business.

My year has been made up of a whole host of different experiences. I have attended over 200 engagements in the year and both I and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone at the different events we have attended. We are in awe of all of the volunteers in our town that help and support not only the most vulnerable, but also provide community engagement for everyone to enjoy.

My chosen charities have all benefited from the fundraising I have done over the year with in excess of £15,000 being raised. I nominated three main charities at the beginning of my year, Dunstable Girl Guiding, Kids In Action and Luton & Dunstable Renal Care Unit. I also took the decision to support six other local organisations who have through my year been supportive and/or touched my heart in some way, these being Dunstable Sea Cadets, Air Training Corps 460 Squadron, Army Cadets, Luton & Bedfordshire Youth Association, Friends of Priory House and Gardens and CHUMS. The money has now been distributed to all of the groups and I look forward to hearing and seeing how this money is spent within their organisations over the next few months.

A huge thank you to everyone who has attended my events, provided sponsorship and raffle prizes and sent in donations. I would like to particularly thank the Girl Guiding teams across Dunstable – the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, leaders and Trefoil members – your help this year has been amazing and the young people thoroughly deserve their Town Mayor's Charity Fundraising Badge for 15/16.

I believe that in the last 12 months Dunstable has seen a change – with new businesses continuing to open in our town, investing significant money and providing new employment opportunities; the ongoing infrastructure changes with the A5-M1 link road and Woodside Connection and the work of both Dunstable Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council through the Dunstable Joint Committee to increase footfall and raise awareness of our town, encouraging visitors to make Dunstable their destination of choice.

Once again thank you to everyone for their support during my year as Town Mayor. I look forward to continuing my work as a Town Councillor and Chairman of Grounds & Environmental Services Committee for the coming year.

Councillor Liz Jones
Immediate Past Town Mayor



Dunstable Town Mayor Councillor Peter Hollick

Firstly, I would like to thank Cllr Liz Jones for my introduction. I am very much looking forward to my year ahead and hope to meet many of you at this year's Summer of Music Events, starting this month with Dunstable Live. Please do get behind your town and support not only us at the Town Council, but the businesses and local organisations to continue to help make Dunstable a better place. Indeed if you are a local business or community organisation and would like me to attend an event then please contact me via my secretary Michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk I have chosen three charities for the year (Dunstable Sea Cadets, Signpost, and Sorted), and will be hosting a number of fundraising events, which I would be delighted if you could support. I look forward to meeting you over the coming months.

Councillor Peter Hollick
Town Mayor



David Ashlee

Town Clerk and
Chief Executive

Welcome to the summer edition of Talk of the Town. This is always an exciting time for the Council as we launch our 2016 events programme. This year's programme looks set to be just as impressive as last year and we are all hoping for a summer of fine weather, so that as many residents as possible can fully enjoy the wide range of events and attractions organised by the Council.

There could also be other interesting times ahead. Whilst at the time of writing this introduction I cannot go into any detail, I am hoping that the Council will be able to announce the result of its bid to the Central Bedfordshire Council Market Town Regeneration Fund very shortly. The Council is hoping to receive a significant grant from Central Bedfordshire Council to enable the delivery of a number of exciting new projects that should help to invigorate and improve the town centre. So watch this space...

The Council is always looking to improve its services for the residents of Dunstable. It was very pleasing to recently announce that the organisation has just achieved Bronze Standard Investors in People accreditation. This achievement externally validates how well the Council is managed and what a good organisation it is to work for. The Council has also just secured silver standard accreditation from the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management for its burial services. Additionally the Council will soon be re-opening the newly refurbished Luton Road Pavilion after a £43,000 investment and Grove House has also recently benefited from a £65,000 external redecoration. Creasey Park Community Football Centre will also be improving with an investment to its catering facilities and hopefully residents will also have noticed all the new park signage that has recently been installed across the town.

Elsewhere in this edition of Talk of the Town readers will learn about the new 'Men in Sheds' initiative being launched by the Council as well as the ongoing work the Council is engaged in with the 'Dunstable in Bloomers' for this year's Anglia in Bloom entry. The Council is also looking forward to the launch of the newly restored Priory Gateway complete with new gates and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Priory House and Gardens for all their support with this initiative.

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

NOTICEBOARD

Early bird catches the worm...
...and saves ££'s!



New for 2016 buy your Brewed festival tickets at Dunstable Live, Party in the Park and Dunstable Rocks. Early bird special offer price at Dunstable Live and Party in the Park! A Day Ticket costs £7 and includes 1 free drink; an Early Bird Weekend Ticket is just £14 when bought before 16 July (£18 afterwards), and includes 3 free pints or cocktails.

'Brewed' is an exciting new concept with a new marquee and even more ales and ciders, from Thursday 22 to Saturday 24 September in Grove House Gardens. There will be a new 'RETOX' bar selling cocktails and Pimms, a music marquee with live music all weekend, plus over 60 beers and ciders in the main bar! 'Brewed' is much more than a beer festival!

All tickets can be purchased online from 1 June. For more information visit www.dunstable.gov.uk/Brewedfordunstable

Neighbourhood Watch

Dunstable Neighbourhood Watch are looking for new members and scheme co-ordinators. It's a fact that crime is reduced in an area with an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme – a great reason to get involved. If you are interested contact Tony Howells on 01582 881611 or t.howells08@btinternet.com or visit www.bedfordshire-neighbourhoodwatch.co.uk

Dunstable Town Guides

This summer Dunstable Town Guides have three historic guided walks taking place on 2 July, 17 July and 11 September 2016 starting at 11 am at various locations. For more information please contact dunstablehg@gmail.com or book through Priory House. Bookings must be made in advance and tickets cost £5 each.

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Keeping you abreast of town centre news, initiatives and developments



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Town Centre Focus Church Street

Coming into Dunstable along the A505 you are greeted by the outstanding monument that is the Priory Church of St Peter and where else could you be, but on Church Street? Whilst there is no doubt that the Priory Church provides an impressive backdrop to this area, there are also a range of retail premises and service providers that cater for a variety of needs.

As part of our regular feature introducing you to the businesses in our town centre, this edition features the shops and services you will find in Church Street. Onsite parking is provided by the Church Street Car Park and getting here couldn't be easier whether you are driving, walking, cycling or using public transport.

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State of the art tanning, for all you tanning needs
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Gift Shop and Yankee Candle stockist
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Extra Staff

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01582 606666
www.extrastaff.com/branch/dunstable

Leveloff Foods

International food store
12 Church Street
01582 675287
www.foods.leveloff.co.uk

TA Nails

Nail Technicians
14 Church Street
01582 475610

Clarity 11

Tattoos, body piercing, semi-permanent make up
16 Church Street
01582 965569
www.clarity11studio.co.uk

Belvoir Lettings

Residential lettings agency
18 Church Street
01582 343209
www.belvoir.co.uk/letting-agents-dunstable

Domino's Pizza

Takeaway Pizza and sides
20-22 Church Street
01582 661444
www.dominos.co.uk

Angliss Carpets

Floor and carpet supplies
24 Church Street
01582 662054

Chez Jerome

Contemporary French Cuisine
26 Church Street
01582 603310
www.chezjerome.co.uk

Morestaff

Award winning recruitment agency founded in 1991 supplying logistics, retail and NHS workers.
Eastgate House, 28-34 Church Street
01582 477111
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Eastgate Surgery

General medical practice established in 1997
Eastgate House, 28-34 Church Street
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■ A friendly, unique personalised shopping experience

■ Excellent value

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League Success for AFC Dunstable

Congratulations to AFC Dunstable on their most recent triumph, winning the Spartan South Midlands Football League.

The ODs have had an eventful season having a successful winning streak since mid-January which secured their position at the top of the league for quite some time. AFC Dunstable started the season strongly, gaining six consecutive wins at the beginning of the season. They grew from strength to strength, having only had minimal draws and losses.

In a stint going back as far as mid-January, AFC Dunstable have been up there with the best goal scores in the league, resulting in 108 goals in 19 games! That's averaging over five goals per game! Their top-scorer, Bernard Christie, is also the top goal scorer of the league!

This sets AFC Dunstable's fate on a promotion to the Evo-stik Southern League Division One Central. This now means Dunstable has two teams in the Southern League. Please look out for fixtures in the next issues of Talk of the Town. For more information visit www.AFCDunstable.com

Watch Euro 2016 & benefit from some great special offers

Are you missing playing football already this summer? Never fear – The Euros are here!

Yes, that's right, Euro 2016 is heading our way and with all that excitement we are hosting the games right here at Creasey Park Community Football Centre with a bunch of special offers for you and your friends. So feast your eyes on these selected home nations group stage games that you might want to join us for:

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND v Sweden
 Monday 13 June, 5.00 pm

ENGLAND v WALES
 Thursday 16 June, 2.00 pm

ENGLAND v Slovakia
 Monday 20 June, 8.00 pm

NORTHERN IRELAND v Germany
 Tuesday 21 June, 5.00 pm

Italy v REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
 Wednesday 22 June, 8.00 pm

To find out more about our offers look on Facebook Page or www.dunstable.gov.uk/cpcfc.htm

It Really is 'Something Else' at Creasey Park CFC Lunch Club

Members of the Creasey Park CFC Lunch Club enjoyed a Queen's Birthday celebration in April. They got into the celebratory spirit with the help of entertainers 'Somethin' Else' who provided an hour of songs and side splitting humour. The session ended with a rousing rendition of Land of Hope & Glory which the whole group enjoyed singing along to while waving their Union Jack flags.

The club is open to anyone over the age of 55 and offers a chance to socialise with others whilst enjoying a two course lunch. Members also enjoy an array of activities such as guest speakers, quizzes, occasional arts and crafts or just the chance to sit and chat over a cuppa. All this for £6.50 per session.



If you would like to join this fun loving group please contact Elaine McGarrigle on (01582) 513000 or 07595068207 alternatively email: Elaine.mcgarrigle@dunstable.gov.uk



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Young DUNSTABLE

SUMMER Activities 2016

If you are looking for a fun filled summer to share with all the family, then get prepared by putting these key dates in your diary.

Dunstable Town Council is working with local partners to provide a range of free and affordable activities to suit all tastes and ages.

For families with younger children there are short arts and craft sessions and storytelling in the park. For those with slightly older children there is a whole day of different arts and crafts including circus skills and performing arts.

National Play Day will have something for everyone including soft play, side stalls, paint balling and penalty shoot outs. For the more energetic Fit 4 Fun will have lots of things to try such as climbing, fencing, dancing and ball games. If you still have any energy left Inflatable Day is just the ticket to bounce away an afternoon.

New for this year is 'It's a Knock Out'! Why not get a team together with family and friends? It will be fun to do, fun to watch and there will be plenty of other activities to enjoy.

For young people, or those young at heart, don't miss the Skate Jam, with lots of competitions for ages and abilities. Also check out Grove Corner summer timetable such as the Monday Drop-in Hang-out sessions and Friday Fun.

For more information on individual activities visit www.dunstable.gov.uk or like us on Facebook.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 3 August – National Play Day

11.00 am to 3.00 pm at St Augustine's School playing fields, Oakwood Avenue LU5 4ES (FREE)

Friday 5 August – Family Fun

2.00 pm to 4.00 pm at Creasey Park Community Football Centre, Creasey Park Drive, LU6 1BB (FREE)

Tuesday 9 August – Family Fun

1.00 pm to 3.00 pm at Downside Community Centre, Suffolk Road LU5 4ES (FREE)

Thursday 11 August – Fit 4 Fun

11.00 am to 3.00 pm Beecroft School playing fields, Westfield Road, LU6 1DW (FREE)

Sunday 14 August – It's a Knock Out

12 noon to 4.00 pm Downside Recreation Ground, Suffolk Road LU5 4ES (Free admission, £6 per team of 6, pay as you go and free attractions)

Tuesday 16 August – Storytelling

10.00 am to 11.00 am and 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm Grove House Gardens, off High Street North LU6 1NF (FREE)

Friday 19 August – Inflatable Day

12 noon to 4.00 pm Grove House Gardens, off High Street North LU6 1NF (unlimited wrist band £5)

Sunday 21 August – Skate Jam

12 noon to 4.00 pm Grove Skate Park behind Go Bowling, Court Drive (FREE)

Thursday 25 August – Art Attack

11.00 am to 3.00 pm Priory Gardens, off High Street South LU6 3RZ (wrist band £2.50)

The Stars Are Out For Dunstable's Summer of Music



T'Pau's Carol Decker



Saturday 18 June
2.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Grove House Gardens

Are you ready for 5 hours of 80s heaven?

On Saturday 18 June Dunstable will take you back to the era of the 80s. You won't get 'Guilty Feet' by dancing to the fantastic Wham tribute (2.00 pm). This tribute to the iconic Wham will get you pumped-up ready for The Boy George Experience (3.00 pm), when you can join our 'Culture Club' with this terrific tribute act.

You won't be thinking it's 'An Ordinary World' when you hear the sounds of the Duran Duran tribute (4.00 pm). A fantastic tribute taking you back to the brilliance of Duran Duran. It won't be 'A Sin' to sing away to the hits of the amazing Pet Shop Boys tribute (5.00 pm), the ultimate in 80s electronic pop.

Finally, you can get 'Down Down' to the legends that are Status Quo! You will be rocking all over Dunstable after you sing and dance along to this fantastic four-piece tribute band (6.00 pm).

Whatever you want, Dunstable Live has it – celebrating one of the most iconic music eras.

Unlike at Club Tropicana, unfortunately the drinks aren't free, but we have a fantastic bar on site and selection of food stalls available for you to purchase refreshments from throughout the day.

There will also be a family area available. Bring everyone along and enjoy the first event of Dunstable's Summer of Music in Grove House Gardens 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm



Saturday 16 July
12 noon to 8.00 pm
Grove House Gardens

This year Party in the Park is bursting at the seams with attractions and entertainment. With so much to see and do you will not want to miss this completely FREE event.

Returning for 2016 is our dedicated children's area 'KidZone' aimed for youngsters aged up to 13. This area is full of activities for all abilities with a fantastic selection of FREE activities including Water Zorbs, Tony's Reptile Show (where you can see and handle a range of creepy crawlies and meercats), Bouncy Castles, Surf Simulator, Fun Runs, Frozen Area and much more! But the highlight has to be performances on our mini-stage of JezO from CBBC's The Slammer, with his unique style of car crash magic. There will be space for the adults to chill out on our deckchairs while they watch the children play. Best of all it's all FREE!

The rest of the gardens will feature fun fair rides for the teenagers and a wide selection of craft, gift and food stalls, along with our fully licensed bar, sideshows, games plus a whole host of other fun.

It's the main stage where the party really happens. Live music from local bands along with the UK's No.1 party anthem show – 'Smash Hits 90s'. The highlight of the event is our headline act Ray Quinn. Ray rose to fame in Brookside before becoming runner-up in The X Factor. His success has grown from there including appearing on Dancing On Ice. Ray will entertain with one hour full of music for the whole family. This truly is an event not to be missed!



June to August
3.00 pm to 4.30 pm
Grove House Gardens

Our traditional Sunday Band Concerts start off again this year with the fantastic Dunstable Town Band on Sunday 26 June at 3.00 pm.

- Sunday 26 June
Dunstable Town Band
- Sunday 3 July
Bradwell Silver Band
- Sunday 10 July
Heath Band
- Sunday 24 July
Milton Keynes Brass
- Sunday 31 July
South Beds Concert Band
- Sunday 7 August
Grimsdyke Brass
- Sunday 14 August
Chiltern Hill Brass

New for 2016 – Afternoon Tea To Go
What could be more English than enjoying a Cream or Afternoon Tea while listening to wonderful live band music in the Green Flag Award-winning gardens? This year, refreshments will be provided by the award winning Priority House Tea Rooms, and available from Grove Corner during the interval. You'll find a selection of home baked cakes, Dunstable tea and freshly brewed coffee. Want to make it more of an occasion? Then why not order a Cream or Afternoon Tea for two which can be collected from Grove Corner on the day when pre-ordered?
For more information see page 11.



Pet Shop Boys
Tribute Band

CBBC's
JezO



Boy George
Experience



State of Quo

DUNSTABLE ROCKS!

Saturday 20 August
2.00 pm to 9.00 pm
Grove House Gardens

We started Dunstable's Summer of Music with an 80s theme and we are carrying it on...

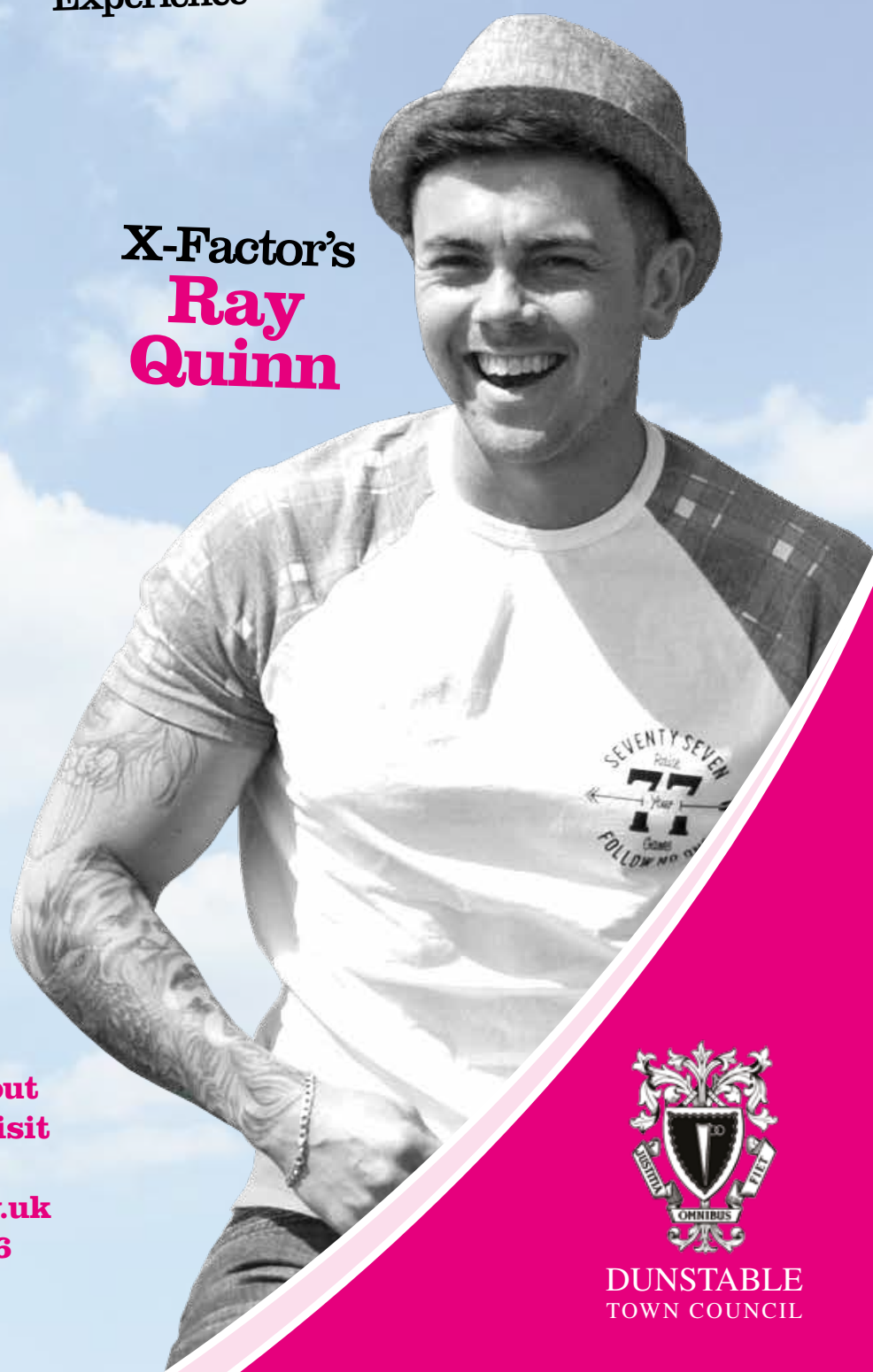
The cat was let out of the bag a little earlier than we expected, but we are very excited to announce that T'Pau's Carol Decker will be headlining Dunstable Rocks!

Most famous for their hits 'China in Your Hand' and 'Heart and Soul'; Carol Decker will be sure to get everyone on their feet and enjoy this fantastic free event.

This year Dunstable Rocks starts at 2.00 pm and finishes at 9.00 pm. There will be a family area and a giant screen, so you won't miss any of the action. As usual there will be an outside bar and a selection of food concessions.

Throughout the day Dunstable Rocks! showcases local talent and this year is no exception. There will be a fantastic line-up of music to get you partying all day long.

X-Factor's
Ray
Quinn



For further information about any of these events please visit www.dunstable.gov.uk, email events@dunstable.gov.uk or telephone 01582 891406



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Brighton and back in a day? Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside...

Did you know you can pick up a £20 day return train ticket to Brighton from Priory House Tourist Information Centre and Gift Shop? £20 for an adult day return and only £2 for an accompanied child, how good is that? No fuel costs, no sitting in traffic, no looking for parking spaces and no parking fees? Win win. The tickets are Off-Peak Monday to Friday with no restrictions on weekends or Bank Holidays. You can purchase four children's tickets with every adult ticket, for children aged 5 to 15. They are valid at every station on the Bedford to Brighton line.

The Tourist Information Centre and Gift Shop at Priory House is open Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. Please note – once purchased tickets are non-refundable.



TOURIST INFORMATION

The **Tourist Information Centre** provides a gateway to Priory House Exhibition Room, plus leaflets, maps and information about Central Bedfordshire.



Local attractions, theatre brochures, walking and cycling leaflets, the London planner and more are available.

We are agents for the following:



What about a weekend in Llandudno?

Priory House Gift Shop and Tourist Information Centre besides being a place to pick up that unusual gift or card is also a one stop shop for a lot of your holiday, day trip and travel needs.

Did you know we are the local agents for National Express? If you want to go from Luton to Llandudno or Exeter to Edinburgh we will help you get there. If you are over 60 we can provide you with a Senior Coach card which gives you a third off most journeys.

We also act on behalf of Theobolds Coaches, Tates Coaches, Three Star Coaches and Motts Holidays. We will help you to book your Day Trips or Holidays.



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Summer Festival Hampers

Make your summer scrumptious!

New for 2016

from



PRIORY HOUSE
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Summer 2016 sees the launch of some new ventures for the Priory House Tea Rooms. We will be providing the refreshments for the Sunday Band Concerts this year and launching our Festival Hampers available at some of our summer events.

Festival Hampers for Two (all include disposable tableware)

Cream Tea £7.50
Two scones, jam and cream, plus a cup of Tea/regular coffee per person.

Afternoon Tea £21.00
Mini savouries, sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, selection of cakes, plus two cups of Tea/regular coffee per person.

Non-Alcoholic Picnic £20.00
Filled Deli Rolls, Sausage Rolls, Scotch Eggs, Cheese Straws, Crisps and two bottles/cans soft drink.

Prosecco Picnic £25.00
Baguettes, Butter, Brie, Cheddar, Red Leicester, Olives, Strawberries and Cream, with a bottle of Prosecco.

Hampers are available to order for the following Summer events:

Dunstable Classic Motor Rally 11 June 2016
All of the above is available for this event, but hampers must be ordered and paid for by Thursday 9 June. Pick-up Point – Priory House.

Sunday Band Concerts See page 8 for dates
Cream Tea/Afternoon Tea available for these events, must be ordered and paid for by the Friday of that week. Pick-up Point – Grove Corner. (Afternoon Teas pick-up, 3.00 pm, Cream Tea pick-up, interval.)

Proms in the Park 10 September 2016
Cream Tea/ Non Alcoholic Picnic/Prosecco. Picnic these must be ordered and paid for by Thursday 8 September. Pick-up Point – Priory House.

How to Order
All hampers can be ordered either by telephone on 01582 891420, in person or by going to our website: www.dunstable.gov.uk/new-for-2016-from-the-priory-pantry.htm

Summer Specials

Priory Pudding Nights Thursdays 5.00 pm to 9.30 pm (last orders 9.00 pm)
Yes our Pudding Nights are back for the summer and with our selection of tasty desserts and scrumptious sundaes. We will also be offering a cheeseboard for those with a less sweet tooth who still enjoy the relaxed social atmosphere. As always dessert wines will be on offer and of course our selection of liqueur coffees to round off the perfect evening. From Thursday 2 June to Thursday 29 September.

Sunday Opening 12 noon to 4.00 pm
Priory House Tea Rooms will once again open on Sunday afternoons offering a light lunch menu, cakes and cream teas, together with previously booked Afternoon Teas from Sunday 5 June until Sunday 25 September. The last booking for Afternoon Tea will be at 2.30 pm.

Summer Afternoon Teas
Our popular Summer Afternoon Teas are returning. Enjoy a selection of summery savouries and



sandwiches and fruit sweet treats including our classic strawberries and cream shortbread stack. Afternoon tea can be taken in the cool Medieval Undercroft or in the nice weather outside in our Green Flag Award winning gardens overlooking the Priory Church. Starts Saturday 4 June until Sunday 25 September

Are you interested in Volunteering and helping others?

We need your help to re-launch Dunstable Good Neighbours Scheme!

What is a Good Neighbour scheme?

Good Neighbour schemes are volunteer groups set up and run by local residents to provide a 'safety net' for their village or town, responding to calls from any fellow resident in need of a bit of extra help.

Helping out with the occasional things that can make all the difference, such as lifts to the shops or doctors; collecting shopping; small household jobs such as changing a light-bulb; walking the dog; even popping round for a chat over a cup of tea – or anything else that one neighbour might do for another.

All volunteers are fully insured and DBS checked. Most help is free, unless expenses such as petrol or parking have been incurred.



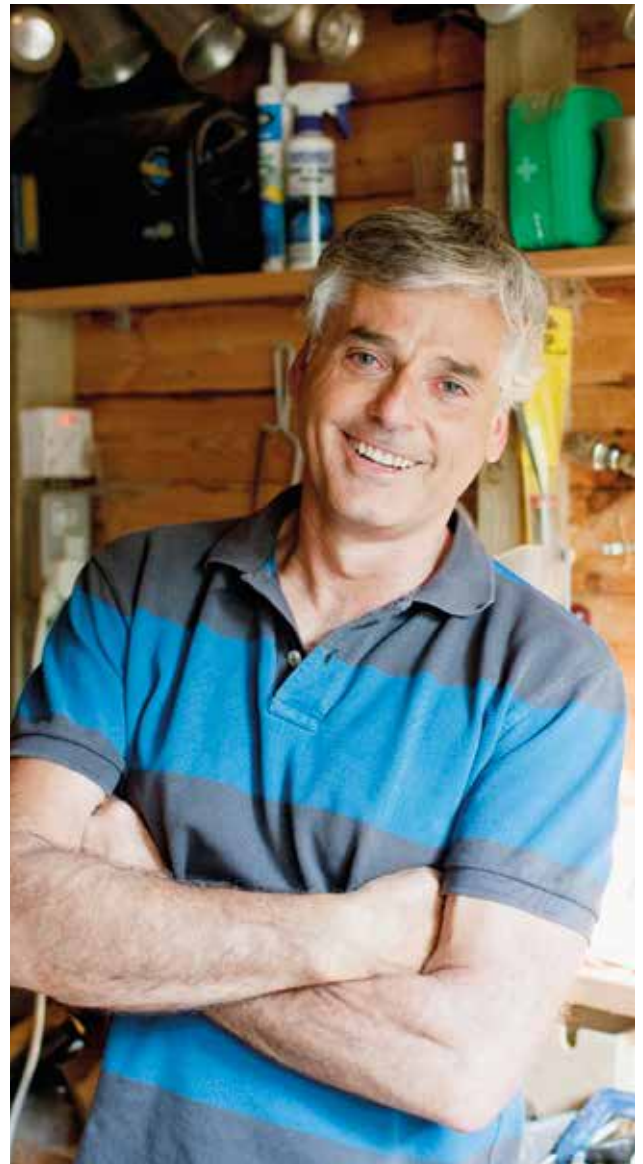
Promoting Good Neighbour Schemes at the Saturday Charity Event in the Methodist Church, Dunstable on 6 February 2016, with Town Mayor Cllr Liz Jones

Who are Dunstable Good Neighbours?

Dunstable Good Neighbours Scheme is supported by Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity and Central Bedfordshire Council, and will be part of a network of village and town care schemes in Bedfordshire.

We are seeking volunteers, with as little or as much time to spare that you can, to help local residents in need, across four areas of Dunstable.

For more information contact Jenny and Sharon by telephone on 07534 484750 or by emailing them at dunstablegoodneighbours@yahoo.com



Dunstable Men in Sheds

Men in Sheds is a project aimed specifically at men aged 50+. It looks to bring men together to put their practical skills to good use and have some fun. It provides a space to develop a hobby workshop where men can work together on a range of practical activities.

Current members are looking to put their skills to good use, share their knowledge, learn new skills and generally put the world to rights over a cup of tea. Members have come from a wide variety of backgrounds and are looking forward to working together and supporting the town's communities.

We now have a steering group and are looking to form a Committee to get the project up and running!

Would you be interested in becoming a member of the Dunstable Men in Sheds project? We are always looking for more members to keep driving forward the development of The Shed with the support of the Royal Voluntary Service.

If you are interested and would like more information please contact Jack Adams-Rimmer on (01582) 513000 or 07801575139 or alternatively email Jack.Adams-Rimmer@dunstable.gov.uk

Spotlight On...

Dunstable Town Centre

Town Centre Manager – Clare Brett

The heart of Dunstable is the town centre and this issue we shine the spotlight on Clare Brett, the Town Centre Manager. Let's find out her ideas and thoughts on Dunstable and what is in store for the future of the town centre...

You have worked for Dunstable Town Council now for 15 years, in that time you have worked a variety of positions. Tell us more about what your roles have been?

I started work for the Town Council back in 2001 as the Events Assistant. I was also involved with the refurbishment and opening of Priory House Heritage Centre before becoming Town Centre Co-ordinator and working more closely with the town centre businesses. I became Town Centre Manager in 2012 when Dunstable Town Council took over the management of the Ashton Square Toilet facility and took on Dunstable Market. Working in a variety of roles has meant that I have enjoyed a very varied working life at the Town Council that has also given me the opportunity to work with colleagues from all departments.

There is a lot of talk about the future of Dunstable and the effects of the new trunk road. How do you think this will benefit the town centre?

When the A5 through Dunstable is 'detrunked', heavy goods vehicles will be taken away from the town centre, which should reduce congestion and improve air quality. The detrunking will happen following the completion of the A5-M1 Link Road and both schemes should have a positive impact on the traffic and town centre environment. The responsibility for the road will transfer to Central Bedfordshire Council as the Highways Authority and there may also be opportunities for Central Bedfordshire Council to improve the street scene, removing railings, putting in new furniture and improving signage.

Your job role is very varied, working with the market, toilets and the important work with the businesses. What do you enjoy most about your role?

It is the huge variety that keeps the job fresh and interesting which I enjoy most. No two days are the same and I could be involved with anything from event planning to changing a light bulb or even writing a blog!

You have recently started writing a news column in The Gazette and an online blog. Are you enjoying writing these and what is the main purpose of doing this?

Blog writing is something quite new to me and requires the development of new skills which I am still working on! In most of the things I have to write I don't need to include 'personality', but the blog format in particular requires a much more informal and personal style. So yes, I am enjoying the challenge, but welcome any help or suggestions for topics that people would be interested in!

You manage Dunstable Market; tell us why people should start shopping on the market, and importantly why people should shop local?

Dunstable is an historic market town and the market is very much at its heart. We are all aware that shopping habits and lifestyles have changed but there really is no substitute for the shopping experience and personal service that you can receive from an independent retailer or trader who gets to know you over a period of time. Some of our businesses in town have been

operating for a long time and the traders on the market are no exception. These businesses really know their customers and will go the extra mile to get the product they want. This personal service and traditional experience is unique and in order to keep town centres alive we need to use them as much as possible.

If you could choose, what shops would you like to see in Dunstable?

Whilst we have some wonderful independent retailers in our town centre, I feel that one of the things that would attract people into Dunstable would be an improved retail offer. So as someone who enjoys some retail therapy, I would just like to add to the shopping experience available with a range of different retailers that we don't already have.

If you were a superhero what special power would you have?

I would like to be able to control the weather. It is lovely to have different seasons and to experience these as we go through the year, but as part of the team who operate the market, life would be much easier if the weather wasn't always so unpredictable!

To find out more about what is happening in Dunstable town centre, subscribe to the Town Centre Manager's Blog at: <https://dunstabletowncentreblog.wordpress.com/>

Dunstable Market operates in the Ashton Square area every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday throughout the year.





Priory Gateway and a New Pair of Gates

This Grade I listed Scheduled Ancient Monument is all that remains of the Dunstable Priory gatehouse. Last November, with the help of grants from Historic England and Central Bedfordshire Council, the Town Council completed the stone renovation of the gateway. This involved removing all the cement used in the previous repairs, repairing and replacing damaged and missing stones and repairing and repointing all the stonework using lime mortar.

In the coming months a new pair of oak gates will be hung in the gateway to complete the restoration works and new interpretation panels will be installed to give visitors more information about the history of the structure. The purchase of the new gates has been made possible thanks to donations from a number of organisations and businesses in the town that have contributed to meet half the costs. They are:

Chez Jerome, Dunstable and District Local History Society, Dunstable Joint Committee, Dunstable Rotary Club, Friends of Priory House and Gardens, Waterside Estates Ltd and The Watling Street Club

The Friends of Priory House and Gardens and the Archaeologist from Central Bedfordshire Council have supported the Town Council throughout this project and it would not have been possible to complete the restoration without their support.

The former Priory and the Gatehouse have a rich history and here below is one of the many incidents that have taken place around the gateway throughout the ages:

A Violent Incident The Priory Annals record an incident which took place at the gateway on 16 December 1276, when a group of the king's falconers, who were staying at the Priory, had an altercation with some of the canons and the chaplain. Later in the evening the falconers, and some of their friends, went out into the streets of Dunstable where they fatally wounded the chaplain. When they were refused re-entry by the gatekeeper he was beaten up and they then stormed through the Priory causing further injuries.

The alarm was raised by the pealing of the bells and the people of the town ran to intervene, but still the Prior, William, struggled to contain the fighting.

The following day, the falconers went to the king and complained about their treatment and levelled serious accusations against the Prior. Edward I referred the matter to the local justice, Roger Seyton, who sat at Dunstable. When twelve local men swore on oath that the Prior, the canons and the townspeople were not at fault, the king refused to accept this and came in person to the town.

At a later hearing, thirty-six men from outside the locality declared before the king that there was no case to answer by the Prior. It would appear though that the falconer's actions went unpunished.

Do you have the best front garden in Dunstable?

Dunstable in Bloom is organising the Best Front Garden competition again in 2016. The categories this year will be:

Best Front Garden

Best Container Display in a Front Garden

Best Hanging Basket in a Front Garden

Best Licensed Premises Floral Display

Best Allotment

Best School Garden

Entrants are encouraged to include a transport theme in their planting and design.

Judging will take place from mid-July onwards and the winners will be announced and presented with trophies at an evening awards ceremony in September.

You can enter more than one competition. To take part, please return the feedback slip at the back of Talk of The Town providing your name, address, telephone number and email address and mark the slip with the name of the competition(s) that you wish to enter. Alternatively, you can enter by emailing your information to sarah.woodruff@ntlworld.com or john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk

The closing date for entries is 5.00 pm on Friday 8 July 2016.

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 rosmary.osullivan@dunstable.gov.uk.

Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below:

06/06/2016	Community Services Committee	28/06/2016	Plans Sub-Committee
07/06/2016	Plans Sub-Committee	19/07/2016	Plans Sub-Committee
13/06/2016	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee	20/07/2016	Accts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
16/06/2016	Dunstable Joint Committee 7.00 pm (Watling House)	21/07/2016	Personnel Sub Committee
20/06/2016	Finance & General Purposes Committee	09/08/2016	Plans Sub-Committee
22/06/2016	Accts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm	24/08/2016	Accts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
27/06/2016	COUNCIL	30/08/2016	Plans Sub-Committee



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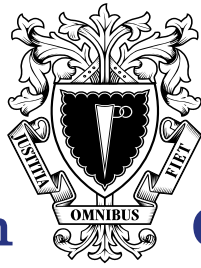
Pay a visit to Dunstable Market for...

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

Play your part in reviving Dunstable's history and shaping its future by shopping locally and supporting your market



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Email info@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, 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

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

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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 at Grove House – 01582 513000

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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:
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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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To: 17/2 June 2016