

# **Meet the Councillors**

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**Grounds and Environmental** 

Councillors John Kane (Town Mayor)

Nigel Warren (Deputy Town Mayor)

Liz Jones (Chairman)



Cllr Mike Mullany 49 West Hill Dunstable LU6 3PN 01582 667797

# **Dunstable Town Council Committee Membership**

#### Finance and General Purposes

Councillors John Kane (Town Mayor) Nigel Warren (Deputy Town Mayor) Peter Hollick (Chairman)

John Chatterley (Vice-Chairman)

Sid Abbott Terry Colbourne Phillip Crawley **Eugene Ghent** Liz Jones Gloria Martin Claire Meakins Mike Mullany Patricia Russell **Gladys Sanders** Ann Sparrow Pat Staples

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# Welcome





# Mayor's Welcome

Councillor John Kane

May I wish you all a very happy and prosperous 2019 and welcome our new residents who have moved into Dunstable during the past year. Reflecting on last year, as I move into the final months of my Mayoral year, I have been delighted by the support that the Mayoress and myself have received during 2018.

So many memorable events, including the day that Dunstable fell silent when thousands gathered at the newly refurbished War Memorial to commemorate Armistice Day, one hundred years on, together with the "Beacon of Light" on Dunstable Downs.

The Seasonal and Christmas events and celebrations with families and friends supporting the annual Christmas Tree Carols and Torchlight Procession event, with superb carol singing by children from Dunstable schools and the musical accompaniment from the Salvation Army.

Our success at the Anglia in Bloom Awards, for our wonderful gardens and parks throughout the town, together with the Dunstable in Bloom awards going to residents, businesses and the gardening group from Priory View, the Dunstable Independent Living Complex. I was pleased to attend the 50th Anniversary of the Little Theatre formed in 1945 as the Dunstable Repertory Theatre.

I would like to thank the Little Theatre for allowing me to have a fundraising evening at their January production of 'Glorious', the hilarious true story of Florence Foster Jenkins.

My Charity events have been most enjoyable and successful, thank you to everyone who has supported them - my charities are (DADDS) Dunstable and District Disabled Sports and the Dunstable Sea Cadets.

I am happy to visit local schools, businesses and community groups and to support other local charities. For more information about Mayoral activities please contact Michele Markus by telephone on 01582 891404 or email michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk

Councillor John Kane Town Mayor of Dunstable

# **Council & 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. The full calendar of meetings for 2019 can be found on the Council's website at www.dunstable.gov.uk



**David Ashlee** 

Town Clerk & 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 2019. I hope you all enjoyed Christmas and that you were able to take advantage of the town centre Christmas programme made possible by the Town Council and the Dunstable Joint Committee.

Many of you will now have seen the newly refurbished War Memorial. I was especially proud this year to be able to recite the Exhortation on Remembrance Sunday. I have never seen so many people at the War Memorial for what was a very poignant and fitting ceremony to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who contributed to the War Memorial refurbishment, the town should be very proud of what it has achieved.

This edition features the Town Council's events diary for 2019. The Town Council is very proud of its events programme and this year's calendar features everyone's favourites including 'Around the World', 'Priory Pictures' and 'Proms in the Park'. We were all very pleased to have won a national award for our WWI event held in 2018. Not many towns the size of Dunstable can enjoy as many fantastic events as the Town Council provides.

I think 2019 is going to be a very good year for Dunstable and I look forward to the completion of the new town centre gateways and look out for an exciting new adventure play area the Council is providing in Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground. It should be ready by the middle of May, in time for the Bennett's Splash re-opening.

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 Oshlee
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

14/01/2019	Grounds and Environmental Services
17/01/2019	Personnel Sub-Committee
21/01/2019	Finance and General Purposes Committee
23/01/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
29/01/2019	Plans Sub-Committee
04/02/2019	COUNCIL
07/02/2019	Dunstable Joint Committee Watling House
19/02/2019	Plans Sub-Committee
20/02/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
04/03/2019	TOWN MEETING 7.30 pm
11/03/2019	Community Services Committee
12/03/2019	Plans Sub-Committee
14/03/2019	Dunstable Joint Committee Watling House
18/03/2019	Grounds and Environmental Services Commit

**DUNSTABLE TOWN COUNCIL** 

# NOTICE BOARD

News, Announcements and Items of Interest for Residents of Dunstable

**Central Bedfordshire** 

# Town Centre Regeneration Update

As a council, we are committed to revitalising our market towns. Dunstable Town Council has undertaken five projects in partnership with us, using £1.25million allocated from our Market Town Regeneration Fund. In 2017 we joint-funded the new splash play park and the town ranger cleaning machines. In 2018 a new arch and gates at Priory Gardens were put in place. We also offered £1million on facelifts for independent shops and businesses across the region. The Saracen's Head, Lombardo's deli, Café Latte, Allframe, and the Conference Centre have all benefitted, along with vacant units. We're supporting these businesses to boost your town.

Last year we asked for your ideas on how to improve Dunstable. You told us you wanted to prioritise pedestrians, as they're the ones spending money in the shops and businesses. So we've made £1.5milion worth of improvements to widen the pavements and reduced the road width to create the feel of a traditional market town, and we've pedestrianised Middle Row. The high street had become akin to a dual carriageway when it was the old A5. We want only local traffic to come into town, rather than using Dunstable as a through-route. And we're adding trees and benches to help encourage pedestrians back into town. We're incorporating drainage solutions to take away storm water to help with the flooding that's affected the town. We've also used permeable paving which lets the water seep away into underground drains.

All these investments will help achieve our ambition to give you back your high street.



# **Dunstable Town Meeting**

will be held on

Monday 4 March 2019 at 7.30 pm

at Grove House, High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1NF

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

# **Dunstable Town Guides Volunteers Wanted**

Growing public interest in the history of the town means that Dunstable Town Tour Guides are looking for volunteers. Find out fascinating facts, develop your natural communication skills, and learn how to entertain and inform groups of all ages with walks and talks. To see what we do visit our website www.dunstabletownguides.co.uk. To find out more please contact Kay Kempster by email at dunstablehg@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook.







# **Dunstable Town Council** 2019 Events Programme

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# **EVENT AND VENUE**

Celebrating St. George **Priory Gardens** 

> Around the World **Priory Gardens**

**Classic Motor Rally Priory Gardens** 

**Dunstable Live** Grove House Gardens

> **Priory Pictures Priory Gardens**

**Sunday Band Concerts** Grove House Gardens

> Party in the Park Grove House Gardens

Priory Proms in the Park **Priory Gardens** 

**Dunstable Fireworks Display** Creasey Park Community Football Centre

Christmas Carols & Torchlight Procession

The Square

# DATE AND TIMES

Saturday 27 April 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

Saturday 18 May 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Saturday 8 June 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Saturday 15 June 3.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Saturday 22 June & 10 August Film times TBC

30 June, 7, 14 & 28 July, 4, 11 & 18 August 2.30 pm to 4.15 pm

Saturday 20 July 12 noon to 8.00 pm

Saturday 14 September From 6.00 pm

**Tuesday 5 November** Gates open at 5.00 pm

Friday 29 November From 7.00 pm



For all event enquiries, please contact Lisa Vincent on 01582 891406 or email lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk

# **Dunstable Town Council 2019 Events Programme Sponsor**

Dunstable Town Council is thrilled to announce that the 2019 Events programme is sponsored by Suitcase Travel. Located in Queensway, Dunstable, Suitcase Travel are a local travel agents who can arrange holidays from last minutes getaways to Spain or dream holidays to the Far East! Pop in today and start the New Year off with a fantastic holiday plan!

Penny from Suitcase Travel said: "We are really excited to be part of Dunstable Town Council's 2019 events. We are proud to have brought back the independent travel agency to the town's high street, as well as bringing back the fun and excitement of booking a holiday, instead of just the stress. We can't wait to bring this fun and excitement along with us to these events and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2019!"



Suitcase TRAVEL







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# Celebrating 10 years of Dunstable in Bloom

2019 marks the 10th anniversary of Dunstable in Bloom and the town will be entering the Anglia in Bloom competition again this year as well as organising the annual best Front Garden, Basket and Container display competitions. This year's theme is 'Plants for the Senses' and local residents and organisations are encouraged to use plants for touch, taste, sound, smell and sight. To get you started here are ten good plants for the senses.



**Lamb's Ears:** downy leaves that resemble the ears of a lamb.

**Jerusalem Sage:** soft, downy leaves and stems with pretty, yellow flowers.

#### **Taste**

Spearmint: a vigorous growing herb, which tastes great with peas or new potatoes.

Rosemary: highly fragrant leaves used to flavour meat and fish. Its scent is wonderful.

#### Sound

**Greater Quaking Grass:** rustles in the wind with nodding, lantern-like heads of flowers.

Fountain Grass: long, evergreen grass, with bristly spikelets.

#### Smell

Chocolate Cosmos: beautiful, maroon flowers give off a chocolate/vanilla scent - a big hit with the kids!

**Lemon Scented Geranium:** *leaves that smell of lemon when rubbed.* 

# Dunstable's

#### Sight

Sunflowers: bright, bold looking flower that can grow 30 cm in height in a week in ideal conditions.

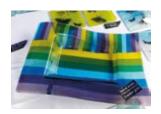
**Love-in-a-Mist:** *sun-loving, bright blue flowers.* 

Watch out on our social media for our 'ten tips' practical guides and advice to mark the 10th anniversary.

# **Marvellous Markets**

Dunstable Market's 2019 programme of Farmers & Craft Markets and Themed Markets runs from April to December.





On the second and third Saturday of each month Middle Row will be full of stalls selling food, crafts and unique items, with some great themes this year from Easter to Classic Jumble and the popular Christmas Magic market.

The farmers and craft market has grown over the last year with regular bread and cake sellers now joining the talented crafters each month.

If you are thinking of starting up your own small business in Dunstable stalls are only £20 for the day, this is a perfect opportunity for you. For more information on the themed or farmers and crafts markets email Annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk



# 2019 Farmers and Craft Markets

Saturday 20 April Saturday 18 May Saturday 15 June

Saturday 20 July Saturday 17 August

Saturday 21 September

Saturday 19 October

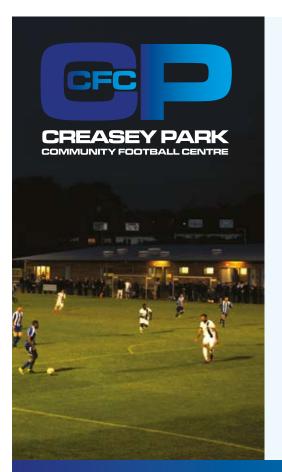
Saturday 16 November

Saturday 21 December

# Themed Markets in 2019

Saturday 13 April Saturday 11 May Saturday 8 June Saturday 13 July **Saturday 10 August** Saturday 14 September Saturday 12 October Saturday 9 November Saturday 14 December

**Easter Treats** Love Your Garden Classic Auto Jumble Lifestyle & Craft Children's Market Charity Day Street Food **Mystic Treats** Christmas Magic



# **Dunstable's Award-Winning Football Facilities**

The Football Association has recognised Dunstable Town Council's Grounds Team for their excellent work on the five youth pitches, three 11v11 pitches and main stadia grass pitch at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. During halftime of the Luton Town v Accrington Stanley match on Tuesday 23 October, the 'Bedfordshire Grounds Team of the Year Award' was presented to Dunstable Town Council's Ken McGarrigle and Dave Smith. Check out our award-winning pitches every Saturday during AFC Dunstable or Dunstable Town Football Club games; for the latest fixtures visit our website:

www.dunstable.gov.uk/creasey-park-football-centre/football-fixtures/

In addition Creasey Park Community Football Centre has again been assessed and awarded Quest Accreditation for the fifth consecutive year. Quest is a tool for continuous improvement, designed primarily for the management of leisure facilities and sports development, where centres are rigorously assessed against eight key criteria. Why not visit the excellent facilities available at the Centre and see for yourself why they are consistently rated so highly? You can enjoy hot and cold food in 'Keeper's Kitchen' and there are plenty of drinks to try in 'The Crossbar'. Local community groups regularly use the facilities for activities, such as our weekly Yoga/Pilates group on a Tuesday morning. It's £6 per session from 10.00 am. We also have a weekly toddler group on Fridays from 9.30 am to 11.00 am, £1 per person snacks and activities included (term time only). Additionally, we can cater for football parties, charity events or evening functions, with or without catering and there is plenty of accessible parking.

If you're interested in hiring this versatile facility please do not hesitate to get in touch on 01582 891433 or email cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk

Creasey Park Drive, Dunstable LU6 1BB 01582 891433

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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 891428 | 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 twice-monthly themed markets 01582 891436 | 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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