

TALK *of the* TOWN

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'Helping Make Dunstable a Better Place'

Summer Fun



Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground
is the place to be this summer!



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Summer Activities Programme

New 'Weird & Wonderful' Event

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Mayor's Welcome

Councillor Sid Abbott

It is a great pleasure to be writing in *Talk of the Town* for the first time since being appointed to the historic office of Town Mayor of Dunstable; a position that I am truly honoured and privileged to accept. I am also pleased my wife Heather will be supporting me as Mayoress.

I first came to Dunstable to visit my Granny as a child. I moved with my parents to Luton – and later to Dunstable – in 1973, where I met Heather who I married and we have two daughters, Katrina and Tracy, who were born and educated in Dunstable. My working career has mainly been in engineering, health & safety and environmental management.

Now actively retired, my main pursuits are as a Councillor, a volunteer for the Alzheimer's Society, English Heritage at Wrest Park, Silsoe and Incredible Edible – a community garden based in Katherine Drive who grow nutritious produce, free, for the local residents.

One of my first engagements was attending the Dunstable Town Council 'Around the World' event at Priory Gardens. The event comprised of music, culture and animals from different countries. It was an outstanding success with more stalls and the biggest attendance since the event debuted in 2014. There are plenty more free events this year so please visit our website www.dunstable.gov.uk for more information.

Dunstable is an evolving town with ongoing improvements, one being air quality, with reduced nitrous oxide levels since the lorry restriction through the town centre on the opening of the new M1 – A5 link road and Woodside connections. Now only goods vehicles delivering to the local area can pass through. We are also a growing town with a population coming up to 40,000, with a diversity of cultures and nationalities, which will enhance the town going forward.

In my mayoral year I will be holding several events for my chosen charities, which are the Alzheimer's Society, Autism Bedfordshire, Signposts and Minds2gether. I will be asking for your help in raising funds throughout the year to these deserving causes. For details of my charity events please contact my secretary Michele Markus by email at michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk or give her a call on 01582 891404.

Planned events subject to confirmation are a cricket match in August, a golf day in September, bingo night in November, a festive Pudding Night around Christmas and then maybe a race night or quiz night in January or February. The schedule of events will culminate in the Mayors Dinner gala event in March.

The Mayoress and I are looking forward to our Mayoral year and meeting residents, businesses, schools, charities and community groups of Dunstable who are the people who really matter in all aspects of a successful town.

Councillor Sid Abbott

Town Mayor of Dunstable



David Ashlee

Town Clerk & Chief Executive

Welcome to the summer edition of *Talk of the Town*. I would like to begin my introduction by welcoming all eighteen Councillors that make up Dunstable Town Council following the recent local elections. The Council now has ten new Councillors who I am sure are looking forward to getting involved with everything that the Council does for the residents of Dunstable.

This edition of *Talk of the Town* features the fantastic new Bennett's Adventure Play that is now open. The new adventure play area complements the existing Bennett's Splash and Splashside Café and is really making Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground the place to be this summer.

This summer looks set to be another fun-filled time for Dunstable residents with the launch of the Summer Activities Programme in August as well as the continuing events programme that includes 'Dunstable Live', 'Party in the Park', 'Priory Pictures' and 'Proms in the Park'.

Look out later in this edition for information regarding activities planned for Ashton Square. Following the improvements made to Middle Row and The Square by Central Bedfordshire Council, my Council are now keen to see this area of the town used more for events, the first two being a 'table football' event on 13 July followed by a 'seaside' themed event on 17 August. These events are designed to complement the increasingly popular special themed and farmers and craft markets that take place twice monthly along Middle Row.

Continuing our partnership work with Central Bedfordshire Council to improve the look of the town centre, a new small grants scheme has been launched to help part fund independent retailers wishing to make improvements to their shop fronts. Full details of the scheme are given later in this edition.

Finally, please look out for our special events we have arranged for Bennett's Splash, Bennett's Adventure Play and the Splashside Café. These will be taking place on 19 July and 1 September and are featured later in this edition.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *Talk of the Town*, have a great summer 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

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News, Announcements and Items of Interest for Residents of Dunstable



Have you ever wondered what the view from the Downs was in the distant past?

Would you like to find out why Dunstable was "full of inns" in 1687?

If so, book a walk and move back in time with the *Dunstable Town Guides* to learn about the past.

History of the Five Knolls

**Sunday 21 July
at 10.30 am**

A walk back in time to the prehistoric landscape.
Meet at the junction of Tring Rd with Whipsnade Rd



Dunstable's Liquid History



**Sunday
22 September
at 10.30 am**

The coaching inns and pubs of Dunstable
Meet outside Priory House.

Tickets are £5.00 for adults / £2.50 for children and must be booked through Priory House Heritage Centre on 01582 891420



Community Toilets Scheme

Dunstable has two Community Toilets within the town centre that are staying in the scheme this year. Kazmicks cafe in Queensway, open Monday to Saturday 9.00 am to 2.30 pm and Café Nostalgia in West Street open Monday to Saturday 7.00 am to 5.00 pm and Sunday 8.00 am to 5.00 pm. A Community Toilet is a toilet within a business. The business will allow anyone to use the toilet respectfully in their establishment without being a customer and therefore the need to purchase their commodity.

Public Toilets in Dunstable

Ashton Square Public Toilets

Open from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm Monday to Saturday.

Priory House Public Toilets

Open from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Saturday.

Asda Superstore

Open Monday to Friday 7.00 am to 11.00 pm, Saturday 7.00 am to 10.00 pm, Sunday 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Bennett's Splashside Café

Open 10.00 am to 6.00 pm 7 days a week May to September.

What's On at Creasey Park Community Football Centre?

Do you have neck, leg or back pain? Book in to see Len for an appointment on 07790 591669. He is a professional sports physio based at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. We have Wednesday morning Adult Art classes based at Creasey Park. Contact Sue on 07931 743982 for more information.

If you are interested in hiring any of our facilities please contact us on 01582 891433 or email cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk



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Keeping you abreast of town
centre news, initiatives and
developments

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New! Ashton Square Events

We are excited to be hosting some new events in Ashton Square this year, so make sure you don't miss these FREE events the whole family can enjoy!

Football on The Square

Saturday 13 July is Football on The Square from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. This free event is for the whole family to enjoy. Play for fun on the table football or join in the competitions and knockouts to win prizes. Our referees will ensure fair play on the day for those that like a little competition



Seaside Day on The Square

Saturday 17 August is Seaside Day on The Square from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. We have plenty for the whole family to enjoy. The Seaside Day is a new free event with donkey rides, beach globe, sand pits and a giant deck chair.



Central
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Shop Watch



Dunstable has its own Shop Watch Scheme which has been newly formed for the retailers of Dunstable. The joint partnership working with Bedfordshire Police, Central Bedfordshire Council and Dunstable Town Council has enabled the scheme to take its first steps. Shop Watch brings together businesses, both small and large, for the common purpose of reducing retail crime. Through the sharing of intelligence, its purpose is to pass on early warnings of known shoplifters who have been spotted within the area.



Shop Front Improvement Scheme

Are you an independent shop in Dunstable? Did you know Dunstable Town Council, in partnership with Central Bedfordshire Council and The Dunstable Joint Committee have a scheme that can help independent retailers with their shop fronts? You can apply for up to £500 match funding towards the total cost to help improve your shop front in the town centre. Funding can be granted within a few weeks with the works needing to be completed within three months. Full terms and conditions of the scheme and an application form are available from our website www.dunstable.gov.uk/town-centre.



For more information please e-mail
Dunstable.market@dunstable.gov.uk
or you can also visit us online at
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Specialist Themed Markets

Saturday 13 July

Lifestyle and craft market. This popular market will have crafts and unique items for you and your home. Alongside the market will be our Table Football event on The Square to keep the whole family entertained.

Saturday 10 August

Children's market. A fantastic market that was very popular last year with traders and the public. Stalls selling and promoting baby and children's products.

Saturday 14 September

Charity day. This market is for all local charities to raise money and awareness for their causes.

Farmers and Craft Markets

Saturday 20 July

Stalls with fresh produce and unique crafts will fill Middle Row, Ashton Square. Why not get your goodies from the food retailers before heading to Party in the Park?

Saturday 17 August

Our seaside farmers and craft market will be running alongside the Seaside event on The Square.

Saturday 21 September

With summer coming to an end, join us in Middle Row for crafts and fantastic food.



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Grove Corner

This is still the place to be for chilling out with friends, listening to good sounds, playing pool, trying out a new activity or catching up with the news. Tuesday night is Pokémon Night for 8 to 18 year olds 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm (school term times only). Friday night is the junior session 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm for those aged 10 to 13 years. Thursday 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm is a drop-in for 13 to 18 year olds.

Out and About

Look out for our youth workers at Party in the Park, they might have a trick or two up their sleeves! They will be at the event all day with exclusive activities for 13 to 18 year olds.

With the Bennett's Splash for youngsters and the new Bennett's Adventure Play for the 'in between's', do you think Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground isn't catering for you? If you are aged between 13 to 18 come along to the Tuesday night get together, meeting at the Splashside Café 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Our workers will also be at all the summer activities making sure our teenagers don't miss out on the fun so come along and look us up.

School Lunch Time Drop-ins

Youth workers will be visiting all local senior schools during lunch breaks to gather your views on your wants and needs. Don't miss out on having your say!

For information please contact Sandy Coyle 01582 891408 or email sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk

Summer Activities 2019

Oh yes, it is nearly here! Six whole weeks of school holidays. Just in case you have not been lucky enough to win the lottery and take your family travelling the world, Dunstable Town Council have a programme of free and affordable activities suitable for all the family.

Friday 2 August – Inflatable Day in Grove House Gardens 12 noon to 4.00 pm. Why not bring a picnic and enjoy the park while the children bounce away their energy? Unlimited use wristbands £6, single use tickets £1.50 each. Suitable for children aged 4+. * Please note: contingency date for wet weather Friday 9 August.

Wednesday 7 August – National Play Day at St Augustine's school playing fields 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. In partnership with Dunstable South Children's Centre, this FREE event will include fun and games, arts and crafts and wet and messy play, so don't forget a change of clothes and plenty of wet wipes!

Monday 12 August – 'It's a Knock Out' inflatable team challenge game. Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground 12 noon to 4.00 pm. Mixed teams of 6 (children 5 to 16, adults 16+) for £5. Great family event, which can't be beaten for good nostalgic fun. Be prepared to get wet so bring a change of clothes.

Thursday 16 August – B-Fest at Beecroft school playing fields 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. In partnership with Beehive Children's Centre, FREE entrance to this family festival. Music, live band and entertainment, fun and games. Please note some activities may be chargeable.

Thursday 22 August – Art Attack in Priory Gardens 11.00 am to 3.00 pm. Loads of arts and crafts to make and take. Free for adults, £4 wrist band for children suitable for ages 5+.
*For all activities children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more details please visit www.dunstable.gov.uk



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HERITAGE CENTRE



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Weddings

The beautiful Grade II* listed Priory House, centrally located in Dunstable, was built around 1204 with money donated by a knight from Derbyshire to be used as a guest house for travellers to Dunstable Priory.

The Jacobean Room, which is licensed to hold civil ceremonies, has views over the award winning ancient scheduled monument that is Priory Gardens and displays the stunning Jacobean wall painting. The room is perfect for small intimate weddings. From your initial enquiry through the planning and preparation, to the Wedding Day itself, the professional team at Priory House will take perfect care of you and your guests to provide the most cherished memories. Do come and meet our dedicated team to discuss your specific requirements.

Our additional wedding services include:

Priory House Wedding Planner

Jacobean Room Capacity

Bride & Groom, 24 special guests,
one videographer and one photographer
Room Hire for ceremonies is £199

Variety of Menus

Our menu packages include Canapés, Afternoon Tea, Themed Afternoon Tea and bespoke packages for themed weddings can be arranged.

The Registrar

The charges above apply to the hire of the room only. We are unable to book the registrar on your behalf.

If you intend to use the Jacobean Room for your ceremony, you will need to contact the registrar directly with your preferred date. The Registrar's details are:

Telephone: 0300 300 8089

Email: life.events@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

On the web: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Write to: The Central Bedfordshire Register Office,
The Court House, Woburn Street, Amptill MK45 2HX



PHOTO: Kirsty Marshall

The newly refurbished Jacobean Room is not just for weddings!

The Jacobean Room is also the ideal venue for that special occasion Afternoon Tea; perhaps it's a significant birthday or you would like to organise a baby shower.

This beautiful room can be set up according to your needs. There is a brand new sound system which can play your personalised compilation of music during the event or we can choose some suitable background music to run throughout.

Look out for our organised Afternoon Teas where you can enjoy a themed selection of savouries & sandwiches, followed by delicious home-made scones served with fresh cream and our own strawberry jam, rounded off with a cake selection to suit the occasion. All this and an endless supply of freshly brewed tea or filter coffee.

The Jacobean Room also has a state-of-the-art multi-functional screen which can be used to show live events such as Wimbledon or Ladies Day at the Races – we even held a Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea! With its new equipment it is the perfect room for presentations and talks and can be hired for conferences, company meetings, local group AGM's and evening talks with

To find out more or to see if the Jacobean Room is available for your special occasion or event please contact the team at Priory House by calling 01582 891420 or emailing prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk

SPLASH & PLAY FOR FREE AT

Bennett's Splash

Open daily 10.00 am to 6.00 pm
until Sunday 1 September 2019



School's Out Party!

Friday 19 July

Back To School Party!

Sunday 1 September

Both of these great events will be hosted by Perfect Personalised Parties

So come down and **Splash, Play, Eat, Repeat!**

Please park in Ashton Square Carpark which is only a minutes' walk away.
Free parking on Sundays, Public Holidays and Tuesday afternoon.

For information:



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While enjoying all that Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground has to offer come and sample some of the delights in the...

You'll find refreshing smoothies – which even count as one of your 5-a-day – as well as fresh ice cream milkshakes, slushies, freshly ground coffee and a selection of teas.

Feeling peckish? Try our popular stone baked pizzas, light bite wraps, burgers or mozzarella sticks.

There's something for children too with our kids lunch packs or go retro with a fish finger sandwich!

Wheelchair accessible café and toilets.

Splashside Café



Open daily 10.00 am to 6.00 pm until Sunday 1 September 2019

Bennett's ADVENTURE PLAY



Have you ventured out with your children to the new Bennett's Adventure Play at Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground yet?

The Town Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Sid Abbott, formally opened the play area with support from Councillor Ian Dalgarno of Central Bedfordshire Council, at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday 30 May 2019.

The event took place during the May half-term week and plenty of children, parents and grandparents were on hand to enjoy DJ Big Man Craig's disco and games as well as playing on the new equipment.

The new play area, which is made from very tough Robinia wood, is suitable for 2 to 15 year olds and has plenty of great play features. The features include a five platform multi unit with two slides, an adventure trail climbing jungle, a climbing boulder, two trampolines set in the ground, a rustic seesaw, a multi child swing, a low level climbing path, three low level bridge jungle climbing routes, 35 stepping posts set at various heights and a double zip wire aerial runway. How much fun does all that sound?

The play area was funded using £176,000 secured by Central Bedfordshire Council from housing developer contributions and Dunstable Town Council added a further £24,000 from its own funds.

Playground Supplies Ltd won the contract to design and build the play area in time for the reopening of Bennett's Splash and the Splashside Café and they were on hand at the grand opening to give out party bags to local children.

Dunstable Town Councillor Liz Jones, Chairman of the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee, said: "It is wonderful to have completed this great new play area to sit alongside Bennett's Splash and the Splashside Café. We hope that children and parents will both enjoy and take care of the new equipment and that the whole family will have a great day out at Bennett's."

Councillor Ian Dalgarno, Executive Member for Community Services at Central Bedfordshire Council, said: "We are delighted to have secured money from local new housing developments to enable the Town Council to create the new adventure play area. We know that the splash park, which was also part funded by our capital money and developer contributions, has been very popular. This latest addition will help encourage children to get out into the fresh air and take part in imaginative play experiences, be physically active and have fun. It will also draw-in both residents and visitors, to help ensure that Dunstable continues to be a place where people want to live, work and play."

If you are planning a visit to Bennett's Adventure Play and Bennett's Splash for a great day out please make use of the large car park at Ashton Square, just a two minute walk away. The car park can be accessed from Bull Pond Lane and West Street entrances. Parking costs are £1 for two hours or £2 for three hours Monday to Saturday from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm. Parking is free of charge outside of these hours and on Tuesday afternoon, as well as on Sundays and Bank Holidays.



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Saturday 20 July

12 noon to 8.00 pm,
Grove House Gardens

Enjoy hours of fantastic family fun, including our **FREE** kidzone for under 16 year olds, entertainment and games – and it's all free!

Magic Dave is back, you can enjoy donkey rides and a soft play double decker bus as well as charity and craft stalls plus a fantastic funfair.

Enjoy live music and entertainment on stage throughout the day. Before our headline act will be the brilliant 'Forever Rod' Rod Stewart Tribute at 4.15 pm. Then we have a real treat for you. The legendary **Showaddywaddy!** Their record simply speaks for itself; 23 top 40 hit singles, including 10 top five hits like 'Under The Moon of Love', 'When' and 'Three Steps To Heaven'. Showaddywaddy offer an incredible live show, acclaimed the world over!



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Sunday Band Concerts

2.15 pm to 4.15 pm | Grove House Gardens

Come down to Grove House Gardens to enjoy some beautiful music in an ideal summertime setting.

7 July	Salvation Army
14 July	Toddington Town Band
28 July	St Albans City Band
4 August	Woburn Sands Band
11 August	Welwyn Garden City
18 August	Milton Keynes Brass Band

DUNSTABLE SUMMER Events 2019



FREE
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PRIORY PICTURES

Saturday 10 August | Priory Gardens

Priory Pictures keeps getting bigger and better. There will be an outside bar and food available, so grab your snacks, blanket and chairs and head down to **Priory Pictures** this summer. We are also very excited to introduce our new autism and hearing impairment-friendly adapted screenings.

12 noon **Mary Poppins Returns (U)★**

3.00 pm **Mary Poppins Returns (U)**

5.30 pm **Fantastic Beasts:
The Crimes of Grindelwald (12A)**

8.15 pm **A Star is Born (15)**

★ = Adapted screening with subtitles, hearing loop and low volume. If you would like more information on our adapted screenings, please contact Lisa Vincent on 01582 891406.



Saturday 14 September

Priory Gardens, 6.00 pm onwards

Join us in Priory Gardens for a live broadcast of Last Night of the Proms on a giant screen with special effects.

There will be entertainment from The Barn-Ettes in the interval and a fantastic fireworks finale to round the night off in style.

Dunstable Town Band will also be entertaining the crowd before the main event starts and there will be a mobile bar and food concession available. Bring your chairs, blanket and your Pimms and come down to this wonderful British event!

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WEIRD & WONDERFUL



Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 September

10.00 am to 4.00 pm | The Square & Middle Row



Dunstable Town Council is excited to announce a brand new event for 2019 part-funded by the National Lottery. The Town Council was successful in a bid for nearly £10,000 to host an event in the recently refurbished Square and Middle Row. The idea is to create a weekend of cultural and art based performances and activities that transform this community space, and promote its use by the wider community. Weird and Wonderful will see The Square and Middle Row transformed into the streets of Covent Garden, from mimes to body art, circus entertainers to living statues. There will be something to amaze you this weekend in Dunstable. Have a go at shadow puppetry, messy hand and feet painting plus much more.



★ GET INVOLVED! ★

Are you a... **Local Artist?** **Community Group?**
Theatre School? **Dance School?** **Entertainer?**

Now is your chance to get involved in Weird and Wonderful, this is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your club or talents. For further information e-mail events@dunstable.gov.uk or visit www.dunstable.gov.uk/whatson

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For more information on all our events please visit www.dunstable.gov.uk follow us on social media at [@DunstableEvents](https://twitter.com/DunstableEvents), [Facebook](https://facebook.com/DunstableTownCouncil) 'DunstableTownCouncil' or [Instagram](https://instagram.com/Dunstable.Events) 'Dunstable.Events'. For all event enquiries, please contact Lisa Vincent on 01582 891406 or email lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk

Dunstable's Green Spaces

Memorial Plaques at Dunstable Cemetery

Have you recently been bereaved and would like a focal point to remember a loved one or lay flowers, even if they are buried elsewhere? The memorial kerb plaque garden area at Dunstable Cemetery provides an opportunity to place a memorial plaque on a polished granite kerb around an attractive feature flowerbed. The area is easy to reach via gently sloping footpaths, which are ideal for visitors with mobility difficulties. The plaques can be placed for a period of either 25 or 35 years for a one-off payment.

If you would like information about the costs or options available please contact the Cemetery Manager, Mary Dobbs on 01582 891428 or cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk.

You are welcome to come along to Dunstable Cemetery and have a look at the area for yourself.



Dunstable in Bloom 2019

2019 marks the 10th anniversary of Dunstable in Bloom and the Anglia in Bloom judges will be visiting the town again on 17 and 18 July. With 7 gold and 2 silver gilt medals to date, the In Bloomers are hoping that it will be gold again in 2019.

The judges will be taken on a tour of the town to view the wonderful floral displays as well as a number of great environmental projects supported by local community volunteers and organisations. The Dunstable in Bloom team are planning visits to Westfield Nursery School, Hillcroft allotments, Chiltern View Care Home sensory garden, Blow's Down, a new Sea Cadets project at West Street, Priory View and Incredible Edible at Katherine Drive.

Good luck to all the projects and volunteers showcasing their hard work this year. Follow Dunstable in Bloom on Facebook @dunstableinbloom or @promotingdunstable.



Incredible Edible
Dunstable




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We are the Incredible Edibles who are making our **landscape edible**.

Teaching gardening for free in the community **on public land** and donating the harvest for free.

Come and join us on the first Saturday of the month from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm – or as long as you fancy

Free tea and coffee

Plus free fruit and veggies to harvest (if there's any left!)



You can find the Incredible Edible Dunstable garden at:
 35 to 37 Katherine Drive, LU5 4NP

Call **Sahira on 07905 116623**, email incredibleedible395@gmail.com or visit **Incredible Edible Dunstable** on Facebook to find out more



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@ Creasey Park

The new football season is here!

Come down and support your local teams whilst enjoying some of our latest offers. The Crossbar and Keepers Kitchen have so much to offer from pre-match specials and happy hour to the double Bestie Burger. No need to queue up in the half-time rush as we also offer a pre-order system so your food/drink will be ready as soon as the whistle blows. Check out this season's match day deals...

- ✓ Burger and a Beer £5.00 (Carling or IPA)
- ✓ Burger and Chips £4.00
- ✓ Kids' Meal Deals £3.50
- ✓ Happy Hour 2 for 1



ATP 'Pay and Play' Summer Special

This summer why not keep busy with your friends and do a 'pay as you play' on the ATP? Just £2.00 per person for one hour right up until the 31 August. Please check availability and pay before going up to the artificial pitch.

Calling All Local Businesses

Creasey Park Community Football Centre is the perfect place to promote your business to thousands and we have amazing marketing or sponsorship packages available! Since 2011, Creasey Park Community Football Centre has been a hub for the local community and home to Dunstable Town FC and AFC Dunstable and attracts approximately 3,000 visitors per week, so an excellent opportunity to advertise your business with us. Our facilities and available space comprise of:

- Main stadium football pitch
- 8 grass pitches
- Licensed bar 'The Crossbar'
- High quality changing rooms
- Full size 3G artificial turf pitch
- Clubhouse/function room
- Catering at the 'Keepers Kitchen'
- Amazing BMX track

We are also very proud to host the Dunstable Road Runners events. We have a variety of customers of all ages, we are open 7 days a week and organise local community events where we can see thousands of people attend! We can supply and install the advertisement, or assist with the development and installation of your own.

Please contact us for more information
01582 891433 | cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk

Community Matters

Friends of Dunstable Cemetery

Friends of Dunstable Cemetery is now an established group in its own right. Members are busy setting their priorities and working in partnership with Dunstable Town Council to make the cemetery an inviting space for all and help keep the cemetery spick and span. Membership is free and their desire is to grow and as such they welcome any new members with open arms. Activities include tidying up graves, Cemetery walks and talks, sweeping, litter picking, research, fundraising and more. The group have a wide range of activities organised over the next couple of months. If you would like to find out more information then please contact the Cemetery Manager Mary Dobbs on 01582 891428 or email: cemetery@dunstable.gov.uk

Wheelie Fantastic!

This Wheelie Fantastic project is literally growing year on year! With the theme of 'Planting for the Senses' we have 26 barrows in different locations around the town. Look out for barrows, which represent **taste** (recipes, edible flowers and herbs), **touch** (go with the rough and the smooth), **smell** (breathe in the heavenly scents), **sound** (with ears, bells and whistles) and **sight** ('be spectacle to behold').

Although we have many schools and community groups involved this year, we would like more businesses, individuals and families to take part next year. So gather up your inspiration and look out for Dunstable in Bloom entry forms early next year. Let's make our town Wheelie Bloom!



Woodfield Green & Downside Residents Association

The Residents' Association is made up of passionate local people who represent the interests of everyone living on Downside. They hold meetings at Downside Community Centre, Suffolk Road on the third Wednesday of the month 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. These meetings are open to local residents, councillors and local organisation representatives. Anyone is welcome and all Downside residents are members of the association.

Being a part of this group can improve the quality of the services the local community of Downside receives, highlight local issues and achieve solutions and improve everyone's quality of life.

If you would like to know more or are interested in becoming involved, please contact Christine Reynolds, our Secretary, on 07923 621079, if you prefer email WGDRA@outlook.com. If you are unable to attend meetings but have a suggestion or concern please contact as above.



Ian and Sahira Ward



Martin Young with his partner Ann Lauezzari

A 'Great Day Out' at The Queen's Garden Party

Last year the Campaign to Protect Rural England (Bedfordshire) held its annual 'Living Countryside Awards' event. A number of local Community projects were nominated, and two won first place in their respective groups, these being 'Incredible Edible Dunstable' (Greening Urban Spaces) and 'Dunstable Men in Sheds' (Health & Wellbeing). As a result of winning, the two lead project managers, Sahira Ward and Martin Young were nominated by the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire, Helen Nellis, to attend the forthcoming season of The Queen's Garden Party events at Buckingham Palace. There was no guarantee that they would be selected to attend; but to their surprise, they were! With approximately 8000 people attending each of the three events, their date was set for Wednesday 29 May.

Despite cloudy skies and light rain, Sahira, her husband Ian, and Martin with his partner Ann attended this prestigious ceremony, both representing on behalf of the efforts made by the members of their respective local community groups.

This event was also a splendid opportunity for both Sahira and Martin to represent the wider objectives of their respective national community organisations, Incredible Edible Network and the UK Mens' Sheds Association, both which are growing community based organisations for promoting health and wellbeing.

Obviously, with the enormous throng of guests, a chance to speak with the Queen or other Royals in attendance was out of the question but the event was very enjoyable and a great honour!

Dunstable Town Council and Committee Meetings

Copies of the agenda for all meetings are available for inspection three days beforehand at Grove House and Priory House (Tourist Information Centre) 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 lucy.salim@dunstable.gov.uk

Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below. The full calendar of meetings for 2019 can be found on the Council's website www.dunstable.gov.uk

11/07/2019	Personnel Sub-Committee	16/09/2019	Finance and General Purposes Committee
23/07/2019	Plans Sub-Committee	18/09/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
24/07/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm	01/10/2019	Plans Sub-Committee
20/08/2019	Plans Sub-Committee	07/10/2019	COUNCIL
21/08/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm	17/10/2019	Personnel Sub-Committee
02/09/2019	Community Services Committee	22/10/2019	Plans Sub-Committee
09/09/2019	Grounds and Environmental Services Committee	23/10/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
10/09/2019	Plans Sub-Committee		
12/09/2019	Dunstable Joint Committee, Watling House		

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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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Feedback Form

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Return your comment slip to:

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

Your comments:

Please enter your details so that we may respond to your comments:

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Address:

Telephone:

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