

# TALK *of the* TOWN

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'Helping Make Dunstable a Better Place'

## Christmas IN DUNSTABLE

A feast of festive activities  
for everyone to enjoy

Dunstable Fireworks Display

Dunstable Remembers

Christmas Arrives at Priory House

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## Mayor's Welcome

Councillor Sid Abbott

I have immensely enjoyed my first five months of my mayoral year. Heather and I have visited churches, scouts, charities, schools, businesses and summer fetes, where we have met wonderful people who are integral to a successful town. We thank everyone who has either supported or been associated with these occasions.

The summer programme of music and themed events provided by Dunstable Town Council has arguably seen their most successful year in attendance figures, with local groups and headline acts being appreciated by everyone that attended.

I was especially pleased to attend The National Play Day at St Augustine's Academy Playing Fields. It was well attended with many attractions such as bouncy castles, assault courses, car simulator, police vehicle and many stalls representing community and charity groups. The parents I met on the day with their children were thoroughly enjoying this event organised by the Community Services Team, who should be commended on the hard work and effort.

Dunstable Town Council gave a warm welcome to the Anglia in Bloom judges in July this year to view the colourful, beautiful floral displays and gardens.

Dunstable is justifiably proud of the hard working, dedicated and enthusiastic Council grounds staff, our very own Dunstable in Bloom team, schools, churches, businesses, community groups and residents whose efforts, we believe, achieved the recognised high standards of this prestigious award.

This time of year will see the start of our Autumn/Winter programme, commencing with the free fireworks extravaganza at Creasey Park Community Football Centre in November, followed by our immensely popular Christmas Carols and Torchlight Procession in the run up to Christmas. All details can be found in this edition of Talk of the Town or online at [www.dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on). We hope you will enjoy these events.

Dunstable Town Council endeavours to provide amenities for all residents and visitors to our town, so it was with sadness that we had an attraction badly damaged by fire in the newly opened Bennett's Adventure Play in August this year. The attraction had to be closed down depriving children of their enjoyment and a significant repair cost will be incurred.

I know it seems a long way off, but may I take this opportunity to wish you a merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year.

*Councillor Sid Abbott*  
Town Mayor of Dunstable



## David Ashlee

Town Clerk & Chief Executive

Welcome to the winter edition of Talk of the Town. This edition features heavily on all that the Town Council is doing in the run up to Christmas and I encourage all readers to 'shop local' and take advantage of everything that Priory House has to offer. You can now even purchase Christmas gifts and afternoon tea from Priory House online.

It seems incredible that the summer is over already, but I am very pleased that all of the Council's summer events and activities were well received by local residents and visitors to the town. The Bennett's Splash and Splashside Café proved to be very popular, even more so this year with the addition of the new Bennett's Adventure Play. All of the Council's summer events attracted huge crowds, including Dunstable Live and Party in the Park, which saw a record crowd enjoy the ever-popular Showaddywaddy. This year's summer activities programme for young people proved to be our most popular yet, with record crowds enjoying activities such as Inflatable Day, Art Attack and the B Festival at Beecroft Academy.

The Council has also celebrated a very successful summer with regards to our maintenance of the town's parks, gardens and floral displays. Our very successful 'In Bloom' entry is covered later in this Talk of the Town, but we were all very proud of our Gold overall for the town and winner of the Best Large Town in the region. Similarly, we were very pleased to have retained our Green Flags for the Cemetery, Grove House Gardens and Priory Gardens, improving our overall scores in all areas.

Finally, looking ahead to the winter, our dedicated and hard-working staff will be busy organising a range of important activities and events. Fireworks will be held on Tuesday 5 November, Remembrance Day on Sunday 10 November and Christmas celebrations will be held across the festive season with a Ferris Wheel on The Square, the Christmas Carols and Torchlight Procession with a spectacular light display and various activities at Priory House. You will find full details on all of the Town Council's wonderful initiatives later in this edition of Talk of the Town.

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 on the back cover or by visiting our website [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk) or following us on Twitter and Facebook. Happy reading!

*David Ashlee*  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

# NOTICE BOARD

## Bedfordshire Day

Saturday 30 November 2019



### Dunstable, D-Day and World War Two

Free events at the Priory Church of St Peter

The Met Office at Dunstable—where D-Day was

forecast 10.30 am to 12.00 noon

- a talk by Jean Yates

Wartime Dunstable 12.30 pm to 13.00 pm

- a walk by Dunstable Town Guides

D-Day—the logistics of getting an army to Berlin and the battle for Tilley-sur-Seulles 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

- a talk by Stephen Williams

10.00 am to 4.00 pm: Exhibitions

Dunstable's war – The Home Front, POWs, The Secret War and Defending Our Town

Died in the line of duty — the town's war dead and the refurbishment of the war memorial

Hear an evacuee's story

There will be a Coffee morning and light lunches at the church. Lunches available at Priory House Tea Rooms with Bedfordshire Clangers, please book with Priory House to reserve your lunch table on 01582 891420.



## TAKING CARE OF BEDFORDSHIRE THE BIG BEDS CLEAN UP

Get involved and join us for a litter pick!  
[thebigbedscleanup@gmail.com](mailto:thebigbedscleanup@gmail.com)

Do something great for the environment you live in and sign up today!

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## New Home for Research Collection

The research collection assembled by Dunstable and District Local History Society has now moved from Priory House to rooms in Dunstable Town Council's offices at Grove House.

The council made the space available to the society when the previous research area at Priory House became needed when new facilities were created there for wedding ceremonies. The new research rooms contain a vast number of local history books and manuscripts, together with maps, newspaper cuttings and photographs.

The society, formed in 1991, has been steadily increasing the collection which is an invaluable source for historians. It has recently added the archives of the Dunstable Gazette, including many bound newspaper files, which had previously been stored at Luton. The Gazette's collection of photo negatives, dating back to the 1930s, remains at Luton Museum in Wardown Park, and microfilms of past copies of the paper can be viewed at Dunstable Library.

Dunstable History Society's research facilities are available to the general public but because Grove House is a working council office, prospective visitors need to make an appointment via a society member. The most effective way of doing this is through the contact form on the society's website, [www.dunstablehistory.co.uk](http://www.dunstablehistory.co.uk)

The website also contains numerous articles, photos and copies of all the society's newsletters, plus details of speakers at the society's monthly meetings.

*This 1950s photo, from the history society's archives, shows Grove House when it was next door to a Gothic-style mansion whose gatehouse, used as a doctor's surgery in later years, can be seen on the right. There was an ambulance station on the left, now the Grove Corner young people's centre.*



## Are you looking to promote your business? Events Sponsorship could be the way to go!

We have an exciting opportunity for events sponsorship for 2020. For more information please email [gina.thanky@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:gina.thanky@dunstable.gov.uk)



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# Destination

Keeping you abreast of town centre news, initiatives and developments

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## Shop Front Accreditation Scheme

Look out for the first, second and third place winning shops and businesses that have entered our Shop Front Accreditation Scheme. Three winners in each category have won a window sticker to show they have a fantastic shop front. We also had categories this year for best window display and judges favourite. The Mayor's award is for a shop or business that has tried against all the odds to keep its frontage clean and tidy even when the building has failed them.

### Restaurants and Pubs

- 1st The New Crown
- 2nd Chez Jerome
- 3rd Olive Garden

### Cafés

- 1st Sugar 'n' Spice
- 2nd The Coffee Pod
- 3rd Café Latte

### Independent Shop

- 1st Timeless Interiors
- 2nd The Workhouse
- 3rd Celebrations

### Best Window Display

### Judge's Favourite

### Mayor's Award

### Independent Business

- 1st Cakes by Claire Kelly
- 2nd Brighton Beautiful
- 3rd R & R Hair

### Charity Shop

- 1st Keech Hospice Care
- 2nd British Heart Foundation
- 3rd Age UK

### Non-Independent

- 1st Specsavers
- 2nd Belvoir
- 3rd Amplifon Hearing Centre

Timeless Interiors

Toy & Model Centre

The Coffee Pod

## Christmas Window Display

We are again asking all the shops to enter our Christmas Window Display Competition. This year we have the cafés and restaurants joining in the competition. There was a fantastic response last year with three winners and a gift for all those who entered. Let's light up Dunstable with a feast of Christmas Windows. **To enter this competition contact [annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk)**



## Shop Front Improvement Scheme

The Shop Front Improvement Scheme has helped some of our local independent businesses in the town with £500 match funding towards their signs and shop front. The scheme is running until 30 November which means local businesses can still receive help with their shop fronts. **For more information on the scheme contact [annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk)**



Middle  
Row

MARKETS

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or you can also visit us online at  
[www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

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## Themed Winter Markets

**Saturday 9 November Mystic Treats**

With Autumn ending and the darker nights drawing in, why not treat yourself during this mystic market?

**Friday 29 November Torchlight Procession**

Middle Row will be full of stalls and goodies to add a seasonal shopping experience to an exceptional night of Christmas lights and carols.

**Saturday 14 December and Sunday 15 December Christmas Magic**

This weekend will bring delight to the whole family with a free festive ferris wheel and children's carousel in The Square. The Christmas stalls in Middle Row and The Square will make Christmas shopping a joy with food and stalls for all tastes.

## Farmers and Craft Markets

Join our popular farmers and crafts markets on the third Saturday of the month. Our next two markets fall on Saturday 16 November & Saturday 21 December.

**Middle Row Market will then re-open in April 2020.**

# young DUNSTABLE



## Do you want to be the next social media sensation?

Ever fancied making a YouTube video, being an instagrammer or vlogger? Then we have just the thing for you! A chance to share and learn new skills while creating exciting content for other young people. Get involved and contact Mo on 07702 532328 or email: Mohammed.Miah@groundwork.org.uk

## Grove Corner

Are you looking for somewhere to meet up with friends, catch up on the latest news, enjoy a game of pool or just listen to some good music? Then Grove Corner is the place to be.

Thursday 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm is a drop-in for 13 to 18-year old's and Friday 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm for those aged 10 to 12 years old.

## School Lunch Time Drop-ins

Youth workers will be visiting all local senior schools during lunch breaks to gather your views on your want's and need's. Don't miss out on having your say! For more information follow us on Instagram or visit our website for latest activities.

**For information please contact  
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sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk**

## Free Spooky Family Fun

Friday 25 October 2019 – 10 am to 12 noon

Join our Halloween workshop at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. There will be lots of arts and crafts to make and take. Suitable for ages 4+. Only 50 spaces on a first come bases.



**Dunstable Town Guides**  
would like to invite you to

## Ghost Walks

Take a spooky walk around Dunstable!

Saturday 26th October at 6.30 pm  
Suitable for children over 8 years old accompanied by an adult. *Feel free to come in fancy dress and bring a torch.*

Saturday 26th October at 8.00 pm

Halloween Ghost Walk  
Thursday 31 October at 8.00 pm

Christmas Ghost Walk  
Friday 27th December at 8.00 pm

The walks start outside Priory Church. Tickets cost £5.00 per adult and £2.50 per child & need to be booked in advance from Priory House Heritage Centre on 01582 891420



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# Dunstable FIREWORKS *Display*

Dunstable's Annual  
Fireworks Display is  
back at Creasey Park  
Community Football Centre  
**...and it's completely FREE!**

**Tuesday 5 November 2019**

Creasey Park Community Football Centre  
Gates open at 5.00 pm | Display starts at 7.00 pm

This year, you and your whole family can enjoy the funfair rides, food stalls and the fantastic fireworks display all choreographed to music. Not to be missed will also be the special flames extravaganza that will set the night sky alight. Creasey Park Community Football Centre will be open for you to sit down to enjoy food and drinks served from The Crossbar, so come along to celebrate Guy Fawkes night and do not miss this fantastic FREE event.

**For more information visit: [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)**

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# Christmas

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# Dunstable

## Christmas Carols and Torchlight Procession 2019

The Square, Dunstable  
Friday 29 November, 7.00 pm

Christmas officially begins in Dunstable on Friday 29 November when the annual Christmas celebration brings everyone together to enjoy the festive activities.

Join us on The Square alongside the school choirs of Dunstable to sing carols, meet Father Christmas and turn on the Christmas Tree lights. Plus, witness the fantastic light show spectacular that will wow you as we light up The Square like never before.

There is no better way for you to get excited this Christmas season. There will be a tasty hog roast, mulled wine and much more from the Christmas stalls down Middle Row.



This year we are excited to be joined by special guests from Grove Theatre's Christmas pantomime Peter Pan, so don't forget to book your tickets for this fantastic show!

Please be aware for the Christmas Carols and Torchlight event from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm, High Street South will be closed from the crossroads junction of West Street/Church Street/A5183 to Friars Walk. There will be a diversion in place. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

For more information visit: [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

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Bedfordshire



# Santa's House Party!

Enjoy a whole weekend of festive fun at Priory House this December...

## Saturday 7 December

Visit Santa in his Grotto on the lawn between 10.30 am to 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm. It is FREE to see Santa and get a small gift and just £2 for a photo with Santa taken by his Elf.

## Sunday 8 December

We all remember miniature snow globes which shook snow over a winter wonderland. Now you can bring this nostalgic piece of magic to life with our stunning life-size snow globe. The snow globe will be open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm and entry is FREE and it's just £2 for a photo in the globe taken by Santa's Elf.



## Christmas Magic in The Square

**Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 December**  
**10.00 am to 6.00 pm, FREE**

The Square will be transformed into Christmas Magic with a twelve carriage ferris wheel completely FREE during the two-day event. A small carousel will also add to the Magic of Christmas for those younger children to enjoy. There will also be Christmas stalls, food and music to make this a magical event in Dunstable.



**NEW FOR 2019**

## On both days...

...you will be able to decorate a Gingerbread Man for £1.50, then eat it yourself or give as a gift. You can also enjoy a ride around Priory Gardens on the festively dressed donkeys for just £1. Priory House Tea Rooms will also be open both days from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm, serving a delicious Christmas themed menu.



## Christmas Market

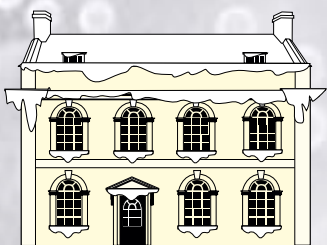
**Saturday 21 December**

Saturday 21 December is the last farmers and craft market in Middle Row for the year. Treats for Christmas with artisan breads, cakes and unique gifts for those little last minute Christmas presents.



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## PRIORY HOUSE

# Christmas Eve Breakfast with Santa

Give your child a memory to cherish  
for only £10 per child...

We are once again hosting our very special Breakfast with Santa event on Tuesday 24 December, 8.30 am to 10.00 am at Priory House.

Give your child the magical experience of enjoying breakfast with Santa and reading Christmas stories. There really is no better way for a child to spend Christmas Eve morning than with the man himself.

To book call the Priory House Team on 01582 891420 or email [prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk)

Breakfast with Santa is only for children over 4 years of age. The Tea Rooms will also be open for adults to enjoy breakfast. Must be booked in advance £10 per child.

# Santa's Cinema!

This Christmas why not treat your child to something really special?

The chance to watch a film with Santa for only £10 per child!

Santa wanted to bring something a little different to Priory House this year, he wants to watch a festive film with the good boys and girls of Dunstable. Not many children can say they have watched a film with Santa!

On Saturday 21 December and Monday 23 December 2.00 pm to 3.45 pm we will be showing a fantastic festive film. Children will have drinks, popcorn, gingerbread men and what trip to the cinema would be complete without ice cream? Plus every child will also receive a gift from Santa!

It is also perfect for some last minute shopping, wrapping, or have some time out for yourself with a treat or two from Priory House Tea Rooms with 10% off for parents/carers.

To book call the Priory House Team on 01582 891420 or email [prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk)

£10 per child.  
Children over 4 years only.  
Please advise of any dietary restrictions at the time of booking.

# Festive Film Fridays!

Following the success of the themed Afternoon Teas, Priory House is launching 'Festive Film Friday' for Christmas 2019, taking place on Friday 13 December and Friday 20 December at 1.30 pm.

You can enjoy our special Christmas Afternoon Tea with a glass of Prosecco or mulled wine in our Jacobean Room while watching a Christmas Classic on the big screen. What better way to meet up with friends before Christmas?

£23.50 per person

Please advise of any special dietary requirements at the time of booking.

Call 01582 891420 or email [prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk)





# Christmas Afternoon Tea

Come along and enjoy our Holly Afternoon Tea for just £19.50pp from Monday 25 November.

Enjoy delicious warm savouries, sandwiches with seasonal fillings, followed by fresh scones and homemade cakes. Why not treat yourself to our Ivy Afternoon Tea which has all of the above goodies plus a glass of Prosecco or mulled wine for just £23.50?

For the under 12s the Little Berries Afternoon Tea is just £10.00. Gluten Free, Vegan and Dairy Free also available with notice. Please advise staff at the time of booking.

## Group Bookings

This year we have our Jacobean Room available for Afternoon Tea Parties of up to 24 people, the perfect pre-Christmas get together for family and friends.

**Don't miss out, book today!**

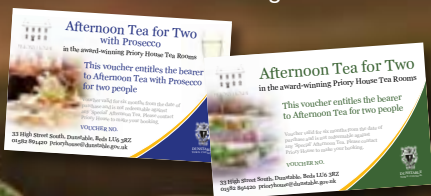
Call a member of the Priory House Team to book your Christmas Afternoon teas on 01582 891420. Alternatively, you can email to [prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk)



## The Perfect Christmas Gift

Do you fancy treating someone else to an Afternoon Tea in the New Year?

You can purchase an Afternoon Tea for Two voucher online at [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)



## Shop Local this Christmas

Christmas has now arrived at Priory House Gift Shop, so why not shop local?

There will be a fantastic selection of Christmas present ideas in our Gift Shop. From brooches to books, jams to jewellery, you will be sure to find something that is a little bit different. We also have very unusual Christmas decorations, from glass baubles for the tree to light up ornaments. Our stock is unique compared to other shops on the high street. The delicious Priory Pantry range includes Christmas chutneys, marmalades and luxury mincemeat. Get a free gift box if you buy any three of the Priory Pantry range. Don't forget we also have our local crafters selling their wares in our Showcase Shelving scheme, perfect for someone who likes their crafts and homemade gifts.

A lot of places say they are different – at Priory House Gift Shop we really are. **Pop in and find some Christmas inspiration!**



## Christmas Pudding Nights

Why not grab a few friends and join us at Priory House for one of our ever-popular Pudding Nights?

There will be a selection of delicious puddings for you to choose from along with liqueur coffees starting from £5, as well as wine, Prosecco and mulled wine.

The Pudding Nights this year are on Thursday 5 December, Thursday 12 December and Thursday 19 December.

Tables must be booked in advance and a deposit paid. You can even pre-book your favourite pudding, which we would recommend, especially if you are in a group.

We will be open from 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm with last orders at 9.30 pm. If you visit our website in December you will be able to see the tasty treats that will be available.

To book call the Priory House Team on 01582 891420, email [prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk) or visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk/priory-christmas-pudding-nights](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/priory-christmas-pudding-nights)



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# Dunstable's Green Spaces



## Ten Years of 'Dunstable in Bloom' Success

Dunstable wins Best Large Town in the Anglia region and collects 4 Gold and 1 Silver Gilt Medal at the Anglia in Bloom Awards

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Dunstable in Bloom and what a way to celebrate with more awards this year than any other. The Deputy Town Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Liz Jones and some of the town's In Bloom team attended the Anglia in Bloom Awards Ceremony in St. Ives, Cambridgeshire to collect the prestigious awards. The Town achieved the following accolades:

- Gold overall for the Town and winner of the Best Large Town in the region
- Gold for Priory Gardens
- Gold for Grove House Gardens and winner of the Best Small Park in the region
- Gold for Dunstable Cemetery and winner of the Best Large Cemetery in the region
- Silver Gilt for The Old Place Lodge Tudor Walled Garden
- Winner of the Best Floral Display by a community – Priory View Roof Garden
- Hugh Garrod (Chairman of Dunstable in Bloom) nominated for the Mike Ames Award for his services to Dunstable in Bloom.

Commenting on the success, Councillor Liz Jones said: "I was delighted to attend the award ceremony in this special 10th year of Dunstable in Bloom. It was wonderful to see Dunstable collect so many awards and I am very proud of the fantastic community effort made across our town by all sections of our community. The achievements this year are a credit to the hard work of the In Bloom volunteers, all the community projects and the Town Council working together to help maintain and improve our town".

The Chairman of Dunstable in Bloom, Hugh Garrod, said: "I was delighted to receive a nomination for the Mike Ames Award in our 10th year, but the real credit goes to the many volunteers who have supported our campaign over the years. What a wonderful way to celebrate our 10th anniversary"

Well done to all those people who supported the 2019 campaign and thank you.



## More Green Flags for Dunstable

Dunstable Cemetery, Priory Gardens and Grove House Gardens have again been recognised as among the UK's very best green spaces.

The three sites have been recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme for the tenth year running, as among the very best open spaces in the country. They are among a record-breaking 1,970 UK parks and green spaces and 131 in thirteen other countries around the world, that have received the prestigious Green Flag Award as a mark of a quality park or green space.

The awards, now into a third decade nationally, are a sign to the public that the spaces boast the highest possible environmental standards, are beautifully maintained and have excellent visitor facilities.

The Town Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Sid Abbott, raised the flag at a special ceremony on 12 September accompanied by fellow councillors, cemetery and grounds staff, the Friends of Dunstable Cemetery and partner organisations.

Dunstable Town Councillor Liz Jones, Chairman of the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee said: "We are absolutely delighted to have retained all three Green Flags in 2019 and to have improved our overall score and rating for Dunstable Cemetery. We know how much quality green spaces matter to residents and visitors, and these awards celebrate the work of the Town Council and local residents and the dedication that goes into maintaining them to such a high standard."





**CREASEY KICKZ  
FOOTBALL PARTIES**



**BAR & FOOD**



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HIRE**



**CLUB  
PRESENTATIONS**



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**CORPORATE**

# Creasey Park Pitch on par with Premier League Clubs



Over the summer Creasey Park Community Football Centre has had a state-of-the-art irrigation system installed which mirrors those used by professional clubs. Funding received by Central Bedfordshire Council has enabled the main stadium pitch to have a full pop up sprinkler system installed by local firm SJS Irrigation. The stars of tomorrow are catered for too as all youth pitches will benefit from the same irrigation system. This system will mean maintenance of pitches, will meet the ever-growing demand, and also move forward in producing high quality playing surfaces.

Christmas parties are a great way to celebrate a successful year with your colleagues, friends or family and let your hair down before gloomy January arrives. The Venue at Creasey Park has a large function room that can be transformed into your festive shindig. Whether it's a big corporate celebration or a low-key, cosy 'do', we have the space to suit every occasion.

**The  
Venue**  
CREASEY PARK

For information contact Creasey Park on 01582 891433 or email [cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk)



**Saturday 26 October 2019  
7.30 pm to 12.30 am**

If you want a spookily good time, then come down to The Venue at creepy Creasey Park Community Football Centre for our Halloween Fancy Dress Party. This year will be bigger and better than ever before. Music and entertainment being supplied by Perfect Personalised Parties. Adults £6 | Children £4 (under 2s Free) Entry fee includes a welcome 'Ghoul Drink', buffet and treats for all. There will be prizes for the best dressed, plus games and additional prizes throughout the night.

Buy tickets at [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

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Phone 01582 891433  
[Facebook.com/CreaseyPark](https://www.facebook.com/CreaseyPark)



*New Year's Eve Party*

**Tuesday 31 December 2019  
7.30 pm to 1.00 am**

Say goodbye to 2019 and hello to 2020 at The Venue Creasey Park this New Year's Eve. There will be dancing, drinking and great times to be had with family and friends. All the family welcome. Adults £10 | Children £5 (under 2s Free) Entry fee includes a welcome drink and buffet. There will be music all night long and entertainment for the children.

Dress code: Smart Casual

Buy tickets at [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

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# Community Matters

## Older People's Services

### 'That Was the Year That Was'



Dunstable Town Council facilitates two weekly lunches for the seniors of our town. Good Companions, for those aged 75+, meets every Monday and Creasey Park Community Football Centre's Over 55s meets every Thursday. Both groups enjoy a two-course lunch along with activities, speakers, occasional entertainment and trips out. We currently have spaces available for Good Companions. In August both groups enjoyed their annual summer parties with good food, fabulous entertainment and lots of fun and laughter.

In addition to the lunch clubs, 120 over 65s, met up in June to enjoy the 'Big Lunch,' a free annual event held in Grove House Gardens (pictured right). This inspired the new 'Rock and a Roll' 50s and 60s themed tea dance in Creasey Park Community Football Centre. An afternoon filled with live entertainment. Look out for a future event in the new year!



There is still plenty to look forward to in 2019. Creasey Park Community Football Centre's Over 55s will celebrate their seventh anniversary with a Halloween Party and both groups are booked into the Pantomime at Grove Theatre in December. Oh yes they are!

## Coffee Mornings

Dunstable Town Council will continue to offer free coffee mornings for the Over 55s across the town. The next dates for your diary are:

**Tuesday 12 November**

at Holt's Court 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

**Tuesday 11 February** at Grove Corner 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

**Tuesday 17 March** at UCL club in Dunstable 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

Please come along for a cuppa and a chat. There will be agencies at all three days offering help and support, should you need it. For further details visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on/coffee-morning/](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on/coffee-morning/)

**If you would like more information on any of the activities for Older People, please contact Elaine McGarrigle on 01582 891414 or [elaine.mcgarrigle@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:elaine.mcgarrigle@dunstable.gov.uk)**



## DUNSTABLE GOOD NEIGHBOURS

**Would you like to volunteer with Dunstable Good Neighbours or receive some help from us?**

Volunteers provide occasional help with small tasks around the house or garden, assistance with form filling, occasional lifts to the doctors, shops etc. or friendly visits to those who are lonely or isolated.

**Call Good Neighbours on  
07491 455777**

**between 9am and 5pm**

**Volunteers are police-checked  
and our visits are free**



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Charity serving  
communities across  
Bedfordshire



## Christmas Tree Festival

**Saturday 7 & Sunday 8  
December 2019**  
11.00 am to 4.00 pm  
Priory Church, Dunstable

Refreshments, Stalls  
& Musical Interludes

Photo: Stan Thompson



# 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](http://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](mailto:lucy.salim@dunstable.gov.uk)

Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below. The full calendar of meetings for 2019/20 can be found on the Council's website [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://www.dunstable.gov.uk)

22/10/2019	Plans Sub-Committee	03/12/2019	Plans Sub-Committee
23/10/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm	05/12/2019	Dunstable Joint Committee Watling House
04/11/2019	Community Services Committee	18/12/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
11/11/2019	Grounds and Environmental Services Committee	06/01/2020	Community Services Committee
12/11/2019	Plans Sub-Committee	07/01/2020	Plans Sub-Committee
18/11/2019	Finance and General Purposes Committee	13/01/2020	Grounds and Environmental Services Committee
20/11/2019	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm	20/01/2020	Finance and General Purposes Committee
02/12/2019	COUNCIL		

## Dunstable Remembers



Dunstable remembers the men and women of the town who have suffered or died in conflict. This year's Remembrance Parade and Service will be held on Sunday 10 November 2019.

The parade of the town's ex-service and uniformed organisations will assemble in Grove House Gardens (at the rear of Grove House) at 10.15 am and will then march to the War Memorial in Priory Gardens, via High Street North to the crossroads and traffic lights, then down High Street South to Priory House where the Town Mayor will take the salute. The parade will then form up at the memorial for the Act of Remembrance and wreath-laying ceremony at 11.00 am. At the end of the ceremony everyone is invited to attend a short Service of Remembrance at Priory Church.

There will also be a short service at the War Memorial to mark Armistice Day on Monday 11 November at 11.00 am.

Members of the public are most welcome to take part in Dunstable's Act of Remembrance. Dunstable Town Council are once again keen to involve as many young people of the town as possible and would like to encourage representatives from schools in the town to take part in the parade and wreath laying.

**For further information or advice on how you can get involved please contact Michele Markus on 01582 891404 or email [michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:michele.markus@dunstable.gov.uk)**

## Dunstable Town Mayor's Forthcoming Charity Events

The Town Mayor, Councillor Sid Abbott, would be delighted for you to join him in supporting any of his forthcoming events. All events are arranged in support of the Mayor's chosen charities which are: The Alzheimer's Society, Autism Bedfordshire, Signposts and Minds2gether.

### BINGO NIGHT

**Friday 25 October 2019**

Priory View, Church Street, Dunstable  
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start

### PUDDING NIGHT

**Friday 13 December 2019**

Priory House, High Street South, Dunstable  
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start

## THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940 PRODUCTION

**The Little Theatre,  
High Street South, Dunstable**  
Tuesday 21 January 2020  
7.00 pm

**Everyone is welcome**

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





# Services Dunstable Town Council Provides For You

## Main Council Reception 01582 513000

For more information visit [www.dunstable.gov.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Allotments

Plot lettings and maintenance of sites  
01582 891426 | [allotments@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:allotments@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Play Areas

Maintenance, inspections and cleansing  
Freephone 0800 013 0350 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Town Centre Maintenance

Maintenance of raised beds, grassed areas and floral displays  
01582 513000 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Maintenance of Priory & Grove House Gardens

Grounds maintenance, litter picking, dog bins  
01582 891413 | [john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Bennett's Splash & Splashside Café

01582 891433 | [lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.vincent@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](mailto: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](mailto:annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Events Programme *including:*

Dunstable Live, Fireworks, Party in the Park, Proms in the Park  
01582 891407 | [gina.thanky@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:gina.thanky@dunstable.gov.uk) | [events@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:prioryhouse@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Grove Corner Young People's Centre

76a High Street North, Dunstable LU6 1NF  
01582 891434 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto:info@dunstable.gov.uk)

### Older People's Support Service

Good Companions day care, CPCFC Lunch Club  
01582 513000 | [info@dunstable.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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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# TALKTOWN

## 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.

Return your comment slip to:

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

Your comments:

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

Name: .....

Address: .....

Telephone: .....

Email: .....

Thank you for submitting your comments, the information will be used by Dunstable Town Council for developing services and marketing purposes and will not be sold to any other organisation. Your details are strictly confidential. The data protection act 1998 guarantees that the information you have provided will only be used for the correct purposes. If you do not want to receive any additional information from Dunstable Town Council please tick this box: ☐