

TOWN MAYOR'S DIARY

3 – 9 AUGUST 2020

I am very conscious of the fact that usually at this time of the year there are various activities organised by the Town Council for youngsters during their Summer holidays. Sadly, these have had to be cancelled for obvious reasons along with the Town's Summer of Music and other events. However, the Town Market is flourishing with consistently more stalls than ever. Next markets are on 15 August with an additional market alongside some activity on Ashton Square on 29 August.

There are no invitations being sent out or received for any Mayoral activities across Bedfordshire or beyond so I will continue to pursue my Dunstable Family Business articles each fortnight in the Gazette, go to the Town markets and visit as many shops and businesses as I can to show support at this challenging time.

Monday 3 August

- Up-date on Luton's Coronavirus outbreak taking the town out of Government intervention. Precautionary measures to remain in place

Tuesday 4 August

- Ventured to the gym for a personal training session for the first time since mid-March. Few people there so social distancing truly being observed.
- Family business articles and photos being put on Council website

Wednesday 5 August

- Picked up my new visiting cards from Grove House
- Met newest member of staff who will be responsible for spearheading the High Street Action Zone work with Historic England – improving aspects of Middle Row and opposite, the former Moore's store
- Took opportunity to dead head planters outside Grove House. Pleased to bump into Cllr. Pam Ghent, also deadheading planters in Grove House Gardens
- Spicer & Co family business article alongside Annette Clyne's (Town Centre Manager) Dunstable Matters, in the Gazette
- Pursued family business articles for the Gazette visiting Lisa Roberts Catering, Lombardos and The Sewing Basket. Received confirmation for Dream Doors, Lowther Road, article for mid-August. In process, article for R&R Hair Services and Rejuvenate Therapy for beginning of September.

Friday 7 August

- Collected Mayoral Chain from jewellers in Leighton Buzzard after repair
- Detailed up-date for councillors concerning Council services from Town Clerk
- Received go-ahead for next family business article for the Gazette on Wednesday 19th July

Saturday 8 August

- Went to the Town market. 20 plus stalls again with new 'returners'. Classis cars on the Square
- Coffee with Mayoress at Lombardo's, West Street