

MAYOR'S DIARY **22 – 28 MARCH**

We were saddened to learn that Joan Curran, one of our esteemed local historians, had passed away. Joan was a member of a number of local organisations, particularly the Local History Society of which she was Secretary for many years. She was also a founder member of the Friends of Priory House and Gardens. Her knowledge of Dunstable's history was extensive, and her books and articles brought this history to many residents. Her passing is a loss not only to her family and friends, but also to Dunstable.

Monday 22 March

Formulated the words and made a short video in respect of the National Day of Reflection tomorrow, to remember those lost to Covid-19 on the occasion of the first anniversary of the first lockdown. My thanks to Cllr Eugene Ghent for making the video – showing on the Council website.

An evening virtual 'seminar' on Planning legislation for Town Councillors.

Tuesday 23 March

Along with the Head of Grounds and Environmental Services and Council staff, we observed the midday minute's silence in Grove House Gardens on the National Day of Reflection.

An early evening Chairman's virtual meeting – discussed the instances of fly tipping in the town, esp. High Street South and behind Tesco, Langdale Road; up-dates from the Mayor and each Committee Chairman.

Put a candle in the front window at 8.00 pm in support of the National Day of Reflection.

Wednesday 24 March

Drafted words on behalf of the Friends of Priory House and Gardens (FPH&G) for a Gazette article on the Community page next week.

Drafted words for an article in a German Newspaper (Kolnische Rundschau) covering our Twin Town, Porz, Cologne, about how the pandemic has affected Dunstable.

Thursday 25 March

Sent the latest Dunstable Family Business article to the Gazette along with the FPH&G article for next week's Gazette.

Sent a card of condolence to the family of Joan Curran on behalf of Councillors and Officers of the Town Council.

Friday 26 March

Another virtual charity committee meeting.

Saturday 27 March

A further virtual catch-up with University friends. Lights out 8.30-9.30 pm to support Earth Hour – a global movement organised by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) charity.