

# **Meet the Councillors**

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#### Welcome everybody to another edition of Talk of the Town.

This is the time of year when we start to look forward to warmer days and shorter nights and those of us who are gardeners are deciding what to plant in our window boxes, planters and gardens.

Before moving forward though, I want to look back to the last few months of 2021 and the Towns celebrations of Christmas.

There were a lot of interesting events and activities, particularly for families, in the Town in November and December, which I hope encouraged many of you to visit one of our markets and to shop locally. Did you spot the polar bear?

This year the Council introduced a new addition to its traditional Christmas lights by running a Winter Lights Festival in Grove House Gardens, the trees looked so different when lit against the dark winter night sky and I hope encouraged many of you, who may not have visited the gardens before, to appreciate our wonderful open space and visit again.

You may have noticed that there were some new Christmas lights this year, and others in new places. We have had to retire those that were no longer working and used the opportunity of the changes in the town centre, to introduce some new ones. Over the next few years this process will continue, with new lights being added and the placement of current lights being varied as necessary.

I was so pleased to officially start the Christmas festivities with our traditional Torchlight Procession of local schools walking from the Priory Church, to the Methodist Church, and then singing carols in the Town Square. It was wonderful as we weren't able to hold the event last year. The singers were accompanied by our local Salvation Army Band and I was ably assisted by Father Christmas to switch on the new Tree lights.

2022 will see the completion of the Town centre refurbishment works being carried out by Central Bedfordshire Council. The wider pavements and slightly varied road layout and crossing changes will make it easier for pedestrians to move about the town centre and discourage lorries. A lot of people have asked me about the roadworks and I know that they have been inconvenient for many, but one of the major functions of the changes has been to carryout drainage works to help stop the damage to homes and businesses that has been caused in the past by flooding. The Town Council has been concerned for some time that Priory House, one of our wonderful historical buildings, has been repeatedly damaged by flooding. The very large drainage system that now exists under High Street South will hopefully stop flooding in the future. Once the works have finished I am sure that the improvements to how the Town looks will be appreciated by you all.

I have just over four months left of my year as Mayor and hand over to my successor in May, I hope that by then we will all be looking forward to a more settled time and the global pandemic that we have lived with over the last two years will be starting to come to an end. I do however hope to have some more fundraising events for my charity Homestart, before I leave office and look forward to seeing some of you there.

Councillor Gloria Martin Town Mayor of Dunstable





**David Ashlee** Town Clerk & Chief Executive

Welcome to the New Year edition of Talk of the Town and can I take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very prosperous 2022, despite the ongoing Covid pandemic.

I hope you all enjoyed Christmas and that you were able to take advantage of the town centre Christmas programme. The three-day Twilight Market and Christmas Carols and Torchlight Procession were particularly well received. I was very pleased to read all of the public praise the Council received on our Facebook page in recognition of all the hard work that my staff undertake to make such events and activities so successful.

During 2022, your Town Council will continue to be busy delivering all the quality-of-life services that residents so enjoy and appreciate.

Featured in this edition of Talk of the Town is our Community Engagement Team responsible for managing Grove Corner, Older People's Lunch Clubs and a whole range of community engagement activities, such as the 'Rock and a Roll' event, Friends of Dunstable Cemetery sessions and coffee mornings.

Visitors to the town centre may have seen the transformation of the garden around the Methodist Church on Ashton Square. This project (also featured in this edition) has been led by the Town Council in partnership with volunteers from the Methodist Church and colleagues from Central Bedfordshire Council. I would like to thank contractors Henderson & Taylor who have also given much appreciated support to this initiative.

Also in this edition you will find an update on the Council's High Street Heritage Action Zone project and please look out for the dates for the Middle Row Markets which will be starting again

At the time of writing this introduction, 2022 looks like being another challenging year for all of us as we struggle to adapt to living with Covid-19. Your Town Council will, however, continue to do all we can to provide our services as safely as possible in order to ensure that we continue to 'help make Dunstable a better place'.

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 ashlee



# 2022 Frence PROGRAMME

Dunstable Town Council is delighted to announce the 2022 Events Programme. Starting the year off with the St George's Day Celebration, we are excited to welcome back our full programme of events including the much loved Dunstable Live and Party in the Park. There's so much to see and do this year with the whole family so get these dates saved in your diary so that you don't miss out!



## **EVENT AND VENUE**

## Celebrating St. George **Priory Gardens**

**Classic Motor Rally** Saturday 21 May Priory Gardens 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

Queen's Jubilee Concert Saturday 4 June **Priory Gardens** Times TBC

> **Dunstable Live** Saturday 18 June Grove House Gardens 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm

**Sunday Band Concerts** 26 June, 3 July & 7 August **Grove House Gardens** 12 noon to 4.15 pm

Party in the Park Saturday 9 July Grove House Gardens 12 noon to 8.00 pm

Around the World Saturday 30 July **Priory Gardens** 10.30 am to 4.30 pm

**Priory Pictures** Saturday 13 August **Priory Gardens** From 12 noon

Priory Proms in the Park Saturday 10 September **Priorv Gardens** Times TBC

**Christmas Carols & Torchlight Procession** Friday 25 November The Square From 7.00 pm

**DATE AND TIMES** Saturday 23 April 11.00 am to 4.00 pm





**Events Sponsorship** could be the way to go!

We have exciting opportunities for event sponsorship for 2022. For information please email gina.thanky@dunstable.gov.uk

For all enquiries, contact Gina Thanky on 01582 891407 or email events@dunstable.gov.uk



# Dunstable

We are pleased to announce the dates for Middle Row Markets 2022

Join us for a special Mother's Day Market on Saturday 26 March and from the 9 April every second and third Saturday of the month. Unique crafts and local producers have made this popular market a welcome return to 2022.





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# Mhat's On at PRIORY HOUSE in 202



As a new year dawns over Dunstable, at Priory House Heritage Centre we have a host of great activities for you to look forward to throughout 2022.

## **Cheese and Wine Evening**

Saturday 12 February, 6.00 pm to 10.30 pm Celebrate Valentine's this year at Priory House, with an evening of cheese and wine pairing, plus live music. £35 per adult



Monday 14 February, 6.00 pm to 10.00 pm £8 per person includes a pudding and a drink

## Mother's Day Wreath Making

Sunday 27 March, 12 noon to 3.00 pm Treat your mum to a wreath making workshop and make a spring themed wreath using beautiful artificial flowers. £35 per adult, includes a free glass of prosecco on arrival

## Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Sunday 27 March Why not treat your mum to our special Mother's Day Afternoon Tea? £20.50 per adult | £11 per child

## **Easter Tree Workshop**

Thursday 7 April & Saturday 9 April £15 per child includes all materials plus all children will receive a lunch box and drink. (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

## Sunday Afternoon Tea Specials

For the first time, we can now offer afternoon tea on selected Sundays throught the year. Spaces are limited, so pre-booking is advised.

Sunday 27 February

Sunday 29 May

Sunday 31 July

Sunday 25 September

Sunday 27 November

Sunday 18 December

Sunday 24 April

Sunday 26 June

Sunday 28 August

Sunday 30 October

Sunday 4 December

## Wedding Fayre Open Days

Come to one of our open days and tour the premises, including a chance to look at our stunning Jacobean Room for your intimate wedding. 12 noon to 3.00 pm on the following dates:

Sunday 27 February Sunday 24 April Sunday 29 May Sunday 26 June Sunday 31 July Sunday 28 August Sunday 25 September Sunday 30 October

For further information or to book onto any of the activities featured here please visit our website at:

www.dunstable.gov.uk/prioryhouse







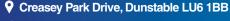
# **Easter at Creasey Park CFC**

Support your local football teams this Easter here at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. As Dunstable Town FC continue to climb the table, come and cheer them on during their run to the end of the season. Two games to look out for are Saturday 26 March against Leverstock Green FC, 3.00 pm KO and local derby game versus Crawley Green FC on Saturday 16 April, 3.00 pm KO. AFC Dunstable are in a real fight for promotion from their respective league, so come and give them your encouragement. Stand out home games are Ware FC on Saturday 19 February, 3.00 pm KO and Thame Utd on Monday 18 April, 3.00 pm KO.

While watching your local teams, don't forget to take advantage of our Easter match day deals on food, drink and many other specials from the Keeper's Kitchen and fully licensed Crossbar.

To keep updated with all their fixtures please visit www.afcdunstable.co.uk and www.dunstabletownfc.co.uk





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# Community

Throughout 2022, there will be lots of activities for the community to get involved in. Friends of the Cemetery continue to meet on the third Friday of every month. There are regular community litter picks for everyone to participate in and various community projects throughout the year. More information can be found on Dunstable Town Council's website www.dunstable.gov.uk/dunstable-cemetery/friends-of-dunstable-cemetery and Facebook page.

## **Coffee Mornings**

Dunstable Town Council runs monthly coffee mornings for the older community. These happen at different locations throughout the year and are supported by organisations in the town, providing relevant information and support to those who attend. Visit to https://www.dunstable.gov.uk/whats-on/coffee-morning/ for details on any forthcoming sessions.



## Rock and A Roll

In November 2021, 38 residents of Dunstable enjoyed attending Rock and A Roll. A fantastic time was had by all who attended at Creasey Park Community Football Centre, with an afternoon tea spread, music provided by Debbie from Care Entertainment and lots of dancing by those in attendance. It was wonderful to see everybody enjoying themselves and having fun. We hope to run this popular event again in 2022.



## **Dunstable Town Council** and Committee Meetings

Copies of the agenda for all meetings are available for inspection 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, but as a result of our Covid-19 risk assessment, it is not possible to accommodate members of the public. Members of the public are welcome to join via Microsoft Teams and 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 Ian Reed, Democratic Services Manager ian.reed@dunstable.gov.uk. Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below. The full calendar of meetings for 2022 can be found at www.dunstable.gov.uk

07/02/2022	Council
15/02/2022	Plans Sub-Committee
07/03/2022	Community Services Committee
08/03/2022	Plans Sub-Committee
10/03/2022	Dunstable Joint Committee
14/03/2022	Grounds & Environmental Services Committee
21/03/2022	Finance & General Purposes Committee
28/03/2022	Town Meeting (7.30 pm)
29/03/2022	Plans Sub-Committee

## **DUNSTABLE HI! STREET HERITAGE ACTION ZONE**

In 2022 Historic England are intending on hosting a Dunstable HSHAZ Historic Building Listing Lunch and Learn (online via Microsoft Teams or similar). Historic England have pencilled a date of Thursday 24 February 2022 between 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm for this to take place. If you are interested in attending this virtual event please contact the HSHAZ team via info@dunstable.gov.uk

## SAVE THE DATE

## Saturday 30 April 2022

We have experts undertaking some new research comparing the stone in the Undercroft of Priory House and the stone in Priory Church. A provisional date of Saturday 30 April 2022 has been set for a day of fun activities for the whole family based around the Priory's history – yes really! Watch out for further details nearer the time, but will include:

Historic England will be presenting the results of the recent archaeological survey of Dunstable Priory prior to the publication of the report.

Come and hear a panel of experts discuss the latest findings and what it means for our understanding of the Priory's history.

Craft activities for all ages.

#### 🚱 @DunstableHSHAZ 💢 @hazdunstable



If you want to know more about the programme or have any queries, please do get in touch with Michelle Collings (HSHAZ Programme Manager) on 01582 513000 or info@dunstable.gov.u









## Garden Improvements at the Square Methodist Church

Have you spotted the recent improvements to the garden border alongside The Square Methodist Church in the centre of Dunstable?

The Council has been working in partnership with the church to improve the overgrown border on the north side of the building and the area has been completely transformed. Many of the shrubs planted more than 20 years ago had become overgrown, the area was becoming a litter trap and it was not possible to see any of the memorial stones.

The Council was approached by Central Bedfordshire (CBC) Ward Councillors to see what could be done with the area to compliment the recent High Street and Middle Row improvements. The Parks and Green Space Development Officer, Kathy Doyle, was tasked with redesigning the border and undertaking the planting works with the Church community.

The Church secured funding for the project from the CBC Ward Councillor Grant Scheme, Dunstable Joint Committee and Historic England's High Street Heritage Action Zone as well as putting in their own money. Henderson & Taylor, the main contractor for the Dunstable High Street improvement project provided generous support with materials and labour.

The planting compliments the window shapes on the Church and includes box balls and low box hedging, half-standard bay trees, topiary yew and an underplanting of hardy evergreen ferns set in pea shingle.

The second phase of the project will include improvements to the south side of the church including raised planters for food growing.

To celebrate this transformed space the Town Mayor of Dunstable, Councillor Gloria Martin cut a ribbon on Friday 17 December to mark the completion of the first phase.











## 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 | cpcfc@dunstable.gov.uk

## **Mayoral and Democratic Services**

Remembrance Day Parade and Service, Mayor's Charity Events, Civic Services, Democratic Representation 01582 891401 | ian.reed@dunstable.gov.uk

## **Community Services**

## Town Centre Management

Economic regeneration, Christmas lights, Ashton Square public toilets and twice-monthly markets 01582 891436 | annette.clynes@dunstable.gov.uk

## Events Programme including:

Dunstable Live, Party in the Park, Proms in the Park 01582 891407 | events@dunstable.gov.uk

#### **Priory House** Heritage Centre

TIC, weddings, 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 | grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk

## Older People's Support Service

Good Companions day care, CPCFC Lunch Club 01582 891434 | grovecorner@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 Conroys Ringside Boxing Club Suffolk Road, Downside Estate, Dunstable | 07794 692747

## High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) michelle.collings@dunstable.gov.uk | 07593 553653

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