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Welcome



The Mayor's Welcome

Councillor Peter Hollick

It is said that as one grows older, time passes more quickly. When one is kept busy, that also helps time go by. Put the two together and my Mayoral year seems to have slipped by. Over 120 engagements later, on top of the usual Council meetings (the Mayor attends the three main committees and chairs the full Council), there are already another 16 engagements in the diary up to 14 May, the day before I will hand over to the next Mayor.

After a quiet period post-Christmas into the middle of January, more outside engagements, invitations from other Mayors, businesses and other organisations, were slotted into the diary. Along with the Mayoress, I have been especially pleased to visit the Sea Cadets (one of my charities) on two occasions. The first was to the Dunstable Unit Mess (Trafalgar) Dinner; the second to their Awards Evening. It is always good to see a smart turn out and witness young people, in this case, the cadets and Marines, receive awards for their many achievements.

My Charity Dinner was held on Friday 24 February at Hospitality Central, Central Bedfordshire College. One hundred and twenty two of us enjoyed an excellent meal prepared and served by the staff and catering students. King's Jazz added colour with their skilful playing to the evening. It was pleasing to have received so many compliments about the dinner which raised money for my three charities – Sorted, Signposts and the Sea Cadets.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) brought together some of the town's businesses. Spicer & Co., Deakin-White, HQ Sports Bar and Crepe Cottage organised, hosted and provided the pancakes for 18 teams to show their running and tossing abilities. A team of PCSOs and one from the College catering department also took part. HQ Sports Bar won the race with the students worthy runners-up.

The Mayor's Civic Service was held at the Priory Church on Sunday 19 March. I thank the Reverend Richard Andrews, Gemma Palmer and the Ardley Hill Academy choir which sang 'One World', Isabella Clawson-Maila who sang Pie Jesu, the standard bearers and the Sea Cadets and Marines, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive who read one of the lessons and the Priory Choir for their contributions to the Service. Also thanks to the Trefoil Guild for their help with the refreshments after the Service and the Mayoral and Democratic Services Officer for the administration.

The A5-M1 Link road and the Woodside connection are destined to be opened in April. Once open, improvements to our High Street can gradually take place. In the forthcoming months Dunstable will have a completely refurbished Leisure Centre, a new Library and community rooms, more shops, a cleaner town, improved signage, continuing improvements to our two town centre gardens and cemetery, a refurbished area around our War Memorial, themed markets and an events programme for which any town would be proud.

Work has started in Bennet Memorial Recreation Ground to build the splash park and the café which are destined to be ready this Summer – let's hope for some good summer days.

I do thank all those who have kindly supported me in so many ways in my Mayoral year; my Mayoress, fellow councillors, officers, individuals from local businesses, organisations and friends. It has been a partnership and for me has resulted in an interesting, informative and enjoyable year. Thank you all.

Councillor Peter Hollick
Town Mayor of Dunstable



David Ashlee

Town Clerk and Chief Executive

Welcome to the spring edition of Talk of the Town.

This is always a very important time of year for the Council as it is the period in which the Council agrees its annual budget. This year the Council has been able to set a budget at a nil per cent increase on the Dunstable Town Council element of your council tax bill whilst also improving and increasing the range of quality of life services delivered by the Council in Dunstable.

If you live in a Band D property in Dunstable you will pay an annual charge of £175.21 to Dunstable Town Council, no increase on last year's charge. An illustration of the services provided by the Council and how the Council is working with its partners towards 'Making Dunstable a Better Place' is given later in this edition.

The spring sees the launch of the Council's events programme and this year the Council will be starting things off with two events in April and May. St George's Day will be celebrated with an improved range of activities centred in Priory Gardens and May sees the return of the very popular 'Around the World' event that will also take place in Priory Gardens. Please note that the Beer and Cider Festival will take place in August this year and I am delighted that the Council can announce Toyah Willcox as our headline act for this year's Party in the Park in July.

June will see the opening of the much anticipated splash park and associated cafeteria that the Town Council has made possible by working in partnership with Central Bedfordshire Council through their Market Town Regeneration Fund. I am particularly pleased with this project which I think will be very popular with our residents judging by the amount of positive comments we have received on the Council's Facebook page. I also believe that it will attract more visitors to the town centre thereby contributing to the Council's efforts in trying to regenerate Dunstable.

I hope readers will take the time to look at the centre pages of this edition as the photo montage clearly illustrates why Dunstable is prospering and why the town featured in the top 10 list of house price increases over the past 12 months.

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
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

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News, Announcements and Items of Interest for Residents of Dunstable

10 Years of Croquet at Priory Gardens

This year Dunstable Croquet Club will be celebrating 10 years of playing croquet at Priory Gardens and we are holding various events to celebrate this occasion.

The club was initially started through a suggestion to hold a croquet competition, which is now held annually during the summer. In addition we play friendly matches against other local clubs.

The club has a coaching session every year to help players to improve their game and we also hold a summer lunch, an annual dinner, and a charity coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.

There are two forms of croquet, and we play Golf Croquet. Usually played in pairs, or mixed pairs, it is a game of tactics as much as strength with 6 (or 12) hoops. However, it's not as easy as it seems as there is only 1.5mm clearance between the ball and the hoop, and there is always an opponent trying to knock your ball to the side!



The club is privileged to play on the Priory Gardens lawns on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm and Wednesday mornings from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and we would welcome people to come along and give the game a try. We are a friendly, welcoming club, so why not give it a go?

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Beecroft Community Centre

Licensed bar all evening and weekends with various activities including bingo, quiz nights and discos.

In the week you can enjoy darts, pool, dominos and a variety of classes from keep fit to flower arranging.

We are a family friendly club and therefore new families joining us are very welcome.

For more information contact Beecroft Community Centre on 01582 661346

Town Rangers 'Go Social'

The Town Ranger service has launched a Facebook page [@dunstabletownranger](https://www.facebook.com/dunstabletownranger).

This page is for you to report issues, receive updates and see what the Rangers have been working on around the town.

Please like and share the page and let's work together to help make Dunstable A Better Place!



Your Views Matter!

To have your say on Dunstable Market please visit www.dunstable.gov.uk to fill in a short survey. Hard copies are also available from Grove House, Priory House and Creasey Park Community football Centre.



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Themed Markets in 2017

We hope you enjoyed the first in our series of themed markets for 2017. Our Women's Day/Health and Beauty themed market proved to be a great success with lots of new stalls selling health and beauty products alongside our regular general market traders. Did you manage to treat yourself to a few pampering products? If you didn't manage to visit the market on 8 April, don't worry, there is still plenty in the programme to follow as Dunstable Town Council will be promoting more themed markets on the second Saturday of each month, from April through to December 2017, as follows:

-  **Fair Trade Market**
Saturday 13 May 2017
-  **Youth Event**
Saturday 10 June 2017
-  **Family Day**
Saturday 8 July 2017
-  **Pre-loved, Bric-a-Brac Market**
Saturday 12 August 2017
-  **Charity Day**
Saturday 9 September 2017
-  **Halloween/Autumn Theme**
Saturday 14 October 2017
-  **Food & Drink**
Saturday 11 November 2017
-  **Christmas Market**
Saturday 9 December 2017

In addition, on the third Saturday of each month, again from April through to December, there will be a Creative Craft Market featuring goods that have been handmade in Bedfordshire. All themed markets will take place alongside our general, outdoor market from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm.



Want to make money and not just spend it? For only £15 per stall*, per event you can become a trader for the day or trial turning your hobby into an earner! If you still want to spend money to support the other traders and pick up a few pressies for yourself or your loved ones, then that's fine too!

Please contact Clare Brett (Town Centre Manager) on 01582 891405, email clare.brett@dunstable.gov.uk or visit the Dunstable Town Council website for further information: www.dunstable.gov.uk

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Dunstable Men in Sheds

Dunstable Men in Sheds is now well and truly up and running with over 20 enthusiastic and multi-talented members.

The group has been very busy of late, making their 'Shed' a practical place to work, share skills and socialise over plenty of tea!

The Shed Chairman; Martin Young said: "Our group is made up of men from all walks of life who share a common interest to undertake projects which will be of benefit to our local communities. The first project we have been given is to make some native American style Totem Poles for the Beehive Children Centre Forest School which is part of the Beecroft Academy. The various designs and motifs that the children have drawn are amazing, and we intend to incorporate as many motifs as possible into the three Totem Poles we shall be

making. The most important thing for us is to put our skills to good use and have some good fun doing it!"

The Dunstable Men in Sheds project is aimed specifically at men aged 55+ who would like to share their skills and learn new ones. We do not have our own website at present, but please look at www.menssheds.org.uk

If you are interested in joining or have a project which you would like Dunstable Men in Sheds to consider then please contact either:

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Central Bedfordshire College Student Joins Championship Football Club

Footballer Freddie Hinds realises his dream

Central Bedfordshire College are delighted to share the great news that Freddie Hinds (Luton Town Football Club Youth Team Scholars) was signed by Championship Football Club Bristol City for an undisclosed fee on transfer deadline day in January. This is a giant 2 leagues above LTFC and head coach Lee Johnson said: "Freddie is almost in the Nicky Maynard mould with his attributes. He's got a good centre of gravity and certainly knows where the net is."

Freddie was a product of the Hatters' academy system that sees their Youth Team Scholars attend Central Bedfordshire College for their academic studies twice a week as well as using the first class training facilities at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. This academic year also saw Cameron McJannet join Premier League club Stoke City in the summer from LTFC Youth Team.

Freddie was in the second year of his scholarship having finished his first year as top scorer for the Youth Team. Freddie joined the club as an Under-8 and attended Central Bedfordshire College from 2015 as did Midfielder Tyreeq Bakinson and Defender Akin Famewo who have

now both signed professional contracts with LTFC first team.

Karyn Godfrey the Learning Area Manager for Sport at the College said: "We are all thrilled for Freddie to be joining a Championship side and wish him great success. We will be following his career with great interest, what a fantastic 18th birthday present!"

The College prides itself on ensuring its students are realistic about their future and understand the highly competitive aspect of the professional footballing arena. It therefore ensures a strong academic focus so students are well equipped for careers on and off the pitch. With 98% progression and a second "good" Ofsted rating, the academic standards are on a par with the high standard of coaching which has produced players such as Crystal Palace's Keshi Anderson. The College's squads are all based at Creasey Park Community Football Centre in Dunstable and have scooped seven league titles and two league cups to date.

For more information about the Football Academy and the upcoming trials at Creasey Park or to apply for a course visit www.centralbeds.ac.uk



Creasey Summer League

This summer Creasey Park will be running an 11v11 pre-season adult summer league. Instead of your club secretary doing all the work, Creasey Park will organise the fixtures, provide the pitch and organise the referees. Playing on our FA approved 3G astro turf pitch the league will run over a 4 week period on Wednesdays 12, 19, 26 July & 2 August from 7.00 pm - 10.00 pm. Ideally there will be 8 teams, guaranteeing you a game each week.

Games will be a straight 40 minutes with rolling substitutions and officiated by qualified referees. The league will be administered by Creasey Park, with weekly results and league table posted on our website www.dunstable.gov.uk/cpcfc, where you can also find further information. Before and after your game you can buy refreshments and relax in the comfortable licensed clubhouse while watching some live sport or playing a game of pool or darts.

Team entry fee is £25 per week, based on a squad of 13 players this is under £2 per player per week. So ask you club secretary to contact us or make the call yourself to register your interest or find out further information.

Please contact Robin Carpenter, Creasey Park Duty Manager, by email at robin.carpenter@dunstable.gov.uk or call Robin on 01582 891433





PRIORY HOUSE
HERITAGE CENTRE



The exhibition cabinet containing various tea related items and some rare teas



Mr Ian Gibbs, Chairman of the International Tea Committee, lighting his candle on the Sri Lankan lamp stand.

An Exhibition on the History & Culture of Tea

On Saturday 25 March Dunstable Town Council launched a new exhibition, *The History & Culture of Tea*, timed to coincide with the 150th Anniversary of Ceylon Tea.

The Town Mayor Cllr Peter Hollick, Mayoress Cllr Ann Sparrow and David Ashlee Town Clerk and Chief Executive were delighted to host Her Excellency Ms Amari Wijewardene, High Commissioner for Sri Lanka and a delegation from the Sri Lanka Tea Board led by their Chairman, Mr Rohan Pethiyagoda, along with other guests, to celebrate both the opening and the anniversary.

The event started with the High Commissioner lighting the first candle on a traditional Sri Lankan lamp stand followed by the Town Mayor and others. This was followed by a speech from the High Commissioner thanking the Town Council for being involved with celebrations to commemorate the anniversary and for creating the exhibition. The Town Mayor, Cllr Hollick, expressed his delight that Her Excellency and the Tea Board delegation had taken time out of a very busy week to be in Dunstable for the occasion.

The Sri Lanka Tea Board presented Dunstable Town Council with a bust of James Taylor, who planted the first tea plants in Sri Lanka 150 years ago, specially commissioned for the 2017 celebrations and a model of the tea clipper Cutty Sark for the exhibition display case.

Presentations of commemorative crystal clocks were then made by Cllr Hollick to Her Excellency the High Commissioner and by David Ashlee to the Chairman of the Sri Lanka Tea Board. A delightful talk delivered by Rohan Pethiyagoda followed ending with a tasting session of teas from all the growing Regions in Sri Lanka.

This fascinating exhibition is now open, free of charge, Monday to Saturday 10.00 am until 4.00 pm and if you enjoy tea then look out for various talks and tastings which will be available soon.



Her Excellency Ms Amari Wijewardene, High Commissioner for Sri Lanka, with Town Mayor Cllr Peter Hollick and Mr Rohan Pethiyagoda, Chairman of the Sri Lanka Tea Board.



One of the many fascinating panels in the exhibition galleries.

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Saturday 15 April
to
Saturday 22 April

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http://www.dunstable.gov.uk/mothers_day_afternoon_tea.htm

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Saturday 10 June 2017
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An Exhibition on the History & Culture of Tea

launched in conjunction with the 150th Anniversary of the Ceylon Tea Industry in 2017

Discover the global history of tea that lies behind our daily cuppa in this fascinating new exhibition.

You will find snippets on the people behind the industry, health benefits, other uses, how tea is drunk in different countries, the growth and production and see some interesting, genuine pieces of tea memorabilia.

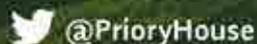


There will also be the opportunity to indulge your senses by touching and smelling different types of tea.

Look out for talks, tastings and Afternoon Teas, all devoted to understanding and enjoying our national beverage.

Plus, you can tease your tastebuds with a variety of teas in the Dunstable Tea range at Priory House Tea Rooms.

Open for visitors between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm Monday to Saturday



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Let's look forward to an Eventful 2017

There's an amazing programme of events ahead for residents of Dunstable this year. From patriotic fun on St. George's Day through to the one and only Toyah performing at Party in the Park - plus a whole lot in between - there is something for everyone to enjoy.

For further information about any of these events check out the events pages at www.dunstable.gov.uk



Saturday 22 April
11.00 am to 4.00 pm, Priory Gardens

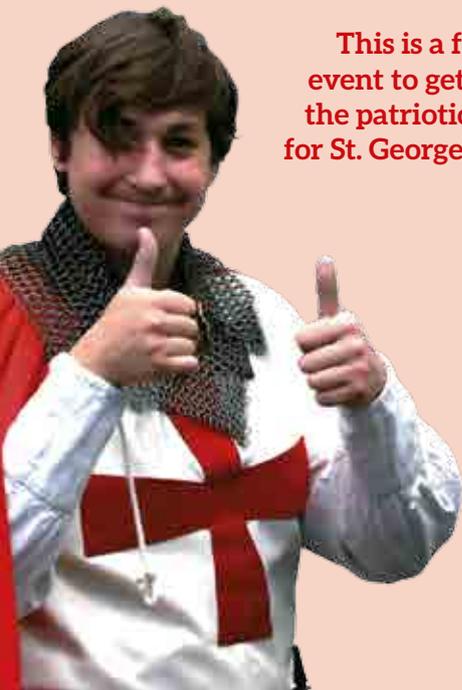
This year there's a lot to see and do! Why not become a Knight or a Princess by making your own crown or sword then look out for Dexter the Dragon on his walkabouts? If you fancy a challenge then there is the dragon trail to conquer.

Do you know the story of George and the Dragon? Catch the live performance of Garlic Theatre's fantastic award-winning George and the Dragon puppet show. If you fancy music and dance you will also have the delights of a wide range of traditional repertoire from our very own Dunstable Town Band and the Whitchurch Morris Men.

Last but not least, watch out for the birds of prey flying demonstrations. Would you be brave enough to handle them?

Look out for the following activities and entertainment: Arts & Crafts, Morris Dancing, George and the Dragon, 'Have-a-Go' Archery, Bungee Run, Dunstable Town Band, Meet Dexter the Dragon, Dragon Town Trail, Static Birds of Prey Display and Flying Demonstrations and Face Painting (small charge applies)

This is a fantastic event to get you in the patriotic mood for St. George's Day!



Saturday 20 May
10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Priory Gardens

This event is all about culture and diversity and we showcase the best that the world has to offer, with music, dance, entertainment and workshops.

Come along and have a go at African Drumming, Bhangra dancing, Henna and meet a real camel. Also test your skills on a bucking bronco or the surf simulator rides and see and hold exotic reptiles and birds with our reptile show and falconry display.

It's not too late to get involved...if you're a club or group and you have something to showcase whilst promoting your club then contact Lisa Vincent on 01582 891406 or lisa.vincent@dunstable.gov.uk



'A Night at the Movies'

Saturday 17 June
3.00 pm to 8.00 pm, Grove House Gardens

Are you ready to get your dancing shoes on? We are bringing you 5 hours of non-stop music from the movies!

Bootleg Blues Brothers

Direct from the hit touring production, these two renowned soul singers recapture the lunacy, music and the essence that is The Blues Brothers! Enjoy all the hits from the film and a whole lot more in a show that is the best of its kind. The Bootleg Blues Brothers are without doubt, THE top UK Blues Brothers Tribute!

Movies Mayhem

Lights, camera and action as this fantastic show brings to life the sounds of the big screen. This non-stop movie tribute act features some of the best loved soundtracks from your all-time favourite movies including Fame, Bond, Footloose and Pretty Woman to name just a few.

A Band Apart

The Quentin Tarantino Tribute Band
A Band Apart formed with the intention of bringing life once more to the great tunes of the iconic Tarantino cult films, from Reservoir Dogs to Kill Bill.

A Night at the Movies

A live stage show re-creating classic movie moments. Hit songs from Rock 'n' Roll in Grease, to perfect ABBA pop from Mamma Mia, and from Dirty Dancing to Saturday Night Fever disco dancing.



Yes, its **THE** Toyah!

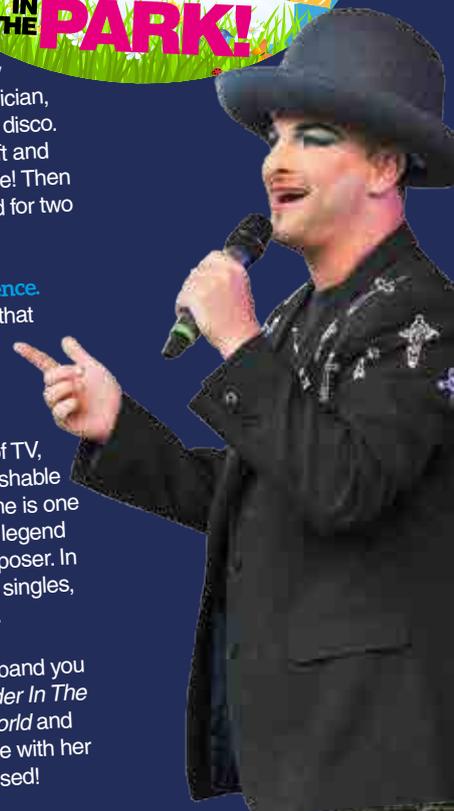
Saturday 15 July
12 noon to 8.00 pm, Grove House Gardens

Come down to **Party in the Park** where you and your family can enjoy the kid zone, which this year will feature Dave the Magician, bouncy castles, Tony's Reptile show, circus skills and a children's disco. There will also be a funfair for everyone to enjoy, a variety of craft and charity stalls, Mini club car show, pony rides and much, much more! Then into the evening is when the music starts, from 6.00 pm get settled for two hours of brilliant live music to take you back to the 80s.

Back by popular demand is the amazing **Boy George Experience**. He performed at Dunstable Live in 2016 and was such a hit that he is back to get you in the party spirit!

This year we are thrilled to announce that the amazing **Toyah Willcox** will be performing at Party in the Park. From punk princess to cult stage actress to high priestess of TV, Toyah Willcox is a uniquely gifted performer and an inextinguishable flame. Charismatic, outspoken and impossible to categorise, she is one of Britain's iconic household names – an award-winning rock legend as well as a much-loved stage/screen actress and music composer. In a career spanning over 35 years she has amassed 13 top 40 singles, recorded 24 albums and toured live across the world.

In this lively and energetic festival set with her full live electric band you can expect to hear hit singles *Good Morning Universe*, *Thunder In The Mountains*, *It's A Mystery*, *I Want To Be Free*, *Brave New World* and *Rebel Run*. Toyah will be performing her Greatest Hits tour live with her fantastic band. This is one party definitely not to be missed!



PRIORY PICTURES

Saturday 24 June
& Saturday 5 August
6.00 pm, Priory Gardens

New for 2017 Priory Pictures is a free outdoor cinema event in the beautiful setting of Priory Gardens.

There will be two movies to watch on each Priory Pictures event in June and August. There will be popcorn and candyfloss and free deckchairs, so sit back, relax and enjoy the movies!

Please visit our Facebook event page to suggest your favourite movie to play at Priory Pictures.



June, July & August
2.30 pm to 4.15 pm, Grove House Gardens

Not sure what to do on a Sunday afternoon? Why not come down and enjoy these free Sunday Band Concerts? Sit back and relax to the wonderful music played by these fantastic brass bands.

- 25 June** Dunstable Town Band
- 2 July** Dunstable Salvation Army
- 9 July** Welwyn Garden City Band
- 23 July** Toddington Town Band
- 30 July** St Albans City Band
- 6 August** Hitchin Band
- 13 August** Chiltern Hills Brass



Thursday 17, Friday 18
and Saturday 19 August
Grove House Gardens

Do you enjoy a local ale, a refreshing cider or do you prefer a nice glass of wine? Then come along to Dunstable Beer Festival where there will be a selection of 32 ales, 14 ciders and a fully stocked bar selling wine, spirits and soft drinks.

Plus there will be a great programme of live music throughout the weekend and children's entertainment on the Saturday.

Entry to the Beer Festival is only £2.50 and all ales and ciders will be £3.50 a pint.

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In Bloom successes



Improved Retail Experience

New outlets opening in the White Lion Retail Park



Regenerating The Town's Economy

Christmas illuminations



Improving Education Opportunities

Further investment in Central Bedfordshire College



New Services For Older Residents

Opening of Priory View



Investment in Jobs

New Amazon distribution centre





2017 Summer Activities

Dunstable Town Council is working with local partners to provide a range of fun, free and affordable activities to suit all tastes and ages this summer.

The ever popular National Play Day will have something for everyone, from soft and messy play for the little ones to water slides and inflatables for the energetic, to side stalls and penalty shoot outs for the competitive.

For the sports lovers, Fit 4 Fun will have lots of things to try such as an inflatable assault course, dance mats, ball games and much, much more. If you still have any energy left Inflatable Day is just the ticket to bounce away an afternoon.

For the arts and craft lovers there will be 4 hours of hands on activities with a mystical theme! Join in with making a flying dragon to race or a fairy jar night light for your room. You can also learn circus skills to impress your friends and make personalised gifts for your family.

For young people, or those young at heart, don't miss the Skate Jam, with lots of competitions for all ages and abilities. Also check out the Grove Corner summer timetable, including the Monday Drop-in Hang-out sessions and Friday Fun.

Be prepared for a fun filled summer with all the family by putting these key dates in your diary:

Wednesday 2 August

National Play Day

11.00 am to 3.00 pm at St Augustine's School playing fields, Oakwood Avenue LU5 4ES (FREE)

Friday 4 August

Family Fun 10.00 am to 12 noon at Creasey Park Community Football Centre, Creasey Park Drive, LU6 1BB (FREE)

Friday 11 August

Inflatable Day

12 noon to 4.00 pm at Grove House Gardens, off High Street North LU6 1NF (unlimited wrist band £5)

Sunday 13 August

Skate Jam

12 noon to 4.00 pm at Grove Skate Park behind Go Bowling, Court Drive (FREE)

Thursday 17 August

Fit 4 Fun

11.00 am to 3.00 pm at Beecroft School playing fields, Westfield Road, LU6 1DW (FREE)

Thursday 24 August

Art Attack

11.00 am to 3.00 pm at Priory Gardens, off High Street South LU6 3RZ (wrist band £3)

For more information and updates visit www.dunstable.gov.uk or like us on Facebook.



Grove Corner

Grove Corner is a Young People's Centre in the middle of Dunstable. Drop-in sessions run three nights per week for those aged 13 to 18 years old; Monday and Wednesdays from 7.00 pm to 9.30 pm and Friday 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm. There is also a Junior Youth Club on Fridays from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm for those aged 10 to 13.

At Grove Corner there is a chance to play FREE pool, FREE table football, play your own music through the in-room speaker, access computers with the internet and use the FREE wifi. There is also an affordable tuck shop; with burgers, bacon sandwiches, pizzas, chocolates, sweets and more on sale.

The Junior Group enjoy participating in arts and crafts which they are able to take home at the end of the session.

Each month there is a specific theme; currently both groups are looking at healthy relationships with others and car safety. OSCAR, a road safety car visited Juniors and Seniors where both groups were able to watch a short video in a simulated car on distractions for drivers. Both groups were thankful for the experience and gained further insight into the importance of car safety in all aspects.

Each month, relevant professionals visit the sessions to discuss the topic the groups are looking at and to let the young people know where additional help, support and advice is available.

There is no need to book in advance to come to Grove Corner, it is FREE to attend and new faces are always welcome!

If you require further information, please contact Senior Community and Young People's Officer, Gill Briggs on 01582 891434 or email gill.briggs@dunstable.gov.uk

Alternatively why not 'LIKE' Grove Corner Dunstable on Facebook or 'FOLLOW' Grove Corner on Instagram.

Volunteers needed for Junior Wardens Schemes

Junior Wardens aims to encourage young people to become active citizens and to be aware of their environment and community whilst having fun.

Members of the group enjoy visits from guest speakers, make things, taking part in games and carry out community activities.

Young people can join from 8 to 11 years old and the groups usually meet once a week after school for an hour and a half. In the half term holidays the group can meet to take part in a community activity such as a litter pick, or to lead an activity at the local children's centre, or to deliver information to older residents etc. The activity would be relevant to what the young people had been learning about that term.

We are looking for volunteers to run schemes at St Augustine's Academy, Oakwood Avenue, Downside and Beecroft Academy, Westfield Road, Dunstable. Volunteers would be trained and supported by Dunstable Town Council officers.

If you are interested in applying or would like further information please contact gill.briggs@dunstable.gov.uk or sandy.coyle@dunstable.gov.uk or call 01582 513000



Introducing the new Bennett's
Splash and Splashside Café...
Coming this summer!

Bennett's Splash

The residents of Dunstable will certainly be able to make a splash and relax this summer with the new splash park and cafeteria being built in Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground.

These fantastic new additions to the town can be enjoyed by one and all.

The new splash park will be a 200m² wet play surface with 16 super soaking water features ranging from gentle mists, spray arches to tipping buckets and spray shooter cannons that will entertain all ages. The splash park will be located directly in front of the current pavilion which will also undergo a major re-development converting a section of it into the new Splashside Cafe.

This new, free-to-use facility represents an investment of over £500,000 in the town centre and has been made possible thanks to Dunstable Town Council assisted by Central Bedfordshire Council's Market Town Regeneration Fund.

The new splash park and café forms part of the Dunstable Town Council Corporate Plan, aiding its vision "to help make Dunstable a better place" and "to contribute to the regeneration of the town centre" and "to improve and develop the provision of green and open space in the town". This new facility will enhance current provision in the park.

The public will still be able to enjoy the green open space for dog walking, exercising and playing tennis. Children will be able to use the playground already situated in the park and footballers will still be able to make use of the two adult sized football pitches that will remain. The Council's vision is that the new facilities will make Dunstable an even better place to visit and will hopefully attract more people into the town centre.

The new café will be perfect for those enjoying a day in the park or just passing through. Customers can sample a range of coffees, teas, milkshakes, soft drinks and healthy fruit juices. Those with an appetite can take advantage of a selection of sandwiches, wraps, pizzas and jacket potatoes. To make life easy for those busy parents the children will be catered for too with the kid's lunch package.

As part of the Town Council's Environmental Policy the splash park incorporates a sustainable water system, resulting in the water used for the splash park being cleaned and recirculated, reducing water usage.





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Councillor Liz Jones

Working in partnership with



Splashside Café



The splash park is expected to open by late June 2017 and will be open 7 days a week until Sunday 3 September 2017.

Opening times will 10.00 am to 6.00 pm for both the Bennett's Splash and Splashside Café. After this initial first year the splash park will be open annually from mid-May to the end of August.

Due to the number of parking restrictions on the roads surrounding Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground, **it is strongly advised to park in Ashton Square car park, off Bull Pond Lane**, with its 387 spaces. This car park is only a minute walk to the park.

Councillor Liz Jones, Chairman of the Town Council's Grounds and Environmental Services Committee, said: "I am delighted to see the splash park come to fruition after a lot of hard work and planning by Dunstable Town Council officers. I am sure the splash park will bring smiles and laughter to many of our younger residents and visitors to our town when it opens later this summer."

Central Bedfordshire Councillor Executive Member for Regeneration, Cllr Nigel Young commented: "Central Bedfordshire Council's £4 million Market Town Regeneration Fund initiative is providing significant funding to help rejuvenate seven of our important

market towns, at a time when very few other authorities are investing in town centres. I am delighted that Central Bedfordshire Council is working in partnership with Dunstable Town Council to create this fantastic splash park, along with a number of other, highly visible, projects in the town. The splash park is a great project that I am sure will give a lot of enjoyment to the local community. With joint funding from both Central Bedfordshire Council and Dunstable Town Council, over £1.2 million will be invested in various projects in Dunstable, contributing to its continuing regeneration; projects like the splash park will help ensure the vibrancy of Dunstable, and will help ensure that Dunstable is a place where families want to live, play and work."

Please look out for further updates via social media:

 [Facebook.com/DunstableCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/DunstableCouncil)

 [Twitter@Bennettssplash](https://twitter.com/Bennettssplash)



Best Front Garden and Floral Display Competition 2017

Do you or your neighbours have a colourful front garden with beautiful flowers, container displays or hanging baskets?

Dunstable in Bloom is organising the Best Front Garden and Floral Display Competition again in 2017 and this year is all about Flower Power. The categories that you can enter are:

Best Front Garden

Best Container Display in a Front Garden

Best Hanging Basket in a Front Garden

Best Licensed Premises Floral Display

Best School Garden

Entrants are encouraged to include lots of bright Flower Power colours in their displays to support this year's Flower Power theme.

You may wish to nominate your friends and neighbours for an award but we would ask that you seek their permission first.

Judging will take place from mid-July onwards and the winners will be announced and presented with trophies at an evening awards ceremony in September.

You can enter more than one competition. To take part or to nominate someone, please return the feedback slip at the back of Talk of The Town providing a name, address, telephone number and email address and mark the slip with the name of the competition(s) that you wish to enter. Alternatively, you can enter by emailing your information to sarah.woodruff@ntlworld.com or john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk

The closing date for entries is 5.00 pm on Friday 7 July 2017.

Dunstable's
Green Spaces



Dunstable in Bloom Needs Your Help

Each year the Anglia in Bloom judges are taken on a tour of Dunstable. However, it is not possible to show them all the bright and wonderful floral displays that local residents have in their front gardens. So, this year Dunstable in Bloom would like to receive as many spring and summer front garden and floral display photos as possible to be able to show the judges how much local residents are doing to brighten up their streets and their homes.

If you would like to help please send your photos (in JPEG format) to john.crawley@dunstable.gov.uk no later than the end of June 2017 and we will make sure that the judges see all the photos that we receive.



Dunstable Love Parks Week 2017

Do you or your family use your local park to play or spend some quality time together? Would you like to use your local park more often for different pastimes or pursuits? Well, Dunstable Town Council is delighted to be taking part in this year's National 'Love Parks' campaign during the week of 17 to 21 July. The campaign aims to encourage communities to come together to use and value their local green and open spaces. We have a range of free activities on offer to suit all ages and tastes so be sure to make a date in your diary to take part.

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Age Range
Mon 17 July	5.00 pm to 6.30 pm	Barbecue & Games in the park	Grove House Gardens	10 to 18
Tues 18 July	10.00 am to 1.00 pm	Taichi, Pilates and seated exercise	Brewers Hill Recreation Ground	50 +
Wed 19 July	3.30 pm to 5.30 pm	Family Fun & Games	Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground	Families and children up to age 10
Thurs 20 July	10.00 am to 12 noon	'Boot Camp' keep fit	Priory Gardens	Adults
Fri 21 July	10.00 am to 11.00 am	Teddy Bear's picnic & story telling	Brewers Hill Recreation Ground	Parents & Toddlers



New burial and memorial options now available at Dunstable Cemetery

For centuries people have designed and created memorials to remember their loved ones and the Council has recently created a new area at Dunstable Cemetery to provide a new range of burial and memorial options.

Have you recently been bereaved and are unsure what to do with the cremated remains of your loved one? Should they be buried somewhere or scattered in a special place or does that not appeal to you? Sanctum vaults provide the ideal opportunity to place your loved ones cremated remains in a small above ground stone chamber with a personalised plaque and a place for flowers to be laid.

The sanctum vaults are made of Sera Grey polished granite and have a removable internal shelf to allow the interment of one or two sets of cremated remains. The plaque on the front can be personalised to include an inscription and a photo, motif or emblem of your choice.

The Council also realises that families sometimes just need a focal point to remember a loved one or lay flowers, even if they are buried elsewhere. The new 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 sanctums and the memorial kerb plaques can be leased or placed for a period of either 25 or 35 years for a one-off payment which includes the plaque and where applicable the interment.

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

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

Keep Dunstable Tidy

Local volunteers were out in force during March to clean up Dunstable as part of the Great British Spring Clean organised nationally by Keep Britain Tidy. The volunteers, including local residents and members of the Dunstable Rotary Club cleaned litter from around the Green Lanes and Dog Kennel Walk areas as well as on the Downside and Beecroft estates. Together they collected some 40 bags of bottles, cans and sweet and snack wrappers.

Keep Dunstable Tidy is a local initiative organised by Promoting Dunstable with support from Dunstable Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council. Promoting Dunstable would like to hear from other residents or local groups who would like to organise litter picking events in their area. In this way, it's hoped that the town will become a much cleaner, tidier place in which to live and that the dropping of litter will be seen as much more of an anti-social act than it is at present.

To find out more about the initiative or to volunteer, please contact Hugh Garrod (Promoting Dunstable) at h.garrod@ntlworld.com

As well as the good work of the volunteers, the Town Council has introduced a new Town Centre Ranger Service to help keep Dunstable Town Centre clean and tidy.

To contact the Town Ranger Service you can report an issue on the freephone number 0800 0130 350, email info@dunstable.gov.uk or visit the Facebook page @dunstabletownranger

The Town Council has also installed 22 new litter bins and 26 new dog bins in the town's parks. So please do make use of the bins and encourage others to do likewise to help keep these areas clean and tidy.



Dunstable's
**Green
Spaces**



Dunstable Big Lunch

Are you aged 65 or over and a Dunstable resident? Has your social life taken a dip and you don't get out as much as you want to? Would you like to meet other people of a similar age to enjoy lunch in the park with entertainment? Would you like the opportunity to find out what services/activities are available to you?

If the answer is YES to the questions above, then why not book your place at the Dunstable 'Big Lunch' on Tuesday 6 June 2017. The event will take place in Grove House Gardens from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm in a marquee on the lawn (so no need to worry about the weather). You can enjoy a buffet style lunch, musical entertainment and a close up magician all for FREE.

Other organisations will be on hand with useful information for you to take away and our officers will give you the warm welcome you deserve.

Places are limited so booking is essential. Please contact Dunstable Town Council for an application form on 01582 513000.

Spotlight

Abby Brinkman



Duty Manager at Creasey Park Community Football Centre

In this edition we shine the spotlight on Abby Brinkman, who is a Duty Manager at Creasey Park Community Football Centre and, excitingly, is going to be working at the new Bennett's Splash and Splashside Café, which will open this summer. We wanted to find out more about this exciting development and get to know Abby.

I understand you will be working at the new splash park & cafeteria. What are you looking forward to most about working there?

I'm mostly looking forward to seeing how great Bennett's Splash will be for the community, it's so exciting to be part of the development stages and to be there to see the final project enjoyed by all of Dunstable.

You are currently based at Creasey Park Community Football Centre. You have been there now for 4 years, what changes have you seen at the centre?

Since being here there have been many changes. Firstly inside there has been new furniture and a new colour scheme on the walls. We are in the middle of a new extension, which when completed will give us a lot more space in the kitchen to widen our menu and give us a lot more storage. I've seen the centre become busier every year. We now have nearly every weekend booked out with private hires and children's football parties. The growth of Creasey Park has been such an incredible thing to see over the past four years. I can't even begin to imagine what the next few years will bring.

What's that I hear....wedding bells?

Yes there will be this September, so as you can imagine it's a full on year for me with Bennett's Splash opening and planning a wedding. So our honeymoon will be very much needed.

Football is a big part of your family's history, can you tell us more?

One of my earliest memories of football was sitting in the back of my dad's Montego on a Sunday morning on Brewers Hill field whilst he

was coaching his soccer schools. My dad was well known in Dunstable for his love of football and his joy of bringing the sport to children of all abilities, ages and gender. He started a magnificent soccer school, which was so popular during school holidays and every weekend. He was manager of Dunstable Town Football Club for a few years. He went on to play for Arsenal ex pro for a couple of years before he sadly passed away. But football got carried on through my brother who played for Tottenham as a child. He has played football throughout his teens and adult life. It's a joy to watch him on the pitch as he has the same football style as my dad. I'm hoping my son Leo and daughter Amelie will carry on the love for football.

Can you tell us what sort of food and drink customers can expect from Splashside Café?

The most exciting part of this is putting the menu together as it's a completely new venture. We are trying to offer some new items we do not sell at Creasey Park. We are still in the draft stages but a couple of things we have definitely decided on are freshly made

pizzas, smoothies and milkshakes. We will be offering some fresh wraps, paninis and sandwiches with homemade cakes on offer too.

What do you think you will enjoy the most about being at the Splash Park?

I'm looking forward to watching all the families enjoy themselves and to all the new people I will meet and greet in the café, I can't wait to try out new foods and recipes on the public as well.

Why do you think it will be such a success?

It has been a proven success in other areas. We have a dedicated team to ensure it works well. I have every faith this is one of the best things that could happen for Dunstable.

You have always worked in Dunstable, has it changed much over the years?

Dunstable has changed a lot in the 15 years I have worked here. I think the bus route has been a brilliant addition and the new White Lion Retail park has brought a lot of new people to the town. I'm looking forward to see the difference the new bypass will make to Dunstable. I just hope we can get some more shops open.

What do you enjoy most about your role?

My role involves so many different aspects, from meeting and greeting customers behind the bar, to offering ideas to people planning a wedding or party at Creasey Park.

And finally....If you were a superhero for the day, what powers would you have and why?

If I was a superhero for the day I think I would like the super powers of time travel so I could go back in time to see my dad and be able to tell him all about his grandchildren.





Making Moving Fun!

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The Quadrant Shopping Centre, Dunstable, LU5 4RH



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Deakin-White

Your Local Estate Agent

www.Deakin-White.co.uk

Hello@Deakin-White.co.uk

Who are Deakin-White?

Deakin-White was opened in June 2015 by Directors Ed & Sam. A lot of people ask where the name Deakin-White came from and it's named after Ed's Grandfather Stanley Charles Deakin-White. Ed's mum Christine was an only child so when she married her family name was going to cease but now it lives on!

Ed & Sam had been working as Estate Agents for many years and decided the time was right to open their own estate agency with a focus on customer care and the local community at the core. Ed & Sam have supported the local community since day one and see themselves not just as typical Estate Agents but as members of the local community.

This year they are sponsoring Dunstable Town Council's Programme of Events, along with their other chosen charities and groups including The NCT, Mary Seacole Housing Association and various other local schools and community groups which they have helped right from the beginning. Their team are also noted for their contribution, willingness to help and thus become more involved in the local community.

Initially operating from The Incuba on Brewers Hill Road where they opened in June 2015 they have created 8 jobs and now have a team of 10 to help people move home, with more opportunities coming soon after the move to a newly refurbished unit in The Quadrant shopping centre. About their move to The Quadrant Ed Harrison said : 'The Quadrant seemed the natural place to situate Deakin-White being at the heart of the community and with our commitment to a 10 year lease and presence in the Quadrant we believe certainly reflects our community dedication.'

Moving home can be very stressful and not something you do every day but Ed, Sam and the team deal with this every day so can offer expert help, advice and guide people through the home moving maze. Ed said 'Estate Agents often have a bad name and are the butt of many jokes but I think that we have shown over the last two years that Deakin-White are different, we are not your typical Estate Agents, we do actually care and have a heart!' The dedicated team have been praised consistently by clients in the help and advice they give when moving home – which is rated amongst the most stressful times of life!

Dunstable Town Council and Committee Meetings

Copies of the agendas for all meetings are available for inspection three days beforehand at Grove House, Priory House (Tourist Information Centre) and Dunstable Library 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 rosemary.osullivan@dunstable.gov.uk.

Forthcoming meeting dates are listed below:

18/04/2017	Plans Sub-Committee	30/05/2017	Plans Sub-Committee
19/04/2017	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm	05/06/2017	Community Services Committee
24/04/2017	COUNCIL	12/06/2017	Grounds and Environmental Services Committee
27/04/2017	Personnel Sub-Committee	19/06/2017	Finance and General Purposes Committee
04/05/2017	Dunstable Joint Committee, Watling House	20/06/2017	Plans Sub-Committee
09/05/2017	Plans Sub-Committee	21/06/2017	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm
15/05/2017	AGM & Mayor Making (All Saints Academy) 7.30 pm	22/06/2017	Dunstable Joint Committee (Watling House)
24/05/2017	Accounts Sub-Committee 5.30 pm	26/06/2017	COUNCIL

How We Spend Your Money..

Did you know that of your total annual council tax bill, only £175.21 (Band D property) is paid to Dunstable Town Council? This is the same amount that was charged for 2016/17 and yet the Council has been able to increase its service provision in the town including the introduction of the new splash park and associated cafeteria in Bennett Memorial Recreation Ground; the new Town Centre Ranger scheme and making the annual fireworks display free of charge for 2017.



Dunstable Town Council manages and delivers the following services:

- Owns and maintains 14 public parks, gardens and recreation sites that include 11 play areas, two tennis courts, 1 BMX track, 17 football pitches, a full sized 3G synthetic football pitch, Dunstable Cemetery and 6 different allotment sites
- Maintains a range of land and property under contract to third parties
- Grove Skate Park
- Bennett's Splash Park and Splashside Café
- Town Ranger and Town Centre Ranger service
- Priory House Heritage Centre and Tea Rooms
- Creasey Park Community Football Centre
- Grove Corner
- A town wide events programme of over 20 mainly free events

- Summer activities programme for young people
- Two elderly people drop-in lunch clubs at Creasey Park Community Football Centre and Beecroft Community Centre
- Management of Grove House
- Co-ordination and provision of Dunstable Mayoral activity and associated civic functions such as Remembrance Day and the Mayor's Civic Service
- Dunstable Market
- Ashton Square Public Toilets
- Town Centre Christmas lighting
- Assisting with town centre management and regeneration
- Community development projects
- Peter Newton and Downside Community Centres (leased to third parties)
- Summer Floral Displays





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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 891426 | 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 (Coming Soon)

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 Dunstable Market (Market operates Wednesday, Friday and Saturday)
01582 891405 | clare.brett@dunstable.gov.uk

Events Programme *including:*

Dunstable Live, Fireworks, Party in the Park, Proms in the Park
01582 891406 | 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

For any queries relating to Council Tax, Housing Benefits, Refuse or Highways please contact Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8000 or email customer.services@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or visit www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk



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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 or fax to 01582 890606.

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.