

DONYATT DESPATCH

Donyatt's Own Newspaper - APRIL 2026

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Winners in February

£30- Pat Vickery

£20 - Julia Hartman

£10- Lyn Mortimer

Winners in March

£30 Kay light

£20 Lesley Tacon

£10 Nick Hammond

The Donyatt Village Hall Committee regret to announcement that unfortunately, due to diminishing interest, the decision has been taken to retire the 100 Club when the 2025/2026 year finishes at the end of this March.

The 100 Club has been running for several years, but is sadly no longer viable, as uptake has now markedly dropped off. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given their support to the Hall through the 100 Club scheme, it has been much appreciated.

St Mary's Church Donyatt

Cleaning and altar flower rota:

April: Trisha Hands

May: Sue Gardener and Sandra Gould

Secretary, treasurer and PCC members:

St Mary's are still looking for the above volunteers. Please contact Trish on 01460 249735 - email: trisha122@btinternet.com or David on 07976281000 - email: djn.forbes@btinternet.com. No volunteer positions are overtaxing but essential for the smooth running of the Church. The volunteers do not have to attend Church or even live in the village so please consider joining us. We hope to keep St Mary's Church open looking forward for services, weddings, funerals and baptisms however we do need help with this.



DONYATT SOCIAL CLUB SKITTLES LEAGUE Correct on 17.03.2026

TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	POINTS
Park	6	6	0	0	12
Upper	7	6	0	1	12
Pound	6	4	1	1	9
George Inn	7	3	1	3	7
Peasmarsh	7	3	0	4	6
Sea Boys	7	2	0	5	4
Sea Follies	7	2	0	5	4
Lower	7	0	0	7	0

A Few Words From Our Vicar

"Its been a long winter but we're finally there, Easter marks new beginnings for the church as we rejoice new life, new hope and look forward to an exciting summer to come. Jesus is risen, he is risen indeed".

God bless you all ... Revd Philip.

Friends of Donyatt Despatch Gathering

On 5 March, we held our most recent Friends of Donyatt Despatch gathering. It was a shame that on this occasion few of our friends were available to join us, but we still had a pleasant evening sharing chat and a few laughs. As usual, there was a prize draw, this time with an extra prize to celebrate our 20th year in print. The prizes were won by David Light (a voucher donated by The George), Caroline Hobbs (wine and glasses) and Olive Cousins & Sue Fish (tea mug and biscuits). Our thanks to all those who continue to support us through the Friends' Scheme.

OUR SPONSOR THIS MONTH

Gardening Services



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Phone / Text / WhatsApp Emma: 07572 078143

Email: harvestmoongardencare@gmail.com

**Donyatt Village Hall Management Committee
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 7 May at 7.00pm
in The Hall Meeting Room**

Anyone wishing to attend to hear about the workings of the Committee will be welcome. The Village Hall is a facility provided for the benefit of the community and relies on volunteers for its management.

Please contact Phil King 01460 53861 if you would like to know more about the work of the Committee.

A fond farewell to Jan Chalon, who was a very good friend to St Mary's Church. She served as Parochial Church Council Secretary and, together with her husband Nick, was tireless and proactive in promoting fundraising for the major roof renovations and rewiring. Without her efforts, St Mary's would not be the beautiful and much loved church which it is. Thank you Jan and rest in peace.
With love from all at St Mary's Church.



We are pleased to announce the Bristol Opera company - Opera in a Box - will return to Pottery Farm on Sunday 12th July to performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance.

Doors open 2 pm, performance starts at 3 pm. Duration 90 minutes plus interval. Cream teas included in ticket price and served in the interval. Licensed bar throughout.

Tickets remain at £20 per person .

Please contact Rosie if you wish to purchase tickets at: potteryfarm@me.com

We sell out every year, so tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis. Many thanks for your continued support



Despatch Sponsorship

We are still seeking sponsors for this year. There are a number of months available, so don't miss out! This is a great way to promote your business to village residents at just £20 per month. Contact one of the Editors now to reserve your slot.



Ploughman's Lunch



At Donyatt Village Hall Easter Monday 6 April from 12pm £10 for 2 course lunch and tea/coffee Raffle available Donations towards salad dishes, deserts or raffle prizes would be appreciated, as well as any volunteer helpers on the day.



DONYATT SHOW IS BACK FOR 2026

This year's show will be held on Sunday 16th August at Donyatt Village Hall.

If you are interested in helping or you have any ideas for classes, please email Donna on donnagrabham@hotmail.co.uk by the end of April.

As well as the traditional fruit, vegetable and cut flower classes, there are categories for floral art, crafts, cookery, photography and children's classes

LOCAL BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking sponsors for our upcoming Spring Bingo event at the Donyatt Village Hall. Help support our award-winning club!

EVENT DATE: 25th APRIL

VENUE: DONYATT VILLAGE HALL

SPONSOR A GAME FOR ONLY £20!

For full details and to reserve your sponsored game, contact us at: events@gemini-carnival-club.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 1 Apr - Skittles - Sea Follies v Pound - IBTC - 7.45pm
Thu 2 Apr - Skittles - Lower v Park - IBTC - 7.45pm
Mon 6 Apr - Ploughman's Lunch - DVH - 12pm
Wed 8 Apr - Skittles - Semi Finals - Sidmouth Arms - 7.45pm
Sun 12 Apr - Big Breakfast - DVH - 9am
Tue 14 Apr - Whist Drive - DVH - 7.30pm
Thu 16 Apr - Skittles - Finals - IBTC - 7.45pm
Sun 19 Apr - Holy Communion - St Mary's - 11am

Tue 21 Apr - Donyatt Despatch Copy Deadline
Sat 25 Apr - Spring Prize Bingo - DVH - 6.45pm
Tue 28 Apr - Whist Drive - DVH - 7.30pm

ADVANCE NOTICE DATES:

Mon 7 May - DVH Committee AGM - DVH - 7pm
Sun 12 Jul - Opera in a Box - Pottery Farm - 2pm
Sun 16 Aug - Donyatt Show - DVH - further details pending

COPY CLOSING DATE: Tuesday 21 April for the May Edition

Please email your contributions to BOTH EDITORS LISTED BELOW, Thank you

All contributions welcome

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