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Friends Of Donyatt Despatch

Our next gathering will be at The George Inn at 7pm on Thursday 30th July.

We hope that all friends, sponsors, readers and supporters of our publication will be able to join us for an informal chat, drink and prize draw.

It costs you just £5 per year to help us keep it in print so please come along and support us if you are able to.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

All readers welcome.

JULY

July was given its name to honour Julius Caesar in 44 B.C.

Before this, it was called Quintilis, meaning "fifth" as it was the 5th month in the original Roman calendar.

2nd July marks the exact middle of a standard, non-leap year.

The zodiac signs for July are Cancer (June 21 – July 22) and Leo (July 23 – August 22).

The birthstone for July is a ruby.

July has 2 birth flowers - the larkspur (representing a light heart) and the water lily (symbolizing a pure heart).

In Canada, they celebrate Canada Day on 1st July to commemorate the creation of the Dominion of Canada in 1867.

In the USA, they celebrate Independence Day on 4th July to recognise the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

In France, they celebrate Bastille Day on 14th July to commemorate the storming of the Bastille and the start of the French Revolution.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Services for July:

Sun 19th July - Holy Communion - 10:30am

Cleaning & Flower Rota:

July: Trisha Hands & Sue Fish

August: Sandra Gould & Sue Gardiner

Parochial Church Council:

We are looking for people that would be willing to join our PCC.

We have 3 meetings a year so you could have your say in what goes on at St Mry's Church and how you think the Church should be going forward.

New ideas/opinions would be more than welcome.

Please contact Trish if you are interested on 01460 249734.

Many thanks

Donyatt Footpath

The Donyatt section of the footpath/cycle track continues to be maintained by several village volunteers.

Alongside them, The Friends Of The Stop Line Path (part of Green Ilminster) also get working parties together twice a month to carry out jobs further maintenance.

If you are interested in getting involved, email Matt on path@greenilminster.org.uk

Thoughts From The Vicar...

It is that time of year once more, church fetes, plant sales, hymns and Pimms! These are but a few gatherings going on across the benefice and I delight in seeing so many people coming together to enjoy each other's company while the sun (sometimes) shines. Yes they also raise a few pounds for the church building and that's important too. Donyatt is blessed with a magnificent church - one of the best in my opinion - and it has been used by many generations past and many more yet to come I don't doubt. I hope you all enjoy the summer and the fetes.

Reverend Philip Albrow

Tel: 01823 480273

Day Off: Thursday

The George Inn – Donyatt

Upcoming Events

SAVE The DATE 2026

JULY	Sip & Sizzle
2	Steak night with promotional wine
JULY	Breakfast at the George
4	Start your day off right with a Big Breakfast
JULY	Curry night
9	Curry with a free bottle of Cobra
JULY	Speedquiz with Dj Ginge
14	Charity quiz
JULY	Pie & Pint Night
16	Grab a slice of our fantastic pie with a promotional pint
JULY	Beer & Burger night
23	Build a burger your way! as big or small as you want
JULY	Live Music
25	Joey Taylor
JULY	Speedquiz with Dj Ginge
28	Charity quiz
JULY	Sip & Sizzle
30	Steak night with promotional wine

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FOR MORE INFO ON ANY OF OUR EVENTS OR TO BOOK PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM.

GEMINI CARNIVAL CLUB PRESENTS

MONTHLY BIG BREAKFAST

SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
DONYATT VILLAGE HALL, TA19 0RG
9:00AM – 12:00NOON
(LAST ORDERS 11:00AM)

TAKE AWAY, GLUTEN FREE
AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE

WALK-IN'S WELCOME, OR TO BOOK A TABLE PLEASE EMAIL
EVENTS@GEMINICARNIVALCLUB.CO.UK

Hello July

Donyatt Social Club
Whist Drive
Tuesday 7th & 21st July
Donyatt Village Hall
7:30pm
£4
New players welcome

Opera in a Box presents
The Pirates of Penzance

Sunday 12th July
Pottery Farm
Doors open at 2pm
Performance starts at 3pm.
Tickets £20
Please contact Rosie at:
potteryfarm@me.com

In aid of
St. Mary's Church

GAMES AND SIDE SHOWS

DONYATT Village Fete

Raffle

Join us for a relaxed afternoon
in a gorgeous garden!

BRIC-A-BRAC

**SATURDAY 4TH JULY
FROM 12 NOON**

FOOD AVAILABLE:
THAI FOOD, BBQ, CAKES
PLUS...
BAR, PIMMS, TEA, COFFEE

PARK MANOR
DONYATT
TA19 0RN

Tombola

BOUNCY CASTLE

Plants

DONYATT VILLAGE SHOW

Sunday 16th August 2026
Donyatt Village Hall

Entries to be staged by 10:45am
Closed for judging between 10:45 & 2pm

Open to the public from 2pm
Refreshments available
Raffle with fabulous prizes!
Prize giving at 4pm

With classes for fruit, vegetables, flowers, floral art,
cookery, crafts, photography and poetry
...there's something for everyone!

Schedules available now from the pub or the church.
Entry forms must be received by 10/8/26.
Why not get involved?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 4 Jul - Summer Fete, Park Manor, 12	Tue 21 Jul - Whist Drive, DVH, 7:30
Tue 7 Jul - Whist Drive, DVH, 7:30	Tue 21 Jul - Deadline for August Despatch
Sun 12 Jul - Breakfast, DVH, 9-11	Sat 25 Jul - Live Music (Joey Taylor), The George
Sun 12 Jul - Opera In A Box, Pottery Farm, 2	Tue 28 Jul - Speedquiz Charity Quiz Night, The George, 7
Tue 14 Jul - Speedquiz Charity Quiz Night, The George, 7	Thu 30 Jul - Despatch Gathering, The George, 7
Sun 19 Jul - Holy Communion, St Mary's, 10:30	Mon 10 Aug - Village Show Entry Deadline
	Sun 16 Aug - Village Show, DVH, 2

CLOSING DATE: Tuesday 21st July for the August 2026 edition.

Please email your contributions to BOTH EDITORS listed below, thank you.

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