

# Donyatt Despatch

**Donyatt's Own Newspaper - August 2020**  
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## ST MARY'S CHURCH, DONYATT

We have great pleasure in letting everyone know that the work at St Mary's has now started.

A rough guide of the work entailed:

The first stage is to remove old grouting and grout the existing stonework and then pump a hydraulic lime into the cavity to stabilise the area, this stage can take some time to cure and dry and may well need to be pumped in, in stages.

The damaged arch voussoirs (arch stonework) need to be repaired with helibars stitching.

The next stage is to open up the roof and build up from the secured stonework. This will also need to cure and dry. The open roof will be protected at this stage and throughout.

Once all this area is dry, diagonal cintec anchors will be drilled into the repaired arch and new stonework and anchored at roof level. The roof then will need to be closed up and made good.

Before plastering and painting takes place a brick mess needs to be installed on the internal stonework and rendered with lime mortar.

Above the east window there is a repair needed which will be done with helibars, replastered and painted.

The final work will be to make good the plaster and paint and the electrics reinstalled and Church thoroughly cleaned.

I hope this gives you all an insight into work necessary to repair and open up our Church.

## CHURCH CAR PARK AREA AND GATE

**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK AREA AS THIS IS NEEDED FOR THE WORKMEN AND DELIVERIES.**

(This is also to prevent anyone being blocked in for a lengthy time.)

**\*\*ALSO PLEASE NOTE:** The gate will be locked at night and weekends, to cover all safeguarding regulations, but will be open during the week, should you wish to visit the graveyard.\*\* If you and only visit the graveyard at the weekend, please make prior arrangements with Trisha (01460 249734).

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

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## **Donyatt Social Club**

With the social club now being shut down since 12th March and speaking to our supporters, they all feel that Covid-19 is still very much with us and that it's far too early to think about planning the starting up of skittles, whist or any other social events.

We have now presented last year's charity funds to Anne Hine, who accepted the cheque on behalf of Breast Cancer Care. The sum of £2225.24, which was our profit from the year, was given to the charity in July after the original presentation, due to take place in April, was cancelled due to lockdown.

Thinking of you all. Stay safe and I hope to see you all soon.

John Grabham (Chairman)

## **Donyatt Despatch Sponsorship**

Now that we once again have distribution for a printed version of the Despatch, we are seeking sponsors for the coming months. If you would like to let village residents know what you do, or simply wish to support this village publication, please consider sponsoring. It is still only £20 per monthly edition. Just contact one of the Editors to secure your slot.

Due to the continued lockdown, the draw was undertaken by Mike Toop, Acting Chairman of DVHC, using a Random Number Generating Computer Programme. This was overseen (via video call) by Anne Beveridge DVCH Secretary and Iain Beveridge.

## **Donyatt 100 Club June 2020 Winners**

1st - £30 - Louise Cave  
2nd - £20 - Sue Wood  
3rd - £10 - Sue Carter



## Donyatt 100 Club 2020-2021(April 2020 - March 2021)

This year's 100 Club is up and running, albeit in a "socially distanced" fashion . The 100 Club helps to raise money towards the ongoing improvements of our Village Hall and we are aware that the "lockdown" may have prevented some people from renewing their memberships or joining for the first time. If you wish to join and pay for the remainder of the financial year, it will still only be £1 per month for each month remaining.

Please contact Anne Beveridge on 01460 259835 who will be able to help you. Online payments are acceptable or a cheque (payable to Donyatt Village Hall) can be posted to:

Anne at 1 Kings Cottage, Donyatt, TA19 0RQ.

Monthly prizes: 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10

### Donyatt's Virtual Flower Show!

Although we can't enjoy our usual village display of fantastic crafts and produce, the show must go on!

This year, our show will be 'virtual' with a limited number of classes for you to enjoy.

Class 1. A pair of matching, home-grown fruits or vegetables.

Class 2. A home-grown flower of any kind.

Class 3. A photograph that you have taken depicting 'Lockdown Life'.

Class 4. Your best home-cooked meal.

Class 5. A home-made summery dessert.

Class 6. A craft item that you have made during 2020.

Class 7. An original poem or short story.

**To enter**, simply email a photo of your entry to [donnagrabham@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:donnagrabham@hotmail.co.uk) by **Friday 11th September**.

Only one entry per person per class please.

All entries are free and are open to any age!

By submitting your entries, you grant us permission to share them on the village website, in the Donyatt Despatch and with local media and newspapers.

**Winners will be contacted after 11th September and certificates will be delivered in accordance with the government's guidelines.**

CLOSING DATE: 18 August for the September 2020 Despatch - **all contributions welcomed**

Please send your copy to both Editors: Preferably by e-mail - thank you.

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