

Donyatt Despatch

Donyatt's Own Newspaper - December 2020

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[Donyatt Resident to be 2020 Christmas number 1!](#)

Local band, Farfisa have created their very own Christmas song for this festive season! The song "It's Christmas Time Again" has been created to raise money for Cancer Research UK. After one day, they had already raised over £1,000. To watch, listen, enjoy and donate, check out Farfisa or George Busby on Facebook.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Unfortunately, South Somerset District Council (SSDC) are unable to offer their Christmas Tree Recycling Service this year.

However, Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) and SSDC have provided the following advice:

- Where possible, please consider replanting, composting or adding them to a corner of the garden as a wild habitat.
 - Anyone subscribing to the SWP Garden Waste Service can leave their tree out next to their garden waste bin for collection. The usual restrictions apply – branches should be 15cm or less in width.
 - Anyone not subscribing to the service can take trees to Chard Recycling Centre for the garden waste skips.
- We apologise for any disappointment this may cause and hope we will be able to have the service back up and running next year. Thank you for your understanding.

Donyatt 100 Club October 2020 Draw Winners

1st £30 Gerry Compton
2nd £20 Julie McHardy
3rd £10 Jill King

Numbers drawn by computer Random Number Generator by Mike Toop, Chairman DVHC overseen by Becky Liptrott and Anne Beveridge on 30 October 2020.

Advance Notice

Thank you to all who have supported Donyatt Village Hall by joining The 100 Club, it really does help to pay for improvements to the hall. This financial year's membership will run until the end of March 2021. We will send forms out with the Donyatt Despatch in February, so keep a look out for them.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our readers! See you in 2021!

Census 2021 will provide a snapshot of modern society

Households across Donyatt will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

"A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed," Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

"This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them."

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March. The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity. Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations. For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk).

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Donyatt Christmas Quiz
Saturday 12th December at 7.30pm

On Zoom

Led by Quizmaster, Linda Vijeh
Use the following details to access
the quiz and take part
Meeting ID: 817 4226 9452
Passcode: XmasQuiz
All welcome



ST MARY'S CHURCH UPDATE

Finally the Chancel arch repair is completed inside apart from painting and also at roof level and the lead work. The Chancel lead work had issues so this was done at the same time and a leak on the north roof is due to be done shortly.

The east end wall was found to have more problems than first thought of which meant taking out the stained glass window to enable a proper repair. The stained glass window was then restored, cleaned and refitted.

All blocked drain pipes have been cleaned out and running correctly and prevents any further water seeping into the Church fabric.

The new alarm system is due to be finished of by the end of November.

The next part of the project was the organ chamber where all the blown plaster had to be removed, replaced and painted but to enable us to do this the organ had to be removed.

We are having the organ cleaned, restored, rebuilt and tuned which alone is going to cost £10,000 plus but will have a life of approximately 100 years. There are also areas of the floor that is rotted in the organ chamber so this will be repaired before replacing the organ.

The churchyard gates will be open daily as soon as the outside scaffolding comes down so by the time you get this newsletter they will be open during the week and weekends.

As you can appreciate we have gone massively over our budget and so if anyone can give donations towards the extensive restoration of our beautiful Church please contact Trisha - 01460 249734 or David (treasurer) 01823 276428. Anything would be a great help and very much appreciated.

Trisha Hands

MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL

St Mary's church members and PCC wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happier New Year. We look forward to seeing you in Church when we can celebrate the reopening of St Mary's and the advent season.

Somerset Waste Partnership

Revised Collection Days

Thu 24 Dec → No change

Thu 31 Dec → Sat 2 Jan

Thu 7 Jan → Fri 8 Jan

After this, usual collections resume.

RECYCLE YOUR EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES & HELP OUR HALL

You can now recycle certain types of empty ink cartridges** at the Village Hall. You can pass them to any Committee member or call Anne on 01460 259835.

** To check that your cartridges are on the "wanted" list (no refilled ones please), please either:

Check the full list of on www.Recycle4Charity or call Anne on 01460 259835 or email booking.admin@donyatt.com

All money raised is for the Hall Improvement Fund.

Donyatt Village Hall Committee Recruitment Drive

Donyatt has been fortunate enough to have had a village hall since 1925. The current committee, who give their own time to ensure the Hall is maintained and available to village residents and other hirers, is keen to ensure the village hall reaches its centenary year as a going concern.

However, for this ambition to be realised, we very much need additional committee members to provide ongoing support in the running of the hall.

For more details, contact Mike Toop:

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Churchwarden, Trisha Hands, inspecting the builders' handiwork on the church roof!

PIANO

Broadwood White & Co

Donyatt Village Hall Committee has decided to replace the traditional wooden piano with a modern, lightweight version which can be moved from room to room more easily. Anyone interested in the piano, please contact Anne Beveridge on 01460 259835.



There will be no edition in January 2021. CLOSING DATE: Tuesday 19th January for February 2021 edition.

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

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