

# Donyatt Despatch

Donyatt's Own Newspaper - March 2021

## Apologies

Early in January, Trisha Hands and David Forbes submitted an article regarding St Mary's Church, for inclusion in the February edition of the Despatch. Somehow, I overlooked this item when compiling that edition, for which I would like to apologise.

The article has since been published on the village website - [www.donyatt.com](http://www.donyatt.com) - and the Despatch printed a small number, which were placed in the Church porch, along with a short run of the Despatch, for those wishing to collect of printed copy. You are also able to read it on Page 2 of this edition.

Bez Toop - Editor

## 100 Club Winners January 2021

1st £30 Graeme Spurway  
2nd £20 Rosa Davis  
3rd £10 Bill Porritt

Numbers drawn by computer  
Random Number Generator by  
Mike Toop, Chairman DVHC at  
the "Zoom" Committee  
meeting on 26.1.2021.

Linda Vijeh thought you might like to have a go at this quiz. Players need to re-arrange these words to find the connection between four different categories, and say why they are connected!

Napoleon	Bullseye	Lilliput	Squealer
Gotham City	Snowball	Toto	Steinbeck
Jip	Keats	Rivendell	Pemberly
Grisham	Perdita	Old Major	Milton



Closing Date for the April 2021 edition: 23 March '21

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## Donyatt 100 Club

### Information for Current and New Members for 2021-2022

Thank you to everyone who supported last year's 100 Club, which helped raise money towards the ongoing improvements to our Village Hall. The end of the financial year at the end of March 2021 means we are giving you and your family the opportunity to retain your lucky number/s and a chance to others to join for the next 12 months (April 2021 to March 2022)

Monthly Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - £30, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £20, 3<sup>rd</sup> - £10

Please complete a slip (available from Anne Beveridge) and return it to her at, 1 Kings Cottage, Donyatt, TA19 0RQ - T: 01460 259835 (or pass it to any committee member). Please complete and return a slip as soon as possible, if you wish to retain your existing number/s.

Thank you and good luck!

## Parish Power

The People of Donyatt were down in the dumps,  
The plaster in Church was falling in lumps.  
The Churchwarden, Trishia, went into the fray,  
Appealing for funds and working away  
Filling in forms, applications and more.  
Then, just as she managed to reach the last lap,  
With repairs almost finished – another mishap.  
The beautiful organ picked the very best time to  
Settle back into a gentle decline  
The purse is now empty, she needs just a bit more.  
Now, it hasn't been a very good year,  
with virus and lockdown, grief and fear.  
We've had to sit still, we could not change a thing,  
But one thing I'm sure - we can make Donyatt sing.  
So please join with me, and send Trishia some dough,  
And get the old organ to puff and to blow!

By Beryl Muskett



"Dead my old  
fine hopes  
And dry my  
dreaming but  
still...  
Iris, blue each  
spring"

Shushiki,  
Japanese Haiku



## Public warned about COVID-19 vaccine scams

Following an increasing number of reports around scams asking people to wrongly pay for COVID-19 vaccinations, Avon and Somerset Police are reminding people to be wary and to report any suspected cases to Action Fraud.

Action Fraud revealed last week it recorded more than 1,000 reports nationally of phishing emails and text messages connected to the vaccine roll-out in just one day.

The scams fraudulently claim to be from the NHS and ask the recipient to click on a link to accept or decline an invitation to receive the coronavirus vaccine. If they click accept, they are asked to input personal information and their bank card details.

In the UK, coronavirus vaccines will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine. How you will be contacted for your coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk))  
The vaccine is therefore free and at no point will people be asked to pay for one.

**Mothers Day**  
Don't forget to  
celebrate on  
Sunday  
14th March

**British Summer Time**  
begins  
Sunday 28 March  
Remember to put your  
clocks forward.



Article for Donyatt Dispatch – February edition

## **St Mary's Church Donyatt**

### **Repair work and Organ**

The extensive repair work to the Chancel Arch and East Window is now nearing completion and hopefully the Church will re-open soon subject, of course, to Covid 19 restrictions.

We have been aware for some time that the Church organ was badly in need of restoration and repair, but financial restraints have precluded us from undertaking this work.

However, having had to remove the organ recently, in order to enable the re-plastering and decoration work to be completed, it would be a greatly missed opportunity not to have the necessary work carried out now.

We have to obtain a Faculty (permission) from the Diocese to carry out this work and this is currently in hand. As part of the process we had to have the organ inspected by the Diocesan Organ Adviser and he has produced a report which confirms the work to be done. We have also obtained reports and quotes from two established and recognised organ builders and have opted to have the work carried out by Mr. Brian Hooper, who has worked on the organ in the past. He is very complimentary about the origins and original build of the organ - by a Mr James Philpott of Exeter, in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. He confirms it is certainly worthy of restoration.

The cost of the work is going to be in the region of £11,000 and in addition, on removing the organ, it was discovered that the floor on which it stood had rotted and it has had to be replaced at a cost of £1800.

Thanks to various donations and in particular one extremely generous donation, we have funds to cover the cost of the structural repairs now nearing completion, but will not have sufficient for the organ repairs.

So we are appealing to the residents of Donyatt and beyond and to the friends of the Church, to help us to carry out this very necessary work. The repair of the organ will be the icing on the cake for all the work done at the Church in recent years and will make St Mary's a place that Donyatt can be proud of and a place for people to visit and worship at, in beautiful surroundings, for many years to come.

Donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated and if you feel able to support us, please send a cheque to our Church Warden, Trisha Hands at Farriers, Seavington St Michael, Ilminster, TA19 0QQ or if you wish, you can make a payment on line or through your bank to our bank account at NatWest - St Mary's Church Donyatt PCC, Sort Code 60-11-38, account number 70953708. If you make a payment direct, please let Trisha know. If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, please tell us and supply your full name and address.

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