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DONYATT DESPATCH GATHERING

All friends, sponsors, supporters and readers of Donyatt Despatch are warmly invited to join us for a drink and a prize draw on Thursday 5th March at 7pm at The George Inn, Donyatt. A £5 contribution towards the printing costs would also be gratefully received. Hope to see you there.

A Few Words From Our Vicar

None of us are immune to the conditions in which we live, the state of the world and the miserable run of weather of late but there is hope.

It comes in the name of the resurrected Christ at Easter. It is no coincidence that the darkness is overcome at that moment and we start to feel better about ourselves, the sun will shine upon us once more. I hope to see some of you at our Lent and Easter church services. May the sun shine warmly upon your faces and the Lord hold you in the palm of his hand.
Revd Philip

St Mary's Church

Cleaning and altar flower rotation for March and April:

March - Mrs Sue Fish and Mrs Olive Cousins

April - Mrs Trish Hands



St Mary's Church

Volunteer job recruitment for secretary and treasurer:

Although we have had a person come forward for the secretaries position we are still hoping to have someone volunteer to be our PCC treasurer. As stated in last month's magazine and Donyatt Despatch this could be covered in approximately 2 hours per month using spreadsheets already set up. Should you want to volunteer or know more please contact Rev'd Philip - 01823 480273, Trisha Hands - 01460 249734 or David and Jacky Forbes - 07976281000. We are hoping and praying that these positions could be covered by our annual meeting in May. Many thanks.

Day After Daylight Savings

By Margaret Hasse

Blue numbers on my bedside clock
tell I forgot to change the hour.
This sets routines on haywire.

Like a domestic goat staked
to its circle of earth,
I don't do well untethered.

I have no hunger for early dinner,
become confused by the sound
of children who seem out

too late for a school night.
They've found an extra helping
of daylight to romp on new grass

and can't contain themselves,
strip off jackets, scatter
like a rag of ponies.

Whatever time says,
their joy insists
on springing forward.



Spring Forward
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

The clocks will spring forward on Sunday 29th March 2026. Lighter nights are coming... and hopefully drier ones too!



Donyatt Social Club Skittles League Table

Correct on 17.2.26

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Park	6	6	0	0	12
Upper	5	4	0	1	8
George Inn	5	3	1	1	7
Pound	5	3	1	1	7
Peasmarsh	6	2	0	4	4
Sea Boys	6	2	0	4	4
Sea Follies	5	1	0	4	2
Lower	6	0	0	6	0

Cup Fixtures Draw - Just Released!

Wed 18 Mar - Peasmarsh v Upper, IBTC, 7:45
Wed 25 Mar - George Inn v Sea Boys, IBTC, 7:45
Wed 1 Apr - Sea Follies v Pound, IBTC, 7:45
Thu 2 Apr - Lower v Park, IBTC, 7:45

Ploughman's Lunch

In aid of St Mary's Church, Donyatt

Venue: Donyatt Village Hall

Date: Easter Monday (April 6th)

Time: from 12pm

**Fee: 10 for 2 course lunch
and tea/coffee**

Also a raffle

**Volunteer helpers on the day and the
donation of food dishes would be
much appreciated**

Contact Trish - 01460 249734

Donyatt Social Club

Whist Drive

Tuesday 3, 17 & 31 March

Donyatt Village Hall

7:30pm

£4

New players welcome



**DONYATT VILLAGE HALL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
presents
**THE 2026 EASTER BINGO NIGHT
AT DONYATT VILLAGE HALL
ON FRIDAY 27th MARCH**
Doors Open 7:00pm
Eyes Down 7:30pm
Six Books of 10 Games £8
Flyers £1 each
Good Prizes for Line and Full House
Raffle
Light Refreshments Available
Why not make a party of it?
Bring a group of friends,
nibbles and a drink.
To book a table phone or message
Phil on 07972 630527
Organised by the DVH Committee
All proceeds to the Hall Improvement
Fund

The George Inn - Donyatt Upcoming Events 2026 SAVE the DATE	
MAR 4-7	National Pie Week A week long specials to celebrate our love of everything pie.
MAR 10	Speedquiz with Dj Ginge Charity quiz
MAR 15	Mothers Day Book your table to share a meal with our wonderful mums.
MAR 24	Speedquiz with DJ Ginge Charity quiz
MAR 28	Live Music - Barry Paull "Elvis" Book a table for food before the big event - early booking recommended

GEMINI CARNIVAL CLUB PRESENTS

MONTHLY BIG BREAKFAST

SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH
DONYPATT 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

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH

*Mother's day
Lunch*

12PM - 4PM

The George Inn, Donyatt

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 3 Mar - Whist Drive, DVH, 7:30
Wed 4 Mar - Skittles, Peasmarsh v George, IBTC, 7:45
Thu 5 Mar - Despatch Gathering, George Inn, 7
Sun 8 Mar - Breakfast, DVH, 9
Tue 10 Mar - Speedquiz, George Inn, 7:30
Wed 11 Mar - Skittles, Sea Boys v Upper, IBTC, 7:45
Sun 15 Mar - Mother's Day
Tue 17 Mar - Whist Drive, DVH, 7:30
Wed 18 Mar - Cup Skit, Peasmarsh v Upper, IBTC, 7:45

Thu 19 Mar - Skittles, Park v Pound, Hay, 7:45
Tue 24 Mar - Speedquiz, George Inn, 7:30
Wed 25 Mar - Cup Skit, George v Sea Boys, IBTC, 7:45
Fri 27 Mar - Bingo, DVH, 7:30
Sat 28 Mar - Barry Paull as Elvis, George Inn, 9
Tue 31 Mar - Whist Drive, DVH, 7:30
Wed 1 Apr - Cup Skit, Sea Follies v Pound, IBTC, 7:45
Thu 2 Apr - Cup Skit, Lower v Park, IBTC, 7:45
Mon 6 Apr - Easter Monday Lunch, DVH, 12

CLOSING DATE: Tuesday 17th March for the April 2026 edition.

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

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