

Donyatt Despatch

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OLIVE COUSINS

The editors of Donyatt Despatch were saddened to hear of the death of Olive Cousins last month.

Olive has been a valued member of our village newsletter's team for many years, delivering the publication to houses around Sea. We thank Olive for her dedication and support to the Despatch, the church and other village organisations - she will be greatly missed.

Olive's funeral will take place on Thursday 7th May at 10am at St Mary's, Donyatt then on to Donyatt Village Hall.



Right: League Winners, Park Team, with their award.



St Mary's Church Updates

Services for May

Sun 17 - Holy Communion - 11am

Cleaning and altar flower rota

May: Sandra Gould & Sue Gardener

June: Lesley Tacon

Ploughman's Lunch

We would like to thank all who supported our Ploughman's Lunch and those who donated and volunteered to help which made this a very successful event. Our fund raiser made £650 towards the ongoing cost of St Mary's Church. This is essential for us to keep on top of the cost of the Church which is then available for you all.

Thank you from Donyatt PCC

Final League Table

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points
Park	7	7	0	0	14
Upper	7	6	0	1	12
Pound	7	4	1	2	9
George Inn	7	3	1	3	7
Peasmarsh	7	3	0	4	6
Sea Boys	7	2	0	5	4
Sea Follies	7	2	0	5	4
Lower	7	0	0	7	0

End of season presentations:

League Winners - Park
League Runners Up - Upper
Cup Winners - The George
Cup Runners Up - Pound
Wooden Spoons - Lower
Best Skittler - Barry (Pound)

2nd - Dominic (Park)

3rd - Andrew (Park)

Highest Ladies Hand - Amy (Park)

Highest Men's Hand - Barry (Pound)

Highest Ladies Score - Sandra (Sea Follies)

Highest Men's Score - Rich (Park)

A Few Words From Our Vicar

After Easter we all take a deep breath. So much has happened through Lent and over the Easter weekend. I must admit that I have enjoyed going into our schools and singing "I'm a spring chicken" - now my favourite. The church now looks forward to Jesus ascending into heaven and a few days later the coming of the Holy Spirit amongst us - known as Pentecost. Times and seasons, they never stop. God bless you all.
Rev Philip Albrow

Donyatt Social Club

Skittles League

Congratulations to Park team on winning the skittles league, going through the season unbeaten under new captain Andrew Warde. Upper team finished as runners up under captain, Olly Young. The cup final was played between Pound and The George on Thursday 16th April at Ilminster Bowls & Tennis Club with The George winning by 39 pins. Thanks to Erynn, Fern and Jasper for sticking up, all captains and players and league secretary, Donna. From John (Organiser)



Left: Rich and Amy, Park team, with their awards.

Right: Barry, Pound team, with his awards.



Celebration of Jan's Chalon's Life

Saturday 13th June at Dunsters Gardens,
Donyatt, TA19 0RL - 2pm onwards!

Family & Friends of Nick and Jan welcome
to come along to celebrate Jan's Life.

Small Buffet available but any contributions
from guests are welcome.

Tea & Coffee provided.

In the event of wet weather, this celebration
will take place in Donyatt Village Hall
instead.

Donyatt Social Club
Whist Drive
Tuesday 12 & 26 May
Donyatt Village Hall
7:30pm
£4
New players welcome



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 5 May - Charity Quiz, George Inn, 7:30
Thu 7 May - Olive Cousins' Funeral, St Mary's, 10
Tue 12 May - Whist, DVH, 7:30
Sun 17 May - Holy Communion, St Mary's, 11
Tue 19 May - Charity Quiz, George Inn, 7:30
Tue 19 May - Deadline for June Despatch
Tue 26 May - Whist, DVH, 7:30
Fri 22 May - Live Music (IOUs), George Inn, 9
Future Dates:
Sat 13 Jun - Jan Chalon's Celebration Of Life,
Almshouses Gardens, 2
Sun 12 Jul - Opera In A Box, Pottery Farm, 2
Sun 16 Aug - Village Show, DVH, 2



CLOSING DATE: Tuesday 19th May for the June 2026 edition.

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

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