

# Donyatt Despatch

Donyatt's Own Newspaper - May 2026

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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 7<sup>th</sup> 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)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Dominic (Park)

3<sup>rd</sup> - 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, Ollie Young. The cup final was played between Pound and The George on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

## DONYATT DESPATCH SPONSORSHIP

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GEMINI CARNIVAL CLUB PRESENTS

**MONTHLY BIG BREAKFAST**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
DONYATT 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

*May*



Opera in a Box  
presents

**The Pirates of Penzance**

Sunday 12th July  
Pottery Farm  
Doors open at 2pm  
Performance starts at 3pm.  
Tickets £20  
Please contact Rosie at:  
potteryfarm@me.com

The George Inn - Donyatt

# Upcoming Events

SAVE the DATE 2026

MAY 2	<b>Breakfast at the George</b> Start your day off right with a Big Breakfast
MAY 5 & 19	<b>Speedquiz with Dj Ginge</b> Charity quiz
MAY 7	<b>Sip &amp; Sizzle</b> Steak night with promotional wine
MAY 14	<b>Curry night</b> Curry with a free bottle of Cobra
MAY 21	<b>Pie &amp; Pint Night</b> Grab a slice of our fantastic pie with a promotional pint
MAY 22	<b>Live Music with the IOU's</b> Join us from 9pm for a night of live music
MAY 28	<b>Beer &amp; Burger night</b> Build a burger your way! as big or small as you want

www.georgeatdonyatt.co.uk 01460497096  
FOR MORE INFO ON ANY OF OUR EVENTS OR TO BOOK PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM.

Did you know?

Our village has its own marquee, which is available for hire  
for events and parties.

Contact Sarah for more information or a quote:  
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sarahayoung1985@gmail.com

All profits support Donyatt Recreation Area

## DONYATT VILLAGE SHOW 2026

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August

Donyatt Village Hall 2pm

Fruit, vegetables, flowers, floral art, cookery,  
crafts, photography, poetry

Full schedules to be released next month.  
A large range of different classes - something for everyone!  
Come and show the local community what you can do!

PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES JUST ANNOUNCED!

Get snapping...

- Water
- Poser
- Alone
- Bridge/s
- Vintage

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> May for the June 2026 edition.**

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

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