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Donyatt Recreation Area

**Richard Coles has decided to
step away from the
management of the
Recreation Area after many
years of support. Thank you
Richard for all that you have
done; your knowledge and
input has been invaluable.
Andy Messom has kindly
agreed to join in Richard's
place but if anyone else is
interested in support roles
generally, or wishes to be a
member, please get in touch
with Sarah Young on 07716
067889.**

**A few words from Rev Philip Albrow
Our church is an architectural
masterpiece, this is often pointed out to
me by those who visit perhaps for the
first time. It is also a place that is very
precious to many of you I know. It may
be that you were christened here,
Married here or it may be that you have
loved ones buried here. We have recently
held two large funerals in the church and
on both occasions the church was full to
capacity. That speaks volumes for our
community spirit and shows how much
we are connected to our church and to
each other. God bless you all.**

St Mary's Church Update:

Cleaning and altar flower rota:

June: Lesley Tacon

July: Trisha Hands

Planning meeting for the fete:

We are holding a planning meeting for the summer fete at the village hall on Thursday June 11th from 7pm. If you are able to volunteer to help at the event on Saturday 4th July, please pop along to the meeting or contact Trish on 01460 249734 or trisha122@btinternet.com. All volunteers are very much appreciated and enable us to continue holding this family event in the best of surroundings. Also, could you donate a cake for the refreshments or a bottle for the tombola? Please hand bottles into John Grabham. Many thanks to you all.

Church parking area:

As St Mary's Church is used on a daily basis for visitors and people attending graves, services, funerals, weddings, baptisms and memorials, we do need the parking area to be kept available for church use only please. However the exception is when Church Street floods in which case we are more than willing to welcome people safe parking for their vehicles. Thanking you - Rev'd Philip

Farewell Jacky and David:

Last month we said farewell to our treasurer and secretary and it goes without saying that we very much appreciated their help over the years. A small gathering came together to thank them and wish them all the luck in the future. We have managed to temporarily cover the two positions but are still looking for these to be covered on a more permanent basis.

Thanksgiving service for Olive:

Also in May we said farewell to our dear friend Olive, who has always been part of Donyatt whether at events, church or delivering the magazine and Despatch. What a wonderful lady. There was a very packed church of 185 followed by memories being shared at the village hall. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

The Friends Of The Stop Line Path

(a project of Green Ilminster)

We are a group of volunteers, who are trying to maintain the 5 mile path between Chard and Ilminster, including the section through Donyatt. We meet twice a month to clear mud, cut back vegetation, tackle litter and remove graffiti.

So far, we have held 10 working parties and are always looking for additional volunteers to help us keep up this work. Thank you. Contact Matt to find out more on ilminsterchardpath@gmail.com

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 9 & 23 June
Donyatt Village Hall
7:30pm
£4

New players welcome



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)

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 Please contact Rosie at:
 potteryfarm@me.com

The George Inn - Donyatt

Upcoming Events

SAVE the DATE 2026

JUNE 2,16,30	Speedquiz with Dj Ginge Charity quiz
JUNE 4	Sip & Sizzle Steak night with promotional wine
JUNE 6	Breakfast at the George Start your day off right with a Big Breakfast
JUNE 11	Curry night Curry with a free bottle of Cobra
JUNE 18	Pie & Pint Night Grab a slice of our fantastic pie with a promotional pint
JUNE 21	Fathers Day Treat you dad to a wonderful dinner
JUNE 25	Beer & Burger night Build a burger your way! as big or small as you want
JUNE 27	Live Music - Big Whiskey from 9pm
JUNE 17,23,27	England games to be shown

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 FOR MORE INFO ON ANY OF OUR EVENTS OR TO BOOK PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM.



Summer Fete:
 Our summer fete this year will be held at Park Manor on Saturday July 4th from 12pm.
 We are very grateful to the volunteers that help with the running of stalls and setting up beforehand which without them the fete would not take place.
This is a great family event of fun and enjoyment for you all.

Join RNLI Ilminster on July 3rd at Donyatt Village Hall with Karen Huwen from True to your Art on a painting evening. 7-10pm. Painting a sunflower highland cow.



£45 including tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cakes. Book through Karen on:
<https://bookwhen.com/truetoyourart/e/ev-sc6b3-20260703190000>

DONYATT VILLAGE SHOW
 Sunday 16th August 2026
 Donyatt Village Hall
 Open to the public from 2pm
 Fruit, vegetables, flowers, floral art, cookery, crafts, photography, poetry.
 Schedules available now from the pub or the church.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 9 Jun - Whist Drive, DVH, 7:30
 Thu 11 Jun - Fete planning meeting, DVH. 7
 Sat 13 Jun - Neroche 5k/10k/Fun Run, Neroche, 9
 Sat 13 Jun - Jan Chalon's Celebration Of Life, Almshouse Gardens, 2
 Sun 14 Jun - Gemini Big Breakfast, DVH, 9-12

Tue 16 Jun - Despatch Deadline
 Tue 23 Jun - Whist Drive, DVH, 7:30
 Fri 3 Jul - RNLI Painting Evening, DVH, 7-10
 Sat 4 Jul - Summer Fete, Park Manor, 12
 Sun 12 Jul - Opera In A Box, Pottery Farm, 2
 Sun 16 Aug - Village Show, DVH, 2

CLOSING DATE: Tuesday 16th June for the July 2026 edition.

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

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