

# Donyatt Despatch

**Donyatt's Own Newspaper - June 2025**

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The Donyatt Relief in Need Charity currently has limited funds available for disbursement.

These funds are to relieve either generally or individually persons resident in the parish of Donyatt who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons.

Anyone interested in receiving assistance should contact one of the following trustees with details of how the charity may be able to assist. All applications and enquiries will be in the strictest confidence.

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## V.E. Day Celebrations

Donyatt's V.E. Day commemorative event, held in the village hall on 8th May, was well attended and enjoyed by many from the village and surrounding area.

A great opportunity to catch up with those we may not have seen for a while and a chance to chat or dance to the live band, which was very popular with all who attended. Also to eat and drink and take part in the raffle and other competitions on the day. Our thanks to Gemini Carnival club for providing the food and drink.

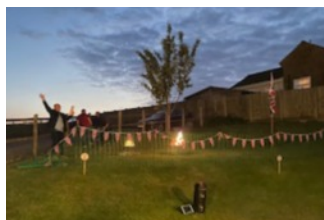
The 'make your own poppy' competition which was won by Karen Valentine-Jones in the adults' section, Greta Busby in the teen section and by Max and Toby Young (jointly) in the children's section.

It has to be said that those that entered a poppy did a sterling job, and frankly all deserved a prize!

The weather was very kind to us so we were able to spill outside and enjoy the sunshine.

The 'official' event culminated with the lighting of twin beacons outside after dark and the communal singing of 'I Vow to Thee My Country' with backing music and vocals, followed by 'Land of Hope and Glory'.

The evening finished back inside the hall with some ad-hoc disco dancing - we use the term loosely!



Here are the photography classes for the village show, so get snapping now...

**Unexpected Visitor**

**A Dandelion/s Gate**

**Cheeky Chappy A Celebration**

## DONYATT 100 CLUB

**100 club winners for April 2025**

**1st - Bez Toop**

**2nd - Gaynor Arrowsmith**

**3rd - Nick Hammond**

**100 club winners for May 2025**

**1st- David Trump**

**2nd - Cecily Porritt**

**3rd - Andrew and Debbie Watson**

If anyone is still interested in subscribing to the Donyatt Village Hall 100 club you are more than welcome to do so. All monies raised go to support the upkeep of the hall, of which I'm sure you will agree is a worthy cause in helping the committee keep this 'almost' 100 year old village hall open and functioning for the whole community to use.

Please contact Becky on [beckyreb@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:beckyreb@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.

## **St Mary's Church Updates:**

### **NEW EVENT - Songs & Scones:**

This is a new idea for St Mary's & our first one is to be held on  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 3pm.

We welcome you all for a cream tea & songs/hymns. This will be held outside weather permitting & we hope you can join us for a get together & a good sing along. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### **Fete Planning Meeting:**

We shall be holding our 2025 fete planning meeting on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June from 7pm at Donyatt Village Hall.

Any willing helpers would be very welcome to join us. This event can only happen with the support of volunteers; we appreciate each & every one of you! If you cannot make the meeting but are interested in helping, please contact Trish (01460 249734) or Jacky (01823 276428). Thank you

### **Summer Fete:**

This year's Summer Fete will be held at Park Manor, Park, Donyatt on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 12 noon.

We will be serving lunches, tea/coffee & cakes/cream teas & a bar.

There will be many stalls (tombola, bric a brac, plants & produce, raffle & more). Also a bouncy castle & games (volunteer dependent).

### **Table Rental:**

Should you wish to hold a stall at the Summer Fete, please contact Trish on 01460 249734. Tables will be £8 for a 6ft table & we would love to have you there. Thank you.

### **Donyatt Despatch Gathering**

Our next Donyatt Despatch friends get together will be held on  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm  
at The George Inn.

All readers, supporters and sponsors welcome.

There is a minimum donation of just  
£5/year to show your appreciation  
for our village publication.

We'll even buy you a drink to say  
thank you!

Prize draw also included.

See you then.

### **Services for June:**

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> - Morning Praise - 11am

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> - Holy Communion - 11am

### **Altar Flower & Cleaning Rota:**

June - Mrs Lesley Tacon

July - Mrs Trisha Hands

### **The Magic Flute by Mozart**

Performed in English by Opera in a Box

Pottery Farm, TA19 0SJ

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Gates open 2pm, performance 3pm

Licensed bar

Cream Tea

All profits to Cancer Research UK

Tickets: £20 from potteryfarm@me.com

or 07856325022

### **Gemini CC Big Breakfast**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Donyatt Village Hall

9am - 12noon

Last orders 11am

Take away, gluten free & vegetarian options available.

**Donyatt Show will be held on**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025**

**at Donyatt Village Hall**

**Schedules ready next week**

**from The George Inn,**

**St Mary's Church or**

**donnagrabham@hotmail.co.uk**

### **The George Inn**

Have you been into The George yet to meet new owners, Emma and Steve?

If not, why not go along to one of their charity quizzes on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup> June? Limited menu served 6-7pm, with quiz beginning at 7:30pm.

Teams of up to 6, £2.50 per person.

Alternatively, treat Dad to Sunday lunch on Father's Day on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Booking is essential for these events...

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### **A Date for Your Diary**

**Well known local band**

**The SEATREES**

**are coming to Donyatt!**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September.**

**As we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hall this year, why not join us for a dance?**

**More details next month**

## **Dates for your diary**

Sun 1 Jun - Morning Praise, St Mary's, 11

Tue 3 Jun - Quiz, George, 7:30

Sun 8 Jun - Big Breakfast, DVH, 9-12

Tue 10 Jun - Whist, DVH, 7:30

Sun 15 Jun - Holy Communion, St Mary's, 11

Tue 17 Jun - Quiz, George, 7:30

Tue 24 Jun - Whist, DVH, 7:30

Sun 5 Jul - Village Fete, Park Manor, 12

Sun 13 Jul - Songs & Scones, St Mary's, 3

Sun 13 Jul - Opera In A Box, Pottery Farm, 3

Thu 24 Jul - Despatch gathering, George, 7

Sun 3 Aug - Donyatt Show

Sat 20 Sep - The Seatrees, DVH

**CLOSING DATE: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June for the July 2025 edition.**

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

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