



What's on...

Dursley Farmers' Market

Held from 8:30am to 1pm in the Market Place on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

The Dursley Annual Assembly

Tuesday 22nd May 2018, 7pm at the Chantry Centre (see overleaf for details)

Dursley Carnival

13th to 15th July 2018

www.facebook.com/CarnivalDursley

<https://carnivaldursley.yourticketbooking.com/p/festival>

Dursley in Bloom

Judging will take place on 17th July 2018

Dursley Walking Festival

4th to 8th October 2018

www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Town Centre Improvements

Our ground staff have taken advantage of the recent weather conditions to commence with some much needed maintenance of the street furniture in the town centre.



A number of the benches have been removed from site, stripped down, repaired, painted and given a new lease of life. The noticeboard in "the link" has also received essential maintenance ensuring it is safe to use.

Over the spring period the remaining benches, which can't be easily moved from site will

also be repaired and painted and the Lister street furniture will receive a fresh coat of paint, the first time since their installation in the early 2000's.

The increase in ground staff as part of our commitment to the town's public spaces has allowed for this maintenance to be carried out. The ground staff are responsible for the regular watering of the planters and hanging baskets planted by Dursley In Bloom.

We are currently considering designs for some new railings which would improve the appearance of Castle Street. A final design is still to be agreed, but the new installation will be suitable for flower baskets to be situated, making a nice town centre feature.

Listers Plaque Unveiled

The unveiling of a plaque to commemorate R A Lister took place on Saturday 7th April at The Priory in Long Street. The plaque is situated on the former office building of the world renowned engineering firm, founded by Sir Robert Ashton Lister in Dursley during 1867.

Approximately 100 people witnessed Mayor Neil Grecian unveil the plaque, the crowd included many ex-employees of the company and members of the Lister family. The Mayor said "The closure (R A Lister) in 2014 was sad for the whole town and as a council we wanted to do something to ensure that there is something permanent in the town for it to be remembered by".

The Mayor would like to thank Cllr Jan Burdge and the other members of the Dursley & Cam Society for their efforts in arranging the plaque which was supported by Dursley Town Council.



Councillor Jan Burdge is photographed with the new plaque.

Future Dursley Update

Dursley's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is in the final stages of the drafting process.

The latest round of public consultation on the draft plan, known as 'Regulation 14 Pre-Submission', is now closed. A summary of all the feedback and the Neighbourhood Plan response to items raised will be published shortly.

The Steering Group hopes to submit the draft plan for formal examination to Stroud District Council in May 2018. A final referendum is expected to take place in the summer.



We're Watching You!

We have joined forces with environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy in a bid to reduce dog fouling in key problem areas in Dursley.

The campaign sets its sights on irresponsible dog owners, with recent research showing that dog walkers are more responsible and pick up after their dogs, when they think that they are being watched.



Last year Keep Britain Tidy conducted a campaign pilot, funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), working with land managers across the country. This pilot saw an average reduction of 46% in the levels of dog fouling.

Feedback suggests that dog fouling tends to occur at night time and during the months with shorter days, as some dog owners feel that they can't be seen 'under the cover of darkness'. The 'We're watching you' series of signs are visible after dark, and use innovative cutting edge materials.

The areas selected for signage are Highfields and Long Street, Dursley. **#werewatchingyou**

New 'Welcome to Dursley' Information Brochure



In February the Dursley Business Inclusive group (DBI) launched a new "Welcome to Dursley" information brochure.

The brochure features an easy to read map of the town, highlighting key buildings, facilities and businesses. It includes information on places of interest, things to do and places to stay in Dursley. It also features a little of the history of the town and information on Dursley Welcomes Walkers.

The brochure has been funded with grant help from us and advertising revenue from members of DBI. It has been distributed at tourist attractions, accommodation venues and places of interest across the Stroud District. It can also be downloaded from our website www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

DBI meet monthly (5:30pm 2nd Thursday) and is open to all businesses (large or small) in Dursley.

Email: dursleybusinessinclusive@gmail.com

Don't Miss

The Dursley Annual Assembly

Dursley's Annual Town Assembly will be held on Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 7pm in the Chantry Centre, Long Street.

Come along & raise any issues you have about Dursley

The guest speaker this year is Mr David Hagg, the Chief Executive of Stroud District Council. Find out about the financial challenges facing the District Council and how this will impact Dursley.

We will also be announcing the winner of the 2018 Leslie D Gale award for services to the community.

Everyone is welcome

New District Youth Work Staff

Meet Jemma Grieve and Rachael Hill who have recently been appointed as Stroud District Council's new youth work staff.

They are facilitating the 9 locality youth forum groups across the district, including Cam and Dursley.



The forum groups give young people an opportunity to express their views, be heard and work with local adult decision makers to make their communities better for other young people and the community as a whole.

Jemma and Rachael are currently recruiting new young people for Cam and Dursley:

'Calling all Young People aged 13-19...do you want to be involved in making a difference with and for young people in your community?'

If so, by joining your local youth forum group you will...

- Learn new skills such as leadership, teamwork and social skills
- Design projects and events and have fun
- Have a voice in local decisions that affect young people
- Be taken seriously and help change how your community sees young people

If you would like more information or to talk about joining, please contact Jemma or Rachael via:

Tel: 01453 754504 **Text:** 'I'm Interested' plus your name & postcode to 07896 690140

Visit the website: www.stroudyouthvoice.co.uk



Meet Councillor Brian Cairns

"My wife Kate and I moved in 1976 from Yorkshire to Upper Cam and brought up our children and foster-children there. Apart from a year living temporarily in Scotland (2007-08), we have been based in Dursley/Cam ever since.



I taught at Cam House School (now Peak Academy) between 1976 and 1982 before retraining in social work and working for Gloucestershire County Council until 2007, including a period between 1989 and 1993 based at the Dursley office. More recently I worked with a UK-wide training and consultancy business (KCA) founded by Kate and other family members, with current offices in Drake House on the former Lister site.

I continue to work part-time, as a Consultant to KCA, and as a specialist member of the Mental Health and Care Standards Tribunals. But I now also have the time to take a greater interest in the affairs and development of the delightful area which has been my home base for almost 40 years and remains an excellent place to bring up a family and live healthily.

My interests on the Council range across environmental concerns, availability of suitable housing for people at all ages and stages of life, sustainable local business development, infrastructure and services, cultural and recreational opportunities, and issues of disability access. I enjoy chairing the Staff Committee and participating in the work of the Green Spaces, Planning, and Policy and Finance Committees.

Beyond Council work, I try to make a joyful noise in the bass section of the Tyndale Choral Society, and to support the activities of other family members in local football teams and DODS".

Dursley Pancake Race Results

The results of the 2018 Pancake Race were:

- 1st Steph Hill (Henlow Court)
- 2nd Andy Markham (Old Spot),
Rebekah Storey-Young
(Henlow Court) & Roger
Cowley (Dursley Lions)

The children's race was won by Jay Randall-Smith dressed as Superman. Jay was also awarded the 'Best Fancy Dress' trophy donated by Dursley Business Inclusive, in memory of local volunteer Eileen Nichols.



Thank you to all the runners, to Daisy Belle Floral Design, Dursley Lions, Mel King (Festive Dursley) and to Classy Glass, who very kindly donated trophies and medals for the race. The proceeds went to 'Festive Dursley' towards the Christmas lights.

New Credit Union Project Helps Children Run Their Own Savings 'Bank'

Pupils of Cedars Class (Years 3 & 4) at Dursley Church of England Primary Academy have set up their own savings club thanks to the help of Stroud Valleys Credit Union and the UK-wide Lifesavers programme.

The children, their teacher and some adult volunteers have been trained to run the in-school 'bank', letting them pay small weekly amounts into their own accounts to save for something special.

Dursley Primary Academy is just one of 120 schools in the UK taking part in the LifeSavers scheme which is encouraging children to develop wise money management skills that'll help them in adult life.

Stroud Valleys Credit Union would like to help other schools to set up their own Lifesavers clubs. If you're interested, just ring 01453-298785, email admin@svcu.org.uk.



Pupils of Cedar Class, Claire Sibbert, Cedar Class teacher, John Appleton, Chair of SVCU, Steve Cullis, Area Co-ordinator for Lifesavers. PHOTO CREDIT: Caroline Aistrop

Memorials in Kingshill Cemetery – A Plea to Visitors

We would like to make a plea to all visitors to Kingshill Cemetery not to move or reset any "laid down" grave memorials.

These memorials have been laid down flat on the ground during routine inspections by trained Council staff, due to the fact they have become loose or deemed hazardous to the public visiting the Cemetery.

It is highly dangerous to the individual and to visitors should memorials be erected by non-professionals. We lay the memorials down to avoid the risk of a loose memorial falling on a child or an adult, unfortunately such incidences (including fatalities) have occurred in other Cemeteries.

Only qualified memorial masons are permitted to carry out this type of work in the Cemetery. Where possible we contact the owners of the graves to arrange such repairs.

If you have any concerns about memorials or planting please do not hesitate to contact the Council Office.

The Cemetery Regulations, including advice about memorials & planting, can be found on our website www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk & the site notice board.

Useful contacts:

Chantry Centre		01453 542016
Community Centre		01453 543355
Dursley Library		01453 543059
Dursley Sports Centre & Swimming Pool	Pulse	01453 546441
Kingshill House		01453 549133
Dursley Lions Club	Furniture recycling	01453 544471
Stroud District Council	Contact Centre	01453 766321
	Bulky items collection	01453 754424
	Council Tax	01453 754865
	Planning	01453 754442
Gloucestershire County Council	Recycling and refuse	01453 754424
	Footpaths	01452 425727
	Highways /Street lights	08000 514514
	Switchboard	01452 425000
Vale Community Hospital		0300 4218494
Cam Parish Council		01453 548884

Your Local Neighbourhood Warden



Rachel Pratt

Tel: 07834 419332

Providing help & support with anti-social behaviour, abandoned vehicles, bogus callers, home security & crime prevention, hate crime & bullying, litter, dog fouling, fly tipping & lots, lots more.

Contacting Dursley Town Council

Your Town Councillors

If you live in Highfields Ward, you are represented by:

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Mr M Nicholson	11 Third Avenue, GL11 4NT	544657
Mr N Grecian	9 Ferney, GL11 5AB	546608
Mrs S Abraham	18 Downham View, GL115GB	519567
Miss A Sheffield	23 Second Avenue, GL11 4PE	07813168690
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If you live in Central Ward, you are represented by:

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If you live in Kingshill Ward, you are represented by:

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A Hayward	c/o Stroud District Council, GL5 4UB	-
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Your County Councillor.....

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Your MP.....

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Contact Your Town Council Office for: planning application viewing, internet access for home seekers website, advice & information on local services, Kingshill Cemetery & St Mark's Burial Ground, Kingshill Allotments, Kingshill Play Park, the War Memorial Recreation Ground & Highfields Play Area

Dursley Town Council Office is open Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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