



# Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

Winter Edition January 2018

## What's on...

### The Dursley Dozen 2018

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February. This multi-terrain 12-mile race will start at the Old Spot and finish along Parsonage Street at the Market Place. Parsonage Street will be closed to traffic from 08:00 to 15:00 on the day.

[www.dursleyrunningclub.org.uk/dursley-dozen](http://www.dursleyrunningclub.org.uk/dursley-dozen)

### Dursley Pancake Race 2018

12 noon on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Parsonage Street. You would be flipping mad to miss it!!

Sponsorship funds will go to 'Festive Dursley'. Pick up an entry form from the Council Office, Daisy Belle Floral Design on Parsonage Street or visit

[www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

Adults & Children aged 5yrs+

### Save the Date in Your 2018 Diary!

DODS – Monty Python's Spamalot – 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May

Dursley Annual Assembly - 22<sup>nd</sup> May

DODS – Rent – 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July

Dursley Carnival – 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July

Dursley Walking Festival – 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October

## New Zip Wire for Highfields Play Area

A new zip wire facility has been installed at Highfields Play Area.

As part of this work we also installed a new safety surface around the existing Borneo climbing frame.

Since taking on responsibility for the play area from Stroud District Council in the summer of 2016, we have embarked on a programme of improvement works including the resurfacing of the BMX track, new picnic tables, youth shelter modifications, new combined football and rugby goal posts and signage.



## Community Comes Together for Spectacular 'Festive Dursley' Event

Residents and visitors turned up in their hundreds to enjoy the Festive Dursley Christmas Lights Switch-on Event held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017.



The evening was only made possible by the hard work of local volunteers and businesses who worked tirelessly over the year to bring the event together for the community. Many gave their time, helped to raise funds and provided sponsorship. We would like to thank them all.

This year the honour of 'pressing the button' was bestowed upon Mark Cummings from BBC Radio Gloucestershire with assistance from the reigning Carnival King and Queen and supported by cast members from the DODS theatre group.

The Lions Club of Dursley kindly sponsored the new icicle lights on the Town Hall. The Christmas tree was sponsored by WSP Solicitors and installed at no cost by Tree Management and Buildit Cam.

Wotsin won the window display competition, Inches came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Network Healthcare 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Work has already started on the 2018 event. The next Festive Dursley Working Group meeting will take place at Jacob's House on 21<sup>st</sup> February at 6pm. If you would like to get involved in any way please contact the Council Office.

Check out the 'Festive Dursley' Facebook page for regular updates: [www.facebook.com/Festive-Dursley](http://www.facebook.com/Festive-Dursley)

## Budget Set for 2018-2019

We have set the budget for the coming financial year, continuing to invest in a range of projects to benefit Dursley.

The Mayor, Cllr Neil Grecian said *“in setting this year’s budget we have considered two areas that needed to be addressed; a new town centre car park and an additional staff member for the green spaces team. This additional investment will be beneficial for the town but has meant that we are required to raise the council tax to invest in the town’s facilities. The Town Council’s share of the overall council tax remains very low and by agreeing a rise of council tax of less than £1 per week for each household we aim to continue to provide high quality but value for money local services”*.

In 2017 we took advantage of historic low interest rates by borrowing money to buy a plot of land in Long Street that will allow us to develop a long stay public car park. The demolition and construction costs are being met by spending existing Council reserves and restructuring our budgets. The additional council tax revenue will go towards this scheme and the repayment of the loan.

In recent years we have taken on additional roles within the town which has impacted the workload of the existing grounds maintenance staff. This included The Vibe Youth Centre, Highfields Play Area and the Kingshill Cemetery extension. Staff also support the Dursley In Bloom volunteers by watering the floral display in the town centre and other small projects. The additional council tax will fund a third member of the grounds staff team.

We will continue to support a greater number of local community groups and events through our grants budget and also innovative ways to improve tourism by increasing footfall in the town.

We have supported the fledgling Cotswold Edge & Severn Vale Tourism Network, Dursley Carnival and more established groups including Dursley Welcomes Walkers and Festive Dursley.

2018 will see the completion of Future Dursley, our Neighbourhood Plan; with the finalised draft scheduled to be put to the public vote in a referendum in the summer.

Our share of the overall Council Tax bill remains very small and this year’s total budget is £602,107 of which £435,616 will be met from Council tax. This is an increase of £47.58 per household per annum or 92p a week.

### EXPENDITURE

Green spaces maintenance	£ 108,179
Town improvements & amenities	£ 24,000
Youth services	£ 46,000
Community grants	£ 35,000
Council administration ( <i>eg staffing, insurance &amp; overheads</i> )	£ 154,728
Other Services/Car park project	£ 234,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 602,107</b>

### INCOME

Use of reserves	£ 123,641
Other income	£ 42,850
Council tax	£ 435,616
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 602,107</b>

## Working Together to Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour

We are working closely with the local Police, traders and other agencies following recent incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the town centre.

*Anti-social behaviour can include nuisance, people behaving rowdily and taking over public spaces, graffiti, vandalism, street drinking, begging, dumping rubbish, inappropriate use of vehicles etc.*

If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour please report it. One of your first steps could be to contact the local Neighbourhood Policing Team (01453 753500) or Neighbourhood Warden (07834419332), they can provide support and advice and help you decide how best to deal with the situation.

If your quality of life is being seriously affected by anti-social behaviour or making you fear for your safety or that of others, contact the Police.

**In a non-emergency situation call 101 or email: [101@gloUCEstershire.police.uk](mailto:101@gloUCEstershire.police.uk), if it’s an emergency or a crime is in progress call 999.**

## New Grit Bins



We have purchased 3 new grit bins for the following locations in town:

**Beechwood Rise/St David’s Crescent Jct.  
Cedar Drive**

**Whiteway Close/Rangers Avenue Jct.**

This was agreed following requests by local residents and discussions with Gloucestershire County Council, who have agreed to fill them.

## ❄️ Winter Updates ❄️

Go to [www.gloUCEstershire.gov.uk/winter](http://www.gloUCEstershire.gov.uk/winter) for local travel updates, weather warnings and emergency school closures. Follow updates on Twitter via [@glosRoads](https://twitter.com/glosRoads) [#glosprepared](https://twitter.com/glosprepared) & [@Glos\\_schools](https://twitter.com/Glos_schools)  
Your local Town Council Snow Warden is Councillor Matt Nicholson.

## Sale Complete for New Public Car Park Site

We are pleased to announce that we completed the purchase of Reliance House (former newspaper office) site in Long Street, Dursley in December 2017. We bought the site for £475,000, a sum that was significantly below the asking price.

Our aim is to use this prominent town centre location for a long stay car-park, which will benefit visitors, walkers, business owners, traders and the wider community.

Planning permission for the demolition of the existing building and to create a new car parking facility was confirmed by Stroud District Council in September 2017 following a huge display of public support.

We have appointed a new Committee to facilitate and manage the car park project.

Cllr Ackroyd, Chair of the new Committee, said at the time *"I am pleased that my fellow Councillors unanimously appointed me as Chair and I look forward to progressing this project in 2018. There is a lot of work in front of us and the new Committee will be meeting in January to agree a consultant to advise the Council through the procurement process and to allow the appointment of the best contractor"*.

Cllr Ackroyd noted *"the site will remain unoccupied prior to the demolition of the building; the site is subject to quite strict conditions and unfortunately it is not possible to meet the planning conditions to allow temporary use by the public"*.

## Your New Councillor

We are pleased to welcome a new Town Councillor following the co-option of Mr Adrian Whitwell on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

Councillor Whitwell represents the Central Ward.



## 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.

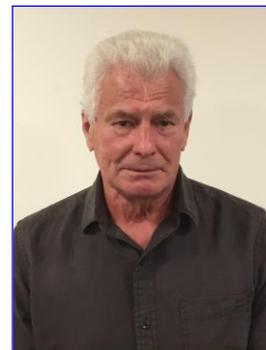
The Steering Group hopes to submit the draft plan for formal examination to Stroud District Council in March 2018. A final referendum is expected to take place in the summer.



[www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan.html](http://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan.html)

## Meet Councillor Peter Hayes

"I have lived in Dursley for 47 years, after moving from the Welsh coal mines to work in the Nuclear Industry. I lived in Cam for 23 years, then moved into Dursley Town in 1993.



I am married to Jane, we have three grown up children. One lives in Wotton-under-Edge, one in Bristol, and the other in Melbourne Australia. We are proud grandparents to six grandchildren.

After working in a number of disciplines throughout my working life, latterly as a Health & Safety Consultant, I am now retired. I joined the council in 2014. I still get involved with Safety and Environmental issues being a member of the Stroud Road Safety Committee and the council's Highways representative.

As a Dursley Town Councillor I take an active part on various committees e.g. Town Planning, Green Spaces, Town Improvements and the Long Street Car Park etc. One of my passions is tackling the issue of litter which is irresponsibly disposed of around Dursley and our woodland areas.

I lead an active life. I enjoy walking, gardening, DIY and travelling. I am a member, and a past President of Dursley Lions Club. I enjoy their companionship, the activities and take an active part in all their charity fund raising."

## Nominations Open for Leslie D Gale Awards 2018

The Nominations for the Leslie D Gale Awards 2018 are now OPEN.

The awards will be announced at the town's Annual Assembly on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018

The Leslie D Gale Award was instituted in 1994, as a tribute to the late Mr Gale, who was the last Chairman of Dursley Parish Council and the first Mayor of Dursley, and who served the community in so many ways. The Leslie D Gale Award not only recognises longevity of service to the community but also impact.

We are very aware that young people also contribute to the community, and that their work should be recognised.

Nominations do not have to be for individuals; in past years groups have also been successfully nominated.

Nominations should be sent to the Town Clerk with details of why you believe the person, group, team etc deserve the recognition.

**To be considered for the 2018 awards,  
nominations must be received on or before Friday  
6th April 2018.**

## 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
Vale Community Hospital	Switchboard	01452 425000
		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:

		Tel
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
Mr W Paice	7 Bramble Drive, Kingshill, GL11 5PX	07482678039
Mrs W Thomas	The Old School House, 4 The Broadwell, GL11 4JE	07570931816

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#### If you live in Central Ward, you are represented by:

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Mr P Hayes	1 Cedar Drive, GL11 4EB	546009
Mrs J Burdge	95 Budding Way, GL11 5BE	519702
Mr A Whitwell	1 Orchard View, Tiltdown, Cam, GL11 5QN	07894434932
Mr B Cairns	45 Champions Court, Henlow Drive, GL11 4BE	07407702074

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

Mrs J. A. Ball	109 Woodview Road, Cam, GL11 5SD	545563
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Mrs M Stennett	28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	549813
Mrs M Woodward	41 Severn Road, Woodfield, Cam, GL11 6NG	07807236353
Mrs L. V. Patrick	30 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	546995

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#### Your District Councillors.....

Mr C Fryer	7 Turner Road, Woodfield, GL11 6LT	545130
A Hayward	c/o Stroud District Council, GL5 4UB	-
Mrs D Cornell	74 Everlands, Cam, GL11 5NL	548657

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#### Your County Councillor.....

Mrs L.V. Patrick	30 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	07881581189
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#### Your MP.....

Dr David Drew	House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA	02072194106
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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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