



## What's on.....

### Dursley Fireworks 2019

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November on the War Memorial Recreation Ground. 6pm start, gates open 5pm.

[www.facebook.com/DursleyFireworks](http://www.facebook.com/DursleyFireworks)

### Remembrance Day Parade 2019

Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Parade starts at 2:30pm (Muster at the Bus Station), followed by Church Service and acts of remembrance at the War Memorial Gates by St James Church.

### Festive Dursley Christmas Lights Switch on 2019

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 4:30pm in the town centre. See overleaf for details.

## In Bloom Team Celebrate Another Gold Award for Dursley

Dursley in Bloom volunteers enjoyed the 'golden glow' of another successful year of activities.

At the 2019's Heart of England award ceremony the Dursley in Bloom team retained their Gold accreditation in the Small Town Category.



The awards were presented to Dursley in Bloom volunteers Carol Wilson, Maggie Butterfield and Pauline Champion and the Town Clerk, John Kay.

We are very proud to support Dursley in Bloom and all the hardworking volunteers; everyone should be extremely proud of this fantastic achievement.

Members of Dursley in Bloom give their time to maintain the borders, hanging baskets and planters across the town. This is a huge task and more volunteers are always welcome to get involved.

If you are interested in helping the team please contact the Chair, Penny Hyde by email or via the Council office. [pennyhyde46@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pennyhyde46@hotmail.co.uk)

## New Petanque Court Opens

We are pleased to announce that the installation of a Petanque Court at the War Memorial Recreation Ground is complete. The court was officially opened by the Mayor on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019.



The facility is free to use and will be run on a turn up and play basis. If required, players can borrow Boules from 'The Pulse' in return for a refundable deposit.

The court was installed with the help of a Sports England grant which covered 50% of the costs. It's a great addition to our leisure facilities and provides another way in which our residents can remain active.

Local resident and keen Petanque player, John Roberts, approached the Town Council with a proposal for a Petanque Terrain in Dursley. He said "Petanque, also known as Boules is immensely popular, played all over the world and there is a thriving Petanque scene in the UK (with over 170 clubs registered with Petanque England) and countless more in pubs, clubs and parks.

The game is one of the most inclusive activities available where people of all ages, gender, ability and fitness can participate equally together. It is simple to learn, involving gentle exercise, played as singles, doubles or a triple game. It provides numerous benefits including health, social and physical. It can be played one-to-one or in teams of two or three. It is played with hand-sized hollow metal boules on various types of dirt or gravel surfaces (terrains) the object of the sport is to get as many of your team's boules closer to a small wooden target (jack) than that of your opponents.

In Dursley, there are existing groups of players (e.g Dursley Rotary Team) who have had to play out of the area. Over time we would like to set up a Cam and Dursley Boules Club. We will be offering some taster sessions to attract players, families and club competitions".

Please contact John Roberts by email at: [boulescamdursley@gmail.com](mailto:boulescamdursley@gmail.com) for information about the future Cam and Dursley Boules Club.

## Fly Tipper Caught on CCTV Dumping Waste in War Memorial Recreation Ground

In September, our CCTV cameras captured clear images of a fly tipper dumping waste in the War Memorial Recreation Ground.

Working with Stroud District Council, the offender was successfully identified and issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice for £150, which was subsequently paid.

Councillor Alex Stennett, Chair of the Council Green Spaces Committee, said "fly tipping is an unnecessary and unpleasant activity in this modern age so I am reassured that we can work with Stroud District Council to bring offenders to task."

Councillor Doina Cornell, Stroud District Council Leader commented that "it's just not acceptable for people to dump rubbish in this way – they need to realise that there are proper ways to dispose of waste and that their actions could land them in trouble."

Councillor Simon Pickering, Stroud District Council's Environment Committee Chair commented that "this is great partnership work between town and district councils - together we can stamp out this unacceptable behaviour."

## Your New Town Councillors

We are pleased to welcome 3 new Town Councillors.



Joanne Smee, Denver Thirwell and Kate Reynolds were all co-opted onto Council at the meeting on 6th August, filling all the vacant Town Councillor positions available at the time.

The Mayor, Councillor Grecian, welcomed them to Council explaining that "many Councils struggle to fill Councillor positions and it is very positive to see that there remains a strong interest in Dursley Town Council by local individuals. I look forward to working with the new Councillors over the remainder of the civic year with Council elections scheduled for May 2020".

Councillors Smee and Thirwell represent the Highfields Ward and Councillor Reynolds represents the Central Ward.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Town Council and how to become a Councillor, please get in touch.

## Festive Dursley 2019 Christmas Lights Switch-on 29<sup>th</sup> November

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November Dursley will be switching on the Christmas lights. Please come along and enjoy this community event.

The Festive Dursley team are busy making arrangements for the following:

### **A Winter Wonderland Theme**

Stalls & Late Night Shopping (4:30pm onwards)

**A switch on count down at the town's real  
Christmas tree at 6pm with fireworks**

Children's entertainment, grotto, rides & snow

**Music, bands & Morris Dancers**

A visit from Father Christmas

**Festive Window Display competition**

& more!

**Look out for regular updates & information on**

[www.facebook.com/FestiveDursley](http://www.facebook.com/FestiveDursley)

### **EVENT ROAD CLOSURES FOR 29/11/19**

Parsonage Street will be closed to vehicles  
from 2pm-10pm.

The 1hr Castle Street Car Park will also be closed  
from 1pm-10pm.

### **EVENT SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS**

The 'Festive Dursley' team is made up of volunteers and representatives from the Town Council, Dursley Town Trust, Dursley businesses, the Lions Club, the Inner Wheel, St James Church and local residents. If you think you can help in any way please get in touch.

This year the group have been busy fundraising and finding sponsorship. This is ongoing and, so far, the group have received support from local businesses and groups including Dursley Lions, Dursley Rotary & Inner Wheel, Buildit Cam, Tree Management, Belles Kitchen, Arpers, TSB, St Modwen, Simply Footcare and Newscentre.

Please get in touch if you think you can help out in any way, big or small.

## Grant Awards

In October 2019 we agreed grant awards totalling over £19k, supporting 15 organisations. The smallest grant awarded was £100 the largest was £5,000.

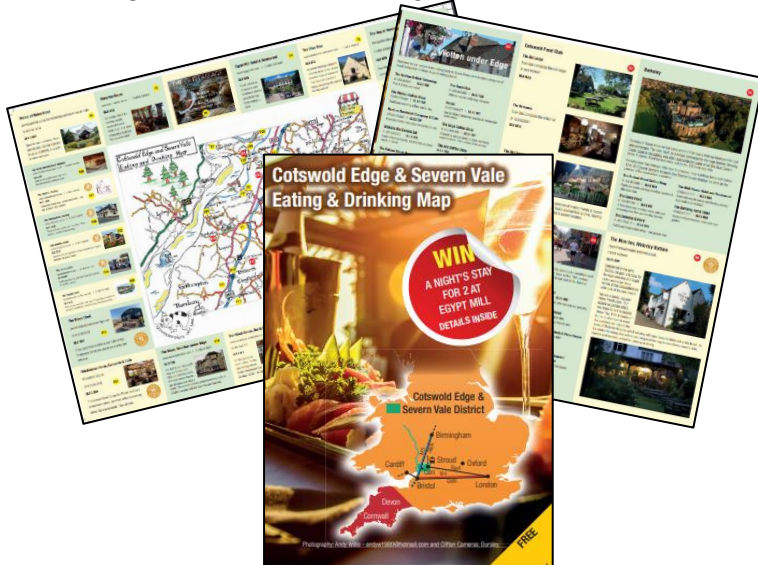
We are committed to providing assistance and support to local community groups which are set up to promote community life for Dursley residents.

We have 3 types of grant **Small, Revenue** and **Urgent**.

To see the full list of this year's recipients and how to apply, please visit our website.

## New Eating & Drinking Map Launched

The Cotswold Edge & Severn Vale Tourism Network has produced a folding map showing off the fantastic range of eating and drinking establishments in the beautiful historic towns of Dursley, Berkeley, Wotton-under-Edge and the surrounding area.



The map has been distributed to venues across the area and is downloadable from the 'Visit Dursley' page of our website, which as well as information about food and drink in the area, also includes places of interest, events, visitor accommodation and transport links.

## Dursley Welcomes Walkers

The annual Dursley Walking Festival, held on 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019, was a great success again and has put the Dursley area firmly on the map. This year the festival featured over 40 walks including a new Five Churches Walk and a new Figure of Eight Walk. The event attracted walkers from far and wide.

We would like to thank all the volunteers and supporters who contributed to the walking festival and the Dursley Welcomes Walkers Group.

The winners of the Dursley Walking Festival Family Treasure Trail, team 'Sparkle', received the prize of two tickets to Cattle Country, generously donated by the adventure farm park in Berkeley. The Treasure Trail questions were kindly devised by Karen Wintle.



To find out information about Dursley Welcomes Walkers and local walks  
[www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk](http://www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk)

Alone this Christmas?

No need to be.....



Come to

**Friends at  
Christmas**

**Christmas Day & Boxing Day**

11.00 am – 3.30pm

**Dursley Methodist Church**

Good home cooking and  
warm, cheerful company

No Charge

Call Teresa on 07814 625545 after 2.30 pm  
or Christine on 01453 543485

to reserve your place

*Transport can be arranged, thanks to our team of volunteer drivers.  
Please indicate if you will need a lift when reserving your place*

Run by Churches Together in Cam, Dursley & District

## A Light Bulb Moment – Thank You

At the 2019 Annual Assembly members of the public were asked to submit ideas on how they would improve Dursley.

The Residents Suggestion scheme was open until the end of August and we would like to thank all those who submitted ideas.



The Council's Green Spaces Committee and Policy and Finance Committee considered 20 suggestions during their meetings in September and October.

As a result, some of the ideas have been forwarded to Stroud District Council for their consideration e.g.

*Tidy the area of the lay-by and steps at Highfields Approach and Rosebery Mount (Fly-tipping).*

*Co-working space for small and micro businesses and also for self-employed people.*

Other ideas will be considered by the Town Council in more detail e.g.

*We supported the suggestion for Silver Street – to create a speed table (similar to Sainsbury's in Castle Street) and will continue to liaise with Highways.*

As suggested, we have purchased new watering cans for Kingshill Cemetery.

**Further information can be found in Committee Minutes published on our website.**

## Useful Contacts:

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The Community Centre		01453 543355
Dursley Library		01453 543059
The Pulse Dursley – Swimming Pool, Gym & Studio		01453 546441
Kingshill House		01453 549133
Dursley Lions Club – Furniture Recycling		01453 544471
Vale Community Hospital		0300 4218494
<b>Stroud District Council:</b>	Contact Centre	- 01453 766321
	Bulky Items Collection	- 01453 754424
	Council Tax	- 01453 754865
	Planning	- 01453 754442
<b>Gloucestershire County Council:</b>	Switchboard	- 01453 425000
	Footpaths	- 08000 514514
	Highways/Streetlights	- 08000 514514
GL11 Community Hub		01453 548530
Cam Parish Council		01453 548884

## Your Local Neighbourhood Warden



**Andy Beamish**  
**Tel: 07834419332**

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

## Contacting Dursley Town Council

### Your Town Councillors.....

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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 10:00am to 3:00pm

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