



Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

November 2014

What's on...

Remembrance Day Parade

Sunday 9th November 2014. Parade starts at 2.30pm (muster at the bus station), followed by Church service and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial gates at St James' Church.

Christmas Lights Switch On Event

Friday 28th November 2014 from 4:30pm in the Town Centre.

Dursley Farmers Market

Held from 8.30am to 1pm in the Market Place on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Your chance to purchase local produce including – local meats, bread, homemade cakes & much more.

Dursley Craft Market

Saturday 8th November 2014 – 9.30 till 13.30 in the Market Place.

For a guide to **what's on at Dursley Town Hall and Market place**, please visit www.dursleytowntrust.org.uk

Dursley gets Gold

The Dursley in Bloom volunteers worked extremely hard preparing for judging day which took place on 23rd July this year.

The Heart of England in Bloom judges toured the town with Dursley in Bloom representatives and the results were exactly as we'd have wished. Dursley was awarded Gold for the first time.

This year we purchased a new planter for the side of the Pet Shop and many local businesses help out by sponsoring and maintaining plants.



In 2012 and 2013, the judges deemed Dursley to be worthy of a silver gilt award, this year everyone is thankful that Dursley received a Gold!

We would like to thank all the volunteers, sponsors and businesses for helping to make Dursley bloom!

New Youth Centre "Vibe"

Construction work on the new Youth Centre is progressing well and should be completed in early November.



The Cam and Dursley Youth Forum picked the name Vibe! The interior of the centre will have a welcoming entrance branching off into a den with soft seating and gaming equipment and screens.

On the opposite side of the premises there will be a tech suite and meeting space. At the rear of the centre is an impressive open-plan space which will have a large kitchen and youth café area with flexible seating and a pool table.

Neighbourhood Plan

Work is progressing well on a Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan which will give the people of Dursley a level of control over the future development of our town which has never been offered before.

Work so far has included research and consultation on a wide range of themes including: infrastructure, accessibility, environment, design, housing and employment. Following the recent consultation on the new masterplan for the Littlecombe site we have organised additional research on car parking in the town which will help us shape the plan.

The Steering Group are currently busy developing a vision for the Town and will be issuing a town-wide consultation on a range of policies that could be included in the plan.

If you would like to find out more please get in touch. Tel: 01453 547758 or email: ndp@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

If you see it, report it!

Dog fouling is illegal, don't just watch it happen. Do something about it. Information provided to the Dog Wardens by members of the local community can assist them in the way in which they carry out their patrols.

When reporting an offence of dog fouling, think about the following:

- Do you know the dog owner?
- Do they usually walk the dog at a certain time?
- Where are they allowing the dog to foul?
- What do the dog and its owner look like?
- If the dog owner is using a vehicle, what is the registration number?

Some dog owners think that they can get away with not picking up after their pet if a Dog Warden is not around, but as more and more people come forward to report dog fouling offences, irresponsible dog owners may start to think twice about their actions.

You can help to stamp out dog fouling in Dursley and the Stroud District by reporting offences to Stroud District Council's Dog Warden Team.

Tel: (01453) 754478

Website: www.stroud.gov.uk

Email: environmentalhealth@stroud.gov.uk

WWI Commemoration

August 2014 marked the 100th anniversary of the day Britain entered one of the costliest conflicts in history with fighting continuing until the 11th of November 1918, Armistice Day.

On Sunday 3rd August 2014 Dursley commemorated the centenary of the commencement of World War One with the first of a series of events that will span the course of the four year centenary period.

A commemorative parade took place followed by a service at St James' Church and an act of Remembrance at the War Memorial Gates. (We recently repainted the gates and restored the stonework).

Over the course of the next four years Dursley Heritage Centre will be displaying a rolling programme of exhibitions exploring the impact of the war on people in Dursley.

Lift Project

The Town Trust now has planning permission to install a lift inside the Town Hall. The original chair lift, installed because English Heritage would not agree to an internal lift, was not a satisfactory solution. English Heritage now accepts the need for an internal lift.

The installation of a lift will cost £150,000 and a programme of fundraising has been launched, including applying for grant aid. They have currently raised over £10,000, if you wish to donate towards the cost of the lift, please contact the Trust. For more details go to www.dursleytowntrust.org.uk



Council Vacancies

The Town Council currently has 2 vacancies in the Highfields ward which can be filled by co-option. If you are interested in becoming a Town Councillor please contact the Town Clerk for more information.

A copy of Council's Co-option Policy is available at www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Our Place

Dursley Town Council's successful application for funding under the government's Our Place programme has resulted in a further £20,000 of grants allocated to the project plus consultancy support.

The project will develop a business plan for services for young people operating out of the new Youth Centre. The aim of the project is to give local people more control over spending, with budgets and services devolved to the community. The Council is working with a wide range of partners and will be rolling out a wide reaching consultation programme over the next few months.

Your New Councillor

We are pleased to welcome a new councillor following the co-option of Mr Peter Hayes to represent the Central ward.

Peter lives in Dursley and is retired after working in the nuclear industry for 40 years. He is looking forward to making a positive contribution to the local community. He is particularly keen to protect Dursley's environment from waste and disposable rubbish. He is an active member of the Dursley Lions Club and was previously the President.

All of your Dursley councillors can be contacted via the Town Council office, Jacob's House (next door to the Heritage Centre), or via the Council's website www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

★ ★ ★ ★ Christmas Lights Switch-on

On Friday 28th November Dursley will be switching on its Christmas lights. We hope that this Christmas we can continue our reputation of giving a great display and a fun evening for all.

The theme chosen by traders this year is **Pantomime**. We also have a **Celebrity Guest!**



We are delighted to announce that the actress Susan Lynch will be supporting the event by switching on the lights this year.

Susan's career is impressive; she's acted in films alongside Ewan McGregor, Johnny Depp, Tom Cruise and Brad Pitt. Susan's also been a regular face on television screens appearing in Cracker, Great Expectations, Bodies, Ambassadors and Common to name a few.

We are busy making arrangements for the following:

Stalls and late night shopping from 4:30pm

A switch on count down at the town's real Christmas tree at 5:30pm with our Celebrity Guest

Children's entertainment, grotto, rides & snow

A visit from Father Christmas

Children's Lantern parade

(Battery operated tea lights will be given out on the night, kindly donated by the Lions Club of Dursley)

Silver Band, Churches Together Choir & Dursley Primary Academy Choir

Festive window display competition

Everyone is welcome to dress up and help create a pantomime atmosphere in the town! Please come along and enjoy the event.

If you would like a stall, please contact the Town Council for a stall application form.

New Equipment

The first phase of development at the War Memorial Recreation is complete following the installation of outdoor gym equipment.

A new £90,000 playground will follow over the next few months on the Kingshill Road side of the site.

Together the new equipment will provide opportunities for fun and exercise for people of all ages.



Dursley Walking Festival 2014

Congratulations to Dursley Welcomes Walkers who hosted another fabulous walking festival on 10th to 12th October. The event attracted walkers from far and wide and is a real boost to the local community.



The dates for the 2015 Walking Festival have already been set. It will take place from Friday 2nd October to Sunday 4th October 2015.

For information about Dursley Welcomes Walkers please visit the website www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Useful contacts:

Chantry Centre		01453 542016
Community Centre		01453 543355
Dursley Library		01453 543059
Dursley Sports Centre		01453 548629
Dursley Swimming Pool		01453 546441
Kingshill House		01453 549133
Dursley Lions Club	Furniture recycling	01453 544471
Neighbourhood Warden	Pete Gleed	07834 419332
Stroud District Council	Bulky items collection	01453 754424
	Council Tax	01453 754865
	Planning	01453 754235
	Recycling and refuse	01453 754424
Gloucestershire County Council	Footpaths	01452 425727
	Highways /Street lights	08000 514514
	Switchboard	01453 425000
Vale Community Hospital		0345 659 8494
Cam Parish Council		01453 548884



Contacting Dursley Town Council

Your Town Councillors

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

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Mrs V Harding	11 Shakespeare Road, GL11 4QE	547080
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If you live in Central Ward, you are represented by:

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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

Dursley Town Council Office is open Monday to Friday 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

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