



Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

Spring Edition 2016

What's on...

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.

Plant & Cake Sale

9am to 1pm in the Market Place on Saturday 16th April 2016.

Dursley WI Queen's 90th Birthday 'Yarn Bombing' Celebration

In the Market Place and around the town during the week of the Queen's 90th Birthday - 24th April until the 30th April 2016.

Plant Sale

9am to 1pm in the Market Place on Saturday 21st May 2016.

Annual Town Meeting

7pm on Tuesday 24th May 2016 in the Community Centre, Rednock Drive.

Dursley Festival

Saturday 25th June 2016

Parking Update

The Long Street car park closed on the 11th March 2016. The closure allows the land to be developed as part of the Littlecombe regeneration scheme.

Alternative Parking

Long Stay parking is available in May Lane. Short Stay parking is available in Castle Street (1 hour), Water Street (3 hours) and at Sainsbury's/swimming pool (both 3 hours). There are no changes to these locations with regard existing overnight parking arrangements.

A parking permit scheme is in operation at Sainsbury's for business employees parking during the working day. More information about the scheme, which is being trialled for a year, is available from the Town Council office in Castle Street on weekdays between 10am and 3pm or email: clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

We continue to liaise with Stroud District Council and other agencies over the longer term parking strategy for the town centre.

Vibe Celebrates 1st Anniversary

On 30th January 2016 Dursley's youth centre 'Vibe' celebrated a year since opening its doors to young people in the community with an open day and cake cutting ceremony.



The event gave people in the area the opportunity to come and see the range of facilities on offer and talk to service providers.

In September last year the Town Council appointed The Door Youth Project as its youth service provider for two years, with the Vibe hosting four funded youth sessions per week. Friday nights are the most popular, averaging between 30 and 45 young people, with numbers continuing to grow. The end of week sessions have been so successful that they have been split to be accessible to specific age groups at certain times.

The Door Youth Project have also provided employment and education sessions and parent support coffee mornings, which have been funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner's fund.

The centre has been a wonderful addition for the town's young people and is also available for private hire. Contact the Council office for more information (details on the back page).

Elections 5th May 2016

Help Your Neighbourhood & Town by Becoming a Councillor

If you are passionate about your local community and interested in becoming a Town Councillor please contact the Town Clerk for more information.

Nominations for the elections must be submitted to Stroud District Council by 7th April 2016.

Money Advice Services

Comes to Dursley

Mondays 10am-12noon

Being held at LKMC, St. Georges Rd, Dursley



Advice Line: (01452) 306581

Spring Clean 2016 Kingshill Cemetery & St Mark's Church Burial Ground

We are undertaking a 'Spring Clean' in Kingshill Cemetery and St Mark's Church burial ground. The Spring Clean includes:

- the annual inspection of memorials
- checks relating to grave spaces e.g. planting, unauthorised items
- making sure grave space records are up to date
- undertaking any general maintenance work
- cutting back any overgrown brambles and vegetation clearing litter.

The inspection of memorials is undertaken each year to ensure that they are safe. The 2016 inspection work is currently in progress. The procedure follows advice set out by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management and good practice guidelines. First, the memorial and surrounding area is visually examined carefully without touching the memorial. This can sometimes be sufficient to reveal a dangerous condition. If no hazards are observed then hand pressure is applied; any movement will indicate a very poor condition. Those memorials found to pose an immediate danger to the public are laid down and attempts are made to contact the relevant Exclusive Rights of Burial owners responsible for the memorial. If you find a memorial that you own is affected, you should contact the Council and a qualified monumental mason immediately to arrange for the memorial to be safely reinstated.

We are also carrying out checks relating to Grave Spaces to ensure that access and maintenance are neither compromised nor inconvenienced. This includes looking at planting to ensure that it is within the permitted areas and that the space is free from unauthorised items and items that could cause injury during grass cutting/stripping e.g. glass containers, pottery, tins, metals, plastic, surrounds.

If you own an Exclusive Right of Burial please remember to make us aware of any changes to your contact details so that we can update our records.

Our Cemetery Regulations cover the rules in relation to memorials, planting and grave maintenance, for a copy go to our website or contact us at the Council office (contact details on the back page)

Notice Board Improvements

We recently installed new 'self-healing' rubber backing on the public notice boards located at the Broadwell and adjacent to Bennett Jones.



Dursley Welcomes Walkers

The new Dursley Welcomes Walkers short circular walk leaflet, Breakheart Trail, is now available to download from www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

The printed leaflet for this 3 mile walk is also available from Dursley Library, Dursley Swimming Pool, Jacob's House, Dursley Heritage Centre, Hummingbird Café.

Meet Councillor Fiona Firth

"I have been a Town Councillor for 6 years and Chairman of the Town Improvements Committee for 4 years.



I love doing this voluntary work and working as part of a team to help Dursley as much as possible as it continues to grow into the lovely town that it is to live in.

Prior to joining the Council I was a doctor for 25 years. A highlight of this was being chosen as doctor for the GB Paralympic team in 1996 and continuing with Disability Sport England to 2006. As well as being a GP, I have been a doctor to the ATP (international tennis players), worked in sports medicine and casualty.

I have been married to Mark, a helicopter pilot and business man for 30 years."



FUTURE DURSLEY

Our Neighbourhood Plan

Latest News.....

Future Dursley has appointed the consultancy 'Place Studio' to assist with the next stage of the Neighbourhood Development Plan process which involves drafting policies for the plan ready for public consultation in the Summer.

Visit our website to view the key documents. Contact **Future Dursley** at the Council office or by emailing ndp@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk.

Please get involved in the plan, have a say and help to shape Dursley's future.

New Bins Installed

As part of ongoing improvements we recently installed 3 new enclosed bins in the play area on the War Memorial Recreation Ground.



New Hornbeam Trees

We have planted 3 new Hornbeam trees in the grass verge alongside the Castle Street, Car Park. Tree Management prepared the site and planted the trees recently.

The trees replace the 3 we removed from the green planters last year due to movement and safety issues.



We are making arrangements to remove the green planters, which will be reused by the Townsend Resident Association.

Dursley Celebrates Commonwealth Day 2016

Dursley took part in the 'Fly the Flag for the Commonwealth' event held to celebrate Commonwealth Day 2016.

The Commonwealth flag was raised at St James Church at 10am on Monday, 14th March. A short ceremony was held in the grounds of the Church, where a specially written message and Commonwealth Affirmation was read out by the Mayor, Clare Nelmes.

Rednock students representing each of the different school communities were present to help mark the occasion and to witness the flag being raised.



Listers Beginnings & Endings Project

This year's Dursley Festival will include a performance about the changes that have happened in Dursley over the last 50 years or so. Local artist, writer and musician, Catherine Jones, has been awarded an Arts Council grant to undertake the project.

If anyone is willing to be informally interviewed about their recollections and memories of working at Listers and the other industries in Dursley please contact Catherine Jones on 07868 028246 or email:

catherinejartist@gmail.com

Budget 2016/17

We have set the budget for the coming financial year, investing in a range of projects to benefit Dursley. This has been a challenging process with the ever decreasing resources, including the disappointing decision by Stroud District Council not to award Town and Parish Councils, the Local Council Tax Support grant, a loss of approximately £18,000 from last year.

A number of exciting projects are planned for this year including: the continuation of providing youth services at the new Vibe youth centre which has been open for one year, improvements to the Dursley In Bloom display in the town centre and continuing to support a number of local community groups and events through grants.

We will be building on the improvements to green spaces in our town including the refurbishment of the storage building on the Rec used by our local football teams. We have plans in 2016 to purchase new land for allotments and to take over responsibility for and improve Highfields Playing Field.

We have also agreed to undertake a feasibility study into the future provision of toilets on the Rec and will continue to work on a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Dursley, which will focus on shaping new development in the town, where it should go and what it should look like. It is planned that the NDP documentation will be available for a public consultation in 2016, with a referendum held in 2017 to approve the plan.

Our share of the overall Council Tax bill is very small and this year's total budget is £457,967 of which £309,967 will be met from Council Tax. This is an increase of £11.99 per household per annum or 23p a week. A summary of the overall budget is shown below:

EXPENDITURE

Green spaces maintenance	£93,776
Other green spaces projects	£109,500
Town improvements and amenities	£22,000
Youth services	£45,000
Community grants	£25,000
Council administration (e.g. staffing, insurance and overheads)	£117,651
Other services	£45,040
TOTAL	£457,967

INCOME

Use of reserves	£106,500
Grants and developer contributions	£5,000
Other income	£36,500
LCTS grant	£0.00
Council tax	£309,967
TOTAL	£457,967

If you have any questions please contact the Town Clerk, John Kay at the Council Office.

Useful contacts:

Chantry Centre		01453 542016
Community Centre		01453 543355
Dursley Library		0845 2305420
Dursley Sports Centre & Swimming Pool		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
	Recycling and refuse	01453 754424
Gloucestershire County Council	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:

		Tel
Mr B. A. Marsh	22 Somerset Avenue, GL11 4PY	546910
Mr M Nicholson	11 Third Avenue, GL11 4NT	544657
Mr N Grecian	9 Ferney, GL11 5AB	546608
Mrs S Abraham	39 Rosebery Road, GL11 4PT	519567
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If you live in Central Ward, you are represented by:

Dr. F Firth	2 Hunger Hill, GL11 4JR	543851
Mrs S Creswick	3 The Slade, GL11 4JX	548123
Dr. R Blackwell-Whitehead	14 Harrold's Close, GL11 4FD	542002
Mr P Hayes	Merrivale, 11 The Knapp, GL11 4BT	546009
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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
Dr. A Stennett	28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	549813
Mrs C Nelmes	2 Jubilee Road, GL11 4ES	545516
Ms M Laybourne	28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	549813
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Your District Councillors.....

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Mr G Wheeler	4 Five Acres, GL11 4JP	545583
Mrs D Cornell	74 Everlands, Cam, GL11 5NL	548657

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Your County Councillor.....

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Your MP.....

Mr Neil Carmichael	7 Bridge Street, Nailsworth, GL6 0AA	751572	neil.carmichael.mp@parliament.uk
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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 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
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