



Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

Edition Summer 2017

What's on...

Dursley Farmers' Market

Held from 8.30am to 1pm in the Market Place on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

Dursley Carnival 2017

Saturday 15th July 2017 - Town Centre in the morning & on the War Memorial Recreation Ground in the afternoon/evening Email: carnivaldursley@yahoo.com
www.facebook.com/carnivaldursley

Dursley in Bloom Judging Day

Thursday 20th July 2017

Flower & Produce Show 2017

Saturday 26th August in the 'Secret Garden' at the Chantry Centre, Long Street. Contact the Show Organiser at www.transitioncamdursley.org.uk

Dursley Walking Festival 2017

Thursday 5th – Sunday 8th October
www.dursleywelcomeswalkers.org.uk

Dursley Fireworks 2017

Saturday 4th November on the War Memorial Recreation Ground
www.facebook.com/DursleyFireworks

Dursley Christmas Lights Switch On 2017

Friday 24th November from 4:30pm in the town centre

Your Council Achieves Gold!

In April 2017 we were awarded Quality Gold status in the Local Council Award Scheme, the highest a Council can receive and one that demonstrates that we achieve excellence and are at the forefront of best practice.



Dursley Annual Assembly

Over 30 members of the public attended the Annual Assembly meeting on 23rd May 2017.

Reports from the Council, local Community Groups and Councillors were presented to the audience.

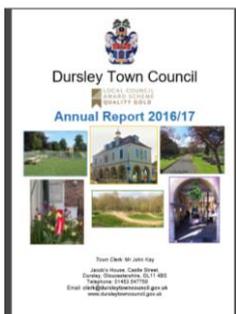
The guest speaker was Martin Render, Chairman of the Community Heartbeat Trust.

Topics raised on the night included the new road through Littlecombe, traffic in the town and parking.

The recipients of this year's Leslie D Gale awards were also announced.

For copies of the minutes and reports go to:

www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk



Proposed New Long Stay Public Car Park



We are pleased to announce that we have an agreement in principle to purchase the Reliance House (former newspaper office) site in Long Street, Dursley.

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

Since the closure in 2015 of the former long stay car park located to the rear of Long Street, we have been aware of the impact the lack of long stay parking has had on all members of the community.

The Town Deputy Mayor, Cllr Suzi Abraham said "as a local business owner I am fully aware of the impact on the town with the reduced number of long stay spaces most commonly raised issue, I am regularly asked what can Dursley Town Council do to improve the situation."

The Town Council has submitted a planning application to apply for a "change of use" to allow the land to be used as a public car-park.

The application is now available on the Stroud District Council Planning Website, the reference number is **S.17/1357/FUL**. All comments must be received prior to the deadline of **31st July 2017**.

The Mayor, Cllr Neil Grecian stated "I would ask all those people who have contacted the Town Council to enquire about town centre parking in the last two years to submit comments on the application, via Stroud District Council's website. It is vital that the local community display their support for additional car parking to allow this ambitious project to become reality."

Without successfully obtaining planning permission the project and the purchase will not be able to go ahead. Go to: www.stroud.gov.uk/apps/planning

Meet Councillor Sue Creswick

"I have lived in the area since the 1970's. I still feel how lucky I am to be surrounded by such wonderful countryside, to have the benefits of a small town with good facilities and to know there are people who care deeply about their community.



Having worked in local government, I thought I could make a contribution to the council and so have been a councillor for nearly six years, currently serving on the planning and policy and finance committees. I am also involved with the Vibe Youth Facility Management Committee, Dursley in Bloom and the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group".

Your Local Community Speed Watch is looking for Volunteers

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Councillor Matt Nicholson or the Town Clerk. Volunteers receive full training and are only required a few hours a month.

Please Give Us Your Views on the Highfields Youth Shelter



Should we keep the shelter or remove it?

Since taking responsibility for Highfields Play Area, we have received reports of antisocial behaviour associated with the Youth Shelter. The most recent incident was reported to the police and resulted in two local youths carrying out repairs as a method of restorative justice.

At the Green Spaces Committee meeting on 13th June, the Councillors considered a request from a member of the public to remove the shelter. The Committee agreed to monitor the situation over the summer period and make a final decision at the next Green Spaces Committee meeting on the 19th September 2017.

We would request that any instance of anti-social behaviour witnessed by local residents or users of the play area should be reported to the local police on telephone number 101 or if indeed deemed serious enough 999. These reports will be available to the Town Councillors who will use them when making a final decision on the future of the Youth Shelter.

We would like to receive your comments on whether the youth shelter should be retained, removed or improved. We recently installed 3 new picnic benches in the play area. Comments should be emailed to clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk or can be posted to Jacobs House, Castle Street, Dursley, GL11 4BS.

Could you apply for a Community Grant?

If you are a charity, community group or local voluntary organisation located and working in Dursley for the benefit of the community and need funding to support your work you might be interested in applying for a grant from the Council. Please contact us or go to our website to find out more about our grants process. **Grant applications deadline: 31/08/17**

Leslie D Gale Awards 2017



The Town Mayor presenting awards to the family of Cllr Brian Marsh and Cllr Mandy Woodward.

At the Dursley Annual Assembly Meeting on 23rd May 2017, the Mayor announced the recipients of this year's Leslie D Gale awards.

The four winners were Martine Carter, Ronnie Harding, Cllr Mandy Woodward and a posthumous award to Cllr Brian Marsh.

All have volunteered their time freely and contributed so much to the town in different ways.

Find out more about the award on our website.

Volunteer at the Community Garden

Dursley Community Garden is located behind The Chantry Centre in Long Street. Volunteers meet between 10am and 12pm on a Wednesday and Saturday. Collectively they grow and share flowers, fruit, vegetables and gardening tips. The garden has a greenhouse, a poly tunnel, a shed, tools and 'grow your own' vegetable boxes as well as plenty of water for the plants and tea/coffee for volunteers. **To find out more contact Corinna 01453 542215 or 07948 369355 www.transitioncamdursley.org.uk**

New Apprentice Grounds Person Opportunity

We are seeking candidates for the position of Apprentice Grounds Person. The successful apprentice will be working with the existing Grounds team on a range of projects and maintenance of our green spaces across the town.

The apprenticeship will include on-site training and the opportunity to obtain a Level 2 Diploma in Work-Based Horticulture.

For full details on the opportunity and how to apply please contact the Council office or see our website.

Your New Councillor



We are pleased to welcome Wayne Paice as a Town Councillor. Wayne was co-opted at the Council meeting on 9th May 2017.

Wayne has lived in the town for the last 3 years and is one of the main organisers for the Dursley Carnival 2017. Not only does he work full time but he also runs his own business within the town.

"I have a keen passion to see this town go from strength to strength and bring people into the area and help put Dursley back on the map. I am keen and willing to help in any way I can".

Future Dursley.....Update

The Steering Group continue to make good progress with drafting the **Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)**. Resident's comments on the content of the draft NDP and proposed local green space designations are being collated and analysed, and where possible, the plan is being amended to reflect these. Further updates can be found on our website at: www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan.html or email ndp@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Highfields Play Area Community Day

Thank you to all our volunteers who supported the Community Day at Highfield's Play Area on 29th May 2017 despite the Bank Holiday rain.



The volunteers cleared overhanging vegetation, collected litter, repaired fences, removed weeds along the boundary fences and cleaned benches. Unfortunately we had to cancel the planned painting of the youth shelter and play equipment due to the weather.

The volunteers enjoyed a BBQ supplied by Cam Family Butcher and refreshments from the Hummingbird Café. The grant received from the Tesco Bags for Help was used to purchase the materials, paint and the hire of the BBQ.

New Notice Board at Kingshill Cemetery

We have purchased and installed a new noticeboard at Kingshill Cemetery, it is located on the Cemetery store wall.

We will update the contents from time to time and would encourage visitors to check the information. It contains our contact details, the current fees and charges, important information about planting and memorial regulations and Exclusive Rights of Burials.

For a full copy of our Cemetery Regulations and further information please contact the Council Office or visit our website www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk .



The Dursley Day Centre – 50 Years at No. 15 May Lane (By Mrs Pat Uglow, Founder Member & Trustee)

50 years ago Dursley and District Old People's Welfare Committee held the Official Opening of the Day Centre. It was the culmination of a year of hectic fund raising, after having been given notice to quit the property rented to us at 12 May Lane.

Number 15 came on the market at £1000 and needed a further £1600 to repair and bring it up to standard. The Appeal was launched in August 1966, just as the Rev. Alderson joined the committee.

Letters of appeal for £10 donations were sent out, a trail of pennies was arranged between 11 and 15 May Lane, a big raffle was held every Saturday for a month, there were street collections, selling of bricks, coffee mornings/ evenings, a Christmas Fayre, and money was raised from an Open Garden and Cheese and Wine Party at Melksham Court and many other activities.

Sir Percy Lister, Max Workman and Maxwell Joseph were wonderfully supportive helping our goal to be achieved. Work also needed doing in the back garden and valuable help came from the younger generation, with publicity on Points West.

By January 1967 the refurbishment was almost complete and after receiving essential equipment from various generous organisations in the town, the Day Centre was officially opened on 8th May 1967 (my birthday).



Today Number 15 is still providing refreshments for the over 50's during the mornings, is used for a Luncheon Club every Wednesday and used by various groups for meetings and other activities. It is hoped it will continue to serve the community for many years to come but is

dependent on new volunteers coming forward. Anyone interested would be most welcome and should contact Mrs Gill Davies, the current secretary.

Dursley Day Centre, Dursley & District Old Peoples Welfare, 15 May Lane, Dursley, Gloucestershire, GL11 4JH. Tel: 01453 543049.

Useful contacts:

Chantry Centre		01453 542016
Community Centre		01453 543355
Dursley Library		0845 2305420
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:

		Tel	E-mail
Mr M Nicholson	11 Third Avenue, GL11 4NT	544657	matt.nicholson@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr N Grecian	9 Ferney, GL11 5AB	546608	neil.grecian@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs S Abraham	39 Rosebery Road, GL11 4PT	519567	suzi.abraham@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Miss A Sheffield	23 Second Avenue, GL11 4PE	07813168690	andrea.sheffield@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr W Paice	7 Bramble Drive, Kingshill, GL11 5PX	07482678039	wayne.paice@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs W Thomas	The Old School House, 4 The Broadwell, GL11 4JE	07570931816	wendy.thomas@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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

Dr. F Firth	2 Hunger Hill, GL11 4JR	543851	fiona.firth@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs S Creswick	3 The Slade, GL11 4JX	548123	sue.creswick@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr S Ackroyd	36 Woodmancote	07477404056	symon.ackroyd@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr P Hayes	1 Cedar Drive, GL11 4EB	546009	peter.hayes@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs J Burdge	95 Budding Way, GL11 5BE	519702	jan.burdge@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mr B Cairns	45 Champions Court, Henlow Drive, GL11 4BE	07407702074	brian.cairns@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

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

Mrs J. A. Ball	109 Woodview Road, Cam, GL11 5SD	545563	jane.ball@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Dr. A Stennett	28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	549813	alex.stennett@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Ms M Laybourne	28 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	549813	mel.laybourne@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs M Woodward	41 Severn Road, Woodfield, Cam, GL11 6NG	07807236353	mandy.woodward@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk
Mrs L. V. Patrick	30 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	546995	loraine.patrick@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Your District Councillors.....

Mr C Fryer	7 Turner Road, Woodfield, GL11 6LT	545130	cllr.colin.fryer@stroud.gov.uk
A Hayward	c/o Stroud District Council, GL5 4UB	-	cllr.alison.hayward@stroud.gov.uk
Mrs D Cornell	74 Everlands, Cam, GL11 5NL	548657	cllr.doina.cornell@stroud.gov.uk

Your County Councillor.....

Mrs L.V. Patrick	30 Oak Drive, GL11 4DX	07881581189	loraine.patrick@gloucestershire.gov.uk
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Your MP.....

Dr David Drew	House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA	02072194106	david.drew.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 & Highfields Play Area

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

Address: Jacob's House, Castle Street, Dursley, GL11 4BS Tel/Fax: 01453 547758

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