



# Dursley Matters

Dursley Town Council Newsletter

Winter Edition January 2017

## What's on...

### The Dursley Dozen

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 10:30am start. This off road 12 mile race will start at The Old Spot and finish along Parsonage Street at the Market Place.

Parsonage Street will be closed to vehicles between 08:00 and 15:00hrs [www.dursleyac.org.uk](http://www.dursleyac.org.uk)

### Dursley Pancake Race 2017

12 noon on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Parsonage Street. You would be flipping mad to miss it!!

Sponsorship funds will go to the Vale Community Hospital League of Friends.

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)

### Cam & Dursley Community Cinema

A community run cinema at the Chantry Centre (Long Street, Dursley) aiming to offer two monthly screenings on a 12ft ultra high definition screen.

Refreshments available (bar open for evening)

Upcoming screenings:

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Morning – Shrek 10:30am

Evening – South Pacific 7:30pm

#### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Morning – Secret Life of Pets 10:30am

Evening – Bridge of Spies 7:30pm

Tickets cost £2 for morning and £3 for evening screenings, available on the door or from

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/dursleycinema](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dursleycinema).

[www.DursleyCinema.org](http://www.DursleyCinema.org)

Facebook.com/DursleyCinema

## Save the Date in Your 2017 Diary!

Dursley Annual Assembly - 23<sup>rd</sup> May

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

Dursley Walking Festival – 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October

## Council Vacancies

We currently have 2 vacancies, one in the Highfields ward and one in the Kingshill ward, which can be filled by co-option. If you want to make a difference in your community and are interested in becoming a Town Councillor, please contact the Town Clerk for more information.

A copy of the Council's Co-option Policy is available at [www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk).

## 2016 Christmas Lights Event A Great Success!!

On 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 hundreds of people turned out to watch the Christmas lights go on.



Photo by Tim Taphouse

**The evening was only made possible by the hard work of the local businesses and volunteers who worked extremely hard over the year to bring the event together for the benefit of the whole community.**

We were joined on the night by the actor Craig Parkinson, who led the countdown, accompanied by Jon Martin and Noreen Jaffar from the Dursley Tree House and also the Dursley Lion.

Inches won the best festive window display competition and were presented a trophy kindly donated by Classy Glass & Awards Ltd.

Throughout the year, Dursley Business Inclusive undertook various activities to help raise the funds required to pay for the firework display on the night. The town Christmas tree was sponsored by WSP Solicitors and installed free of charge by Tree Management with help from Wotton Tarpaving. Dursley Lions sponsored the battery operated tea lights for the children's homemade lanterns.

We would like to thank everyone who supported and helped to organise the event; all the volunteers who gave up their time and the very generous local businesses, groups and residents who sponsored and supported the activities including the fireworks, the tree, lights, children's entertainment, grotto and music.

**Work has already started on the 2017 event. The next Christmas Working Group meeting will take place at Jacob's House on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 at 6pm. If you would like to become involved please contact the Council Office.**

## Councillor Brian Marsh

Sadly Councillor Brian Marsh passed away on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Vale Community Hospital following a brave battle against illness.

Brian was the longest serving present councillor and had been a Town Councillor for almost 25 years, joining the Council in February 1992. He will be greatly missed by the Council staff and his fellow Councillors.



## War Memorial Gates

We refurbished the War Memorial Gate plaques, located on Long Street, ready for Remembrance Day in November 2016. This work was professionally undertaken and included gilding the raised lettering.



## Highfields Play Area

Work to resurface the BMX track at Highfields Play Area is due to start on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 with an expected completion date of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Since we took over responsibility for the area in summer 2016, a programme of work has been identified to bring the area up to an acceptable standard.

## Meet Councillor Mel Laybourne

"I moved to Dursley as a child in 1988. I settled back in the town after university with my partner Alex. We have 2 children who attend a local school and are members of the Dursley Rugby Football Club. I work as a Health and Safety Advisor for a local water treatment company. I've been a Town Councillor for 8 years and I've enjoyed my time on the Council. Each meeting brings up issues which are wide-ranging; some are more challenging than others. I'm currently serving as Chair of the Planning Committee and the Staffing Committee. Planning is very interesting. It can really show the passion of the community for the area".



## Community Defibrillator

We have completed the installation of a defibrillator at the old telephone kiosk in Castle Street, Dursley.

The defibrillator has been registered with the Gloucestershire Ambulance Service NHS Trust and can now be used for emergency situations. The defibrillator will be available to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



To access the defibrillator, you must dial 999 to obtain a code. Instructions are provided by the defibrillator during usage, but we will be arranging a briefing session for any members of the local community who would like to learn more about using a defibrillator and what to do during a cardiac arrest.

Cllr Grecian commented "the UK Resuscitation Council state if you are more than 5 minutes away from medical help then local initiatives such as community defibrillators are essential to aid recovery from a cardiac arrest. The disused telephone kiosk is excellently located within the town centre, minutes from the War Memorial Recreation Ground and the majority of the shops and businesses within the town".

To find out more about the Community Defibrillator please contact the Town Clerk on 01453 547758 or email

[clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Princess Anne Visits 'the Pulse'



HER Royal Highness Princess Anne officially opened Dursley's new state-of-the-art gym and swimming pool complex 'the Pulse' on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

The Princess Royal toured 'the Pulse' and met gym members and staff. The Town Mayor, Cllr Neil Grecian, attended the event and was present for the unveiling of a plaque.

For further information about what is available at the Pulse please visit [www.pulsedursley.co.uk](http://www.pulsedursley.co.uk) or call 01453 546441.

## Update on the Kingshill Rd/ Dursley Rd/Tilsdown Junction

On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 70 members of the public attended a meeting organised by us to discuss the proposed traffic signals at the Kingshill Road/Dursley Road (Sandpits) junction, associated with planning application S.15/2804/OUT. There was strong opposition from the community against the introduction of traffic lights. **Thank you to all who attended on the night.**

On 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 we attended Stroud District Council's Development Control Committee and spoke out against the traffic lights. We would like to report that following this the Committee agreed to make an amendment to condition 12 of the planning permission for S.15/2804/OUT to allow for the possibility of a roundabout (which would not be at a cost exceeding the cost of a traffic light junction).

We are keen to work with those involved in the development to clarify and establish the next steps in the process of considering an alternative mitigation scheme for the junction.

## Have Your Say on Future Development in Your Town!



A first draft version of Dursley's Neighbourhood Development Plan is now available on our website at [www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan](http://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan).

The plan will be used to shape and influence development within the town. Later in the year it will be subjected to an examination and you will be asked to vote in a referendum on whether you think the District Council should use the plan to help decide future planning applications.

The working draft version of the plan has been developed by the Future Dursley Steering Group, using local evidence and public consultation results. It contains an emerging vision and objectives, as well as a draft development strategy, policies and projects.

### We are keen to hear your views on the content of the plan.

Please use the link above to view the plan or contact the Council office if you would like a paper copy.

You can send us your views and comments by emailing [ndp@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:ndp@dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk) or writing to Future Dursley Steering Group c/o Dursley Town Council, Jacob's House, Castle Street, Dursley, GL11 4BS

## Budget Set for 2017-2018

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 aimed to keep council tax as low as possible for Dursley residents but continue to invest in the town's facilities. The town council's share of the overall council tax remains very low and by agreeing a modest rise of council tax equalling 14p per week for each household we aim to continue to provide high quality but value for money local services"*

A number of exciting projects are planned for this year including: improvements to existing facilities and some new play equipment at Highfields Play Area, enhancements to Castle Street aimed at improving the appearance of this busy section of the town centre and the creation of a new Garden of Rest area within the Kingshill Cemetery.

We will continue funding established projects including the provision of various youth services at the Vibe youth centre and improvements to the Dursley In Bloom display in the town centre. We will continue to support a greater number of local community groups and events through an increased grant budget. Our new Community Project Working Group is tasked with investigating a range of projects within the town which will benefit the local community throughout 2017.

We are nearing the end of the project to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan, which focuses on shaping new development within the town. The final draft is scheduled to be put to the public vote in a referendum in the autumn.

Our share of the overall Council Tax bill remains very small and this year's total budget is £490,750 of which £331,250 will be met from Council Tax. This is an increase of £7.18 per household per annum or 14p a week. A summary of the Council's overall budget is show below:

### EXPENDITURE

Green spaces maintenance	£109,375
Other green spaces projects	£82,000
Town improvements and amenities	£22,500
Youth services	£47,000
Community grants	£35,000
Council administration ( <i>e.g. staffing, insurance and overheads</i> )	£146,375
Other services	£48,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£490,750</b>

### INCOME

Use of reserves	£123,000
Other income	£36,500
Council tax	£331,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£490,750</b>

## 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
	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:

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 Kingshill Ward, you are represented by:

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

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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 & Highfields Play Area

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

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