

END OF YEAR RESIDENTS' OFFERS FROM OUR PARTNERS

Tomorrow's Museum for Dorset

The Town Council recently awarded Dorset County Museum a grant of £25,000 towards its planned £13.2Million reimagining of the museum in High West Street. In addition to the grant the Council has already provided loan support, and is looking at ways of unlocking a further £150,000 of support.

Tomorrow's Museum for Dorset will create a showcase for 200 million years of Dorset's history, including unseen collections of international significance that have lain hidden for decades. At the moment the museum has only 1.5% of its collection on display.

Members get year round access to the Museum to see the collection plus special exhibitions such as the current "Speed to the West" exhibition of train posters.

DorchesterARTS

20% OFF NEW MEMBERSHIPS UNTIL 30 NOVEMBER

Individual Membership £20- £16

Joint Membership £30 £24

Contact Box Office for details 01305 266926

THE KEEP Military Museum of Devon and Dorset

HALF PRICE ADMISSION FROM 22 NOVEMBER - 2 DECEMBER
BRING ME WITH YOU

Check Prices and Opening times at www.keeplmuseum.org

Tuesday 29 November @ 7.45pm

Dorchester Town FC v.
Cinderford Town FC

£5 (Half price) Adult Admission
BRING ME WITH YOU

www.dorchestertownfc.co.uk



DISCOVER 200 MILLION YEARS OF DORSET'S HISTORY

25% OFF NEW MEMBERSHIPS UNTIL 9 DECEMBER

Single £28-£21 Joint/Family £40 £30
www.dorsetcountymuseum.org/



Dorchester Arts at the Corn Exchange

Dorchester Arts have just celebrated their first successful year operating out of our Corn Exchange building, during which they held 85 events on site.

The popular Dorchester Youth Theatre, Pop Club and Connect workshops have also become established on site. DA have also taken on the running of the bar, and tickets for performances can be purchased from their office at the front of the building.

To celebrate their first year at the Corn Exchange they are offering discounted membership to new members. Membership benefits include discounts on tickets, priority booking for some events, reciprocal memberships of Bridport Arts/Lyme Marine Theatre and invitations to Member events.

Remembering WWI

In partnership with the Keep Museum the Town Council is developing a series of information boards explaining the links between sites in the town and the Great War.

The Town Council and the Duchy of Cornwall are also working with national organisation "Fields in Trust" to dedicate land in the town as a Centenary Field.

The Keep Museum, a favourite of Mayoral Civic Days due to its collection and wonderful rooftop view, has a permanent display on the role of the Dorsetshires in the war, including a reconstructed trench.

Dorchester Town FC

DTFC are currently preparing a business plan for a 3G all weather pitch on The Avenue Stadium, which would increase the number of hours for which the pitch can be used tenfold.

This would allow many of the 300+ young members of the 24 youth teams in the town to train and play their games at The Avenue, as well as providing space for Walking Football and other clubs and groups to train and play.

The First Team currently play in the Southern Premier League and are offering discounted access to their home match on 29 November.

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Homes for Young Workers

The Town Council is helping to set up a new organisation known as a Community Land Trust, or CLT, in the town with a view to delivering affordable housing for Young Workers.

The CLT will receive land from the Town Council and develop it with properties for sale or rent at a price that can be afforded by young people working in town.

The first project will be the development of around 20 flats on the tennis courts at the rear of Trinity St car park when new courts are placed on the Bowling Green in the Borough Gardens.



The CLT will be independent from the Town Council and we are looking for local people both to be Board Members or just as members of the Trust.

A launch meeting for the CLT will take place on **30 November at 4.00pm in the Town Hall**. Please come along and find out more about how you can be part of this very important initiative.

Day of celebration as town welcomes The Queen

Mayor Tim Harries joined other civic leaders on 27 October to welcome Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second to the town.

The Queen, accompanied by Prince Philip and the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, arrived at Dorchester South Railway Station by Royal Train.

While they awaited the Queen's arrival the sizeable crowd which had gathered at the station were kept

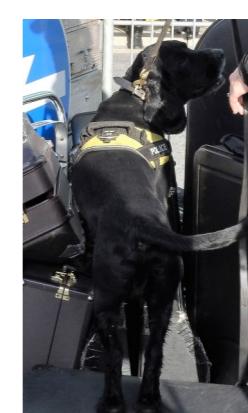


HM Queen Elizabeth II leaving Dorchester Station accompanied by the Lord Lieutenant Angus Campbell



entertained by the Durnovaria Silver Band and newly crowned

England National Champion Town Crier Alistair Chisholm.



Security levels were high as Police dog Robbie checked Band instrument cases for explosives. None were found.

The Royal party then moved on to Queen Mother Square, where the Queen visited some of the commercial buildings in the square.

In front of invited guests from the Bowes Lyon family, contractors working on the development, civic dignitaries and a huge crowd of residents from Dorchester and the surrounding area, Queen Elizabeth unveiled a statue of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in the centre of the square.

The bronze statue, sculpted by Philip Jackson, is an exact casting to match the one in The Mall in London and shows the Queen Mother aged 51 in 1952.

Shortly after the unveiling HM the Queen and Prince Philip returned to Dorchester West station and left by the Royal Train.

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Events Autumn 2016

Saturday 26 November—WAND's annual "Reclaim the Night"
7pm-10.30pm Town Hall in Dorchester

Thursday 8 December - Christmas Cracker
6.00pm - 9.00pm - Town Centre

Thursday 15 December - Carols in the Gardens
6.30pm - Borough Gardens
(weather permitting)

Council Meetings

The next meetings are to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, High East Street on-

- Tuesday 29 November at 7.00pm
- Tuesday 24 January at 7.00pm

Agendas for the meetings, plus details of the Council's Committee meetings, can be found on our website.

Ridgeway Radio celebrates 50 years

Mayor Tim Harries was pleased to join the volunteers of Ridgeway Radio to recognise the many hours of service that it has provided to hospital radio at the County Hospital. Tim was able to see and use the new music desk that the Town Council had donated, took part in one of the programmes, and unveiled a plaque to mark 50 years of broadcasting.



The Mayor and Mayoress with Andy Worth from Ridgeway Radio

More information regarding the radio station, past programmes with local content, and opportunities to get involved in the work of the radio station can be found at www.ridgewayradio.org.uk.

Introducing Carl and Emma

Earlier this year two new members of staff arrived at the Town Council.

Carl Dallison joined us as our new Outdoor Services Manager, replacing Pete Mullins who retired in June. Carl will lead the team responsible for the Borough Gardens, our sports pitches, playgrounds, outdoor spaces and Cemeteries.

He already has an extensive list of projects taking place including the borehole and new Tennis Courts in the Borough Gardens; wall and pathway works to Poundbury Cemetery; and planning for the development of The Great Field site and other new pieces of land to be taken on by the Town Council.

In August we appointed our first Community Development Officer, Emma Scott, who some will know from her previous role at West Dorset DC where she was involved in the many local community projects.

Emma says "My new role comes at a very exciting time for the town as it continues to grow and evolve. Part of my job is to capture what is going on in the town and to identify key priorities for local organisations and, where possible, provide support to make them happen. I will also work with local groups to help the council and other bodies to listen to their views and deliver action that reflects what the community needs. My email is e.scott@dorchester-tc.gov.uk or you can give me a call on my direct line which is 01305 819463."

Grants for Students

Students in Dorchester undertaking higher and further education courses are invited to apply for a grant of up to £500 to help with your costs. To qualify you will be under 25, with a household income below £30,800 pa.

Applicants who have previously received awards include students studying at local colleges as well as those going to university. Assistance has been given towards the cost of books, materials, uniforms, and tools. Grants can be awarded for each year of the student's study providing the criteria is still met.

For more information and to download an application form please visit www.actet.org.uk.

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Lubbecke Way Allotment Plots

In May the Duchy of Cornwall completed 51 new houses and flats at the Red Cow Farm site in the east of the town, one third of which were transferred to Yarlington Housing Association as affordable housing.

As part of the scheme the Duchy transferred some land for recreational purposes, including a small site to be used for allotment purposes.



The Town Council is working with Transition Town Dorchester, who are hoping to take over the site once infrastructure is completed. Jenny Shackleford of TTD says "We aim to develop a community run site where allotment holders, who we hope will be very local to the site, come together to decide how the site is run. There will be a social side to the growing. Our plan includes a space for children and each plot will be small and easily managed. We will have a secure building for tools and tea on site."

If you are interested in being part of the early planning stage please visit the Transition Town Dorchester Facebook page or by ringing Jenny on 07760 313305.

Nature Reserve Work

Following a successful bid to the Tesco "Bags of Help" programme by the Friends of the Riverside Reserve, plus funds awarded by Dorset County Councillors Trevor Jones and Richard Biggs from their divisional grant budget, work has now started on the replacement of the wooden pathway in the Nature Reserve next to the Millstream.

The works are likely to be completed by early summer, subject to weather and ground conditions over the winter period.

Section 106 Monies to be allocated

The Town Council is assisting West Dorset District Council to distribute £2 Million which has been collected over the years from developments in the town, much of which was raised from the Poundbury development.

An audit of town facilities last year identified most of the gaps in service provision in the town and also identified a wide range of projects being considered by sports, cultural and community groups. These groups have been invited to provide more information to see if they meet the strict criteria to be used to distribute the money.

If your sports, cultural or community group is considering a major capital project which directly results from the growth of the town in recent years, and you would like to make an Expression of Interest to be considered for some of the s.106 capital funding, please get in touch with a.stuart@dorchester-tc.gov.uk for more information.

County Hospital Charity Appeal

The Charity body linked to Dorset County Hospital has recently launched an appeal to raise £1.75 Million to improve services for cancer patients in the Dorchester area, supplementing a £9 Million initiative that will bring Radiotherapy services to the town for the first time.

The appeal will provide for a bespoke cancer and haematology outpatients unit to be built onto the new radiotherapy suite and will also fund improvements to the existing, much used and valued, chemotherapy suite.

Radiotherapy patients would no longer face long journeys across to Poole. Instead treatment will be available in Dorchester for a wide range of cancers. Coupled with additional high quality space for counselling, consultancy and support services, this will make a very real difference to the standards of care that the hospital will be able to offer local patients.

The appeal was launched earlier this year and, while £500,000 has already been raised, the Charity is keen to hear from anyone who can help them reach the £1.75m target.

To find out how you can get involved, or to get more information, visit www.dchft.nhs.uk/charity or contact Andrew or Rachel on 01305 253215.