

# Dorchester News

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## A brief history of the Duchy of Cornwall

The Duchy of Cornwall was created out of the former Earldom of Cornwall by Edward III in 1337 to provide an income for his heir, seven year old Edward of Woodstock who later became known as the Black Prince.

The two titles, Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, are held by the same person but are distinct. The title Prince of Wales is the older of the two, and is conferred by a special creation unlike the title of Duke of Cornwall which is hereditary and is either inherited at birth or on the accession of a new monarch to the throne, when his or her eldest son becomes Duke. Prince Charles, for example, became Duke when his mother acceded to the throne as Elizabeth II in 1952 and was created Prince of Wales on 26 July 1958 at the age of nine.

The Duchy's Poundbury development is being created on part of the old Royal Manor of Fordington which includes all the land surrounding Dorchester outside the Town Walks marking the limit of the old Roman town. The Manor of Fordington has been Duchy land since 9 July 1342!

## Wedding rings in Maumbury Rings

Dorchester's principal celebration of the wedding of HRH Prince William of Wales and Kate Middleton will take place in Maumbury Rings on Royal Wedding Day, Friday 29 April, from 10am to 4pm.

The television coverage of the wedding will be shown on a big screen television from 10am, and the Dorset County Orchestra will perform a 'Last Night of the Proms' style concert at 2pm.

The Council has bought 2000 Union Jacks which will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis to those who come along. We hope people will wave them enthusiastically during both sections of the celebration.

The Action Van will be in the Rings providing activities for children in case they get bored, and Dorchester Youth Extra will be manning a bungee run for anyone who feels energetic enough! We are encouraging everyone to bring a picnic and join in the celebration, but there will be catering outlets and a bar there for anyone who needs them.

Prince William is likely to become more important to Dorchester than he is already because, unless something unexpected happens, he will be the next Duke of Cornwall, and will be

responsible overall for the Poundbury Development. This is just one of the reasons that we think it is right to make a special effort here to celebrate his wedding.

Dorset County Orchestra's programme for the concert includes The Thieving

Magpie by Rossini, the Adagio from Spartacus (better known as the theme from the Onedin Line) by Khachachurian and, of course, Rule Britannia, Jerusalem and Land of Hope and Glory. Bronte Kirkby and Martin Weston, who both attend Thomas Hardy School, will be leading the singing on the day.

Brewery Square Developments and the Duchy of Cornwall have both agreed to sponsor the event and we are very grateful to them for their significant financial contribution.



DUCHY of CORNWALL



## Bowls Club suffers arson attack

Many of you will have seen press coverage about the fire at Dorchester Bowling Club at Sandringham Sports Centre overnight on 1 and 2 March. The fire, which is believed to be arson, started (or was started) in a wooden shed used to store equipment associated with the operation of the outdoor bowling green. It spread to the adjacent building, causing major damage to a first floor meeting room and ground floor changing rooms and lesser damage to the remainder of the interior of the building with other areas mainly suffering smoke and water damage.

The fire - the third major fire in Dorchester in six weeks or so - has meant the Club has had to cancel indoor play until the Autumn and make alternative arrangements for changing facilities for players in outdoor competitions.



The Council is pleased to help them. We operate the football pitches at Sandringham Sports Centre and we have changing rooms there for footballers, so we are allowing the Bowling Club to use them whenever they are not required for football.

The Council has a unique relationship with the Bowling Club going back over twenty years. In the latter half of the 1980s the Council was planning the development of what is now known as Sandringham Sports Centre and was proposing to construct an outdoor bowling green there. This inspired the bowlers who at that time were playing at the Borough Gardens and, in 1989 a group of them developed a project to

create a three-rink indoor bowls facility adjacent to the outdoor green. The Club was so successful that they very soon came up with an idea to build another three indoor rinks. The Council was pleased to support both phases of the project, and as well as making a substantial grant we also guaranteed the bank loans that were required to bring the dream to reality. In exchange, the agreement gives us a share of the profits from the operation of the Club for 70-odd years after the bank loans are paid off in four years time making it a good deal for everyone in Dorchester, not just bowlers.

And this all happened before the National Lottery even existed - it just goes to show what can be achieved if the right people come together with the right idea.

We wish the Bowling Club the very best in repairing the damage and getting back to their usual winning ways - we shall do everything we can to help.

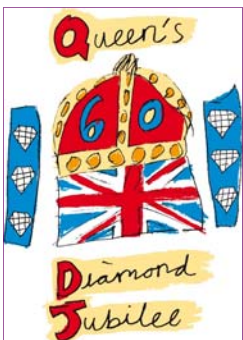


*The wrecked interior of the Dorset Room, the headquarters of the Dorset County Bowling Association*

## Dorchester - a city?

From time to time the Queen and the Government run a competition to award city status to deserving towns. The last was to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 and there will be one to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year.

The competition invites entries from towns - of whatever size - which can demonstrate that they have long and interesting histories, a distinct identity, famous residents, links with Royalty and an attractive and distinctive appearance, amongst other things. The Council believes that Dorchester can make a strong claim for city status and has decided that we should enter the competition. Of course, it is a long shot, but if we are successful we shall be one of the smallest cities in England.



Contrary to popular belief it is no longer necessary for a city to have a cathedral, so we shall not fail for that reason at least!

## Zip along to King's Road

The latest phase of development of the children's play area at King's Road Playing Field has just been completed with the installation of a new cable rider. The Council has been engaged on a programme of improvements to children's play areas for a number of years now and they are generally accepted as being amongst the best in Dorset.

We are not complacent, though, and we shall carry on looking for opportunities for further improvements when and where we can - for example, we had a suggestion that we should install an outdoor trampoline in a play area somewhere, and we are now thinking about the best place to put it.



# Some of the free events happening in 2011

## Keep me - you might need me!

**Friday 29 April - A celebration of the wedding of HRH Prince William of Wales and Miss Kate Middleton - big screen television followed by a 'Last Night of the Proms' performance by Dorset County Orchestra - 10am - 4pm - Maumbury Rings**

**Sunday 1 May - Churches Together Songs of Praise - 3pm - Maumbury Rings**

**Sunday 1 May - Dorchester Trades Union Council May Day Celebration - 12 noon - 5pm - Borough Gardens - featuring (in alphabetical order) -**  
 Bag of Rats  
 Tom Caulfield  
 Tim Ross  
 Skimmity Hitchers  
 Thomas & The Mockups  
 Elijah Wolf & Wife

**Saturday 7 May - Skatepark Birthday Celebration - 12 noon - 7pm - Dorchester Skatepark, Weymouth Avenue**

**Saturday 14 May - Family Fun Day - 10am - 4pm - Borough Gardens**

**Sunday 22 May - Bagshot Concert Band - 12 noon - Borough Gardens**

**Monday 30 May - The Crack - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens**

**Wednesday 1 June - Gypsy and Traveller Awareness Event - 12 noon - 4pm - Borough Gardens**

**Sunday 5 June - Cash Converted - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens**

**Sunday 12 June - JiggeryPipery - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens**  
 - **The New Hardy Players** present *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* - 6.30pm - Borough Gardens

**Thursday 16 June - Carers Week Tea in the Park - 10am - 4pm - Borough Gardens**

**Friday 17 June - Carnival Party In The Park - 6pm - Borough Gardens**

**Saturday 18 June - Dorchester Carnival - for more information visit [www.dorchester-carnival.co.uk](http://www.dorchester-carnival.co.uk)**

**Saturday 18 June - Red Cross Dorset 100th Anniversary Celebration - 12 noon - 4pm - Maumbury Rings**

**Saturday 18 June - State of Undress - 7pm - Borough Gardens**

**Saturday 25 June - National Childbirth Trust Cheeky Monkeys Tea Party - 11am - 2pm - Borough Gardens**

**Sunday 26 June - Teddy Bears Picnic - 12 noon - 4pm - Borough Gardens**

**Saturday 2 July - Armed Forces Day Commemoration**  
 1.15pm - March from North Square to Borough Gardens via South Street  
 2pm - Commemoration Service - Borough Gardens  
 2.30pm - Musical Entertainment with Wessex Military Band and Dorchester Big Band

**Sunday 3 July - Swingtime In The Gardens** featuring Purbeck Big Band and other jazz musicians - 2pm - 5pm - Borough Gardens

**Saturday 9 July - Durnovaria Silver Band - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens**

**Sunday 10 July - One World Festival - 11am - 4pm - King's Road Playing Field**

**Sunday 17 July - Zoe Schwarz Blue Commotion - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens**

**Saturday 23 July - Tree Fellahs - 3pm - Borough Gardens - organised by the Friends of the Borough Gardens**

**Sunday 24 July - Community Picnic - 12 noon - 2pm - Borough Gardens**

**Sunday 24 July - Durnovaria Silver Band - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens**

**Wednesday 28 July - A Celebration of Love Parks Week - 10am - 4pm - Borough Gardens - Dorset Wildlife Trust, Action Van, Punch & Judy at 12 noon and 2pm, Mill Street Jazz Band 12.30pm - 2pm**

**Saturday 30 July - Dorchester Big Band - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens**

**Sunday 31 July - Brass Monkeys - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens**

**Sunday 7 August - Fluke - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens**

**Saturday 13 August - Durnovaria Silver Band - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens**

**Sunday 14 August - Shaston Jazz & Swing - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens**

**Sunday 21 August - A Help A Friend fundraiser - 10am - 7pm - Borough Gardens - featuring (in alphabetical order) -**  
 Tom Caulfield  
 Gordon's Alive  
 Jigsaw  
 Kipper  
 On the Fiddle

**Saturday 27 August - ANONYMOUS II - Dorchester's Youth Festival - 12 noon - 9pm - Maumbury Rings**

**Sunday 28 August - Dorchester Love Parade - 1pm - 9pm - Maumbury Rings**

**Monday 29 August - Music in Maumbury Rings - 1.30pm - 10pm featuring (in alphabetical order) -**  
 Bag of Rats  
 BB Hall Band  
 Ben Waters Band  
 Crying Out Loud  
 Girl Toyz  
 Lewis & The Skaramangas

**Sunday 25 September - Bandstand Marathon - Durnovaria Silver Band - 2pm - Borough Gardens**

### Summer Saturday Live 2011

The reputation of the South Street Saturday performances is spreading far and wide. Saturdays in Dorchester always promise something special and this year is no exception. Promote Dorchester, a new community interest company set up to promote the town and its wide and varied attractions, have booked some of the best live performers in the town and community, plus special guest appearances from some of the South West's most talented roots and blues acts. From 11am until 1pm every Saturday from 2 July to 3 September the stage - location to be confirmed - will be in action bringing a lively and vibrant sound to the weekend. Look out for a list of acts to be released soon.

# Candidates in the Town Council Elections on 5 May

## East Ward

<b>Lesley Begley</b> 22 Maumbury Road DT1 1QN	The Labour and Co-operative Party Candidate
<b>Jonathan Halewood</b> 1 Kingsbere Crescent DT1 2DY	Conservative Party Candidate
<b>Timothy Charles Nelson Harries</b> 9 Brookhouse Street DT1 2GL	Liberal Democrat
<b>Enid Stella Jones</b> Syward Cottage, 35 Syward Road DT1 2AJ	Liberal Democrat
<b>Fiona Elizabeth Kent-Ledger</b> 28 Olga Road DT1 2LX	Liberal Democrat
<b>Tamara Loakes</b> 3A Holloway Road DT1 1LG	Liberal Democrat
<b>Anthony James Lyall</b> 13 St George's Road DT1 1PA	Liberal Democrat
<b>Gordon Stewardson</b> 11 Lucetta Lane DT1 2ST	
<b>Barry Thompson</b> 19 Salisbury Mews DT1 1QP	The Labour and Co-operative Party Candidate

## South Ward

<b>Tom Anderson</b> 31 Manor Road DT1 2AX	The Labour and Co-operative Party Candidate
<b>Carolyn Susan Biggs</b> 20 Bridport Road DT1 1RS	Liberal Democrat
<b>Roy Heeler</b> 3 Thornhill Close DT1 2RE	Conservative Party Candidate
<b>Tess James</b> 70 Monmouth Road DT1 2DG	Liberal Democrat
<b>Gareth Michael Jones</b> 30 Culliford Road South DT1 2AT	Liberal Democrat
<b>Robin Potter</b> 22 d'Urberville Close DT1 2JT	Liberal Democrat
<b>Molly Rennie</b> 13 Alington Road DT1 1NS	Liberal Democrat

The list of names in the top part of this page gives all the candidates who are offering themselves for election to the Town Council on 5th May together with their descriptions as they will appear on the ballot paper. For those of you who do not have a postal vote polls will be open from 7.00am to 10.00pm and, if you are on the electoral register, you will receive a poll

## North Ward

<b>Vivienne Jennifer Allan</b> 28 Somerleigh Road DT1 1TJ	Conservative Party Candidate
<b>Alan Scott-Morton Beard</b> 33 Mountain Ash Road DT1 2PB	Conservative Party Candidate
<b>Richard Martin Biggs</b> 20 Bridport Road DT1 1RS	Liberal Democrat
<b>Andrew James Canning</b> 11 Alfred Road DT1 2DW	Liberal Democrat
<b>Leonard Ernest Heath</b> 1 Maen Gardens, Culliford Road DT1 1PU	
<b>Susie Hosford</b> 1 Meadow Cottages, Martinstown DT2 9JL	Liberal Democrat
<b>David Taylor</b> 4 Normandy Way DT1 2PP	Liberal Democrat
<b>Warwick Harry Taylor</b> 22 Great Cranford Street DT1 3SQ	Conservative Party Candidate

## West Ward

<b>Karen Elizabeth Armitage</b> 58 Windsor Road DT1 2JB	Liberal Democrat
<b>David John Barrett</b> 41 Holmead Walk DT1 3GE	Independent
<b>Vicki Black</b> 4 Ashington Street DT1 3GJ	The Labour and Co-operative Party Candidate
<b>David Trevor Jones</b> Syward Cottage, Syward Road DT1 2AJ	Liberal Democrat
<b>Peter Gordon Mann</b> 13 Beech Court DT1 1DX	Liberal Democrat
<b>Lee Rhodes</b> 6 Marie Road DT1 2LE	The Labour and Co-operative Party Candidate
<b>David Stanley Roberts</b> 14 Swan Bridge Park DT1 1ND	Liberal Democrat

card from West Dorset District Council a few days before the election telling you where to vote if you haven't had it already.

As well as elections to the Town Council the 5 May will also see elections to the District Council and the referendum on the proposed changes to the electoral system from first-past-the-post to alternative vote.

*Make sure you use your vote!*