

Dorchester News

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Summer 2011



Dead and vandalised trees

You probably know that there are a number of diseases in evidence at present which are adversely affecting trees throughout the country, and Dorchester is no exception. The current low rainfall level will be putting additional stress on trees and they also, unfortunately, suffer vandalism from time to time.

Dorset County Council is responsible for trees in the public highway, the Town Council is responsible for trees on our land and Magna are responsible for a relatively small number of trees on their land.

We carry out periodic inspections of our trees but as the County Council can only inspect their trees every three years they rely on information from members of the public and would welcome your help in notifying them of any concerns which you have about the condition of, or damage to, highway trees.

If you notice any problems please inform the County Council's Arboricultural Manager, Steve Maros, on 01305 228159 or e-mail S.Maros@dorsetcc.gov.uk.

If you have any concerns about any other public (non-highway) trees in the town please tell us by phoning 01305 266861 or by e-mail to admin@dorchester-tc.gov.uk. We will arrange for the issue to be addressed if the tree in question is one of ours or pass the concerns on to Magna if necessary.

A bumper August Bank Holiday weekend

We didn't have a very good start with our entertainment programme in the Borough Gardens because the first few events were badly affected by the weather - some were cancelled, and the audience at others was massively reduced because it rained.



Hopefully the weather will have sorted itself out by the end of August, though, because the Bank Holiday weekend from 26 to 29 August looks like being Dorchester's best ever!

The Chamber of Commerce are organising a French Market in South Street on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



On the Saturday, Promote Dorchester are staging 'The Million Dollar Bash' in South Street at 11am.

ANONYMOUS 11, Dorchester's very own youth festival, will take place in Maumbury Rings from noon to 9pm, and popular Celtic folk-rock band JiggeryPipery, who feature an interesting mix of instruments including bouzouki, fiddle and the great highland bagpipe, will be performing in the Borough Gardens from 2.30pm.

Sunday sees Dorchester Love Parade, ending at Maumbury Rings where there will be a range of entertainment from 1pm to 9pm and, for those who like something just a little different, one of the best ukulele bands in Britain, The Anything Goes Orchestra, will be performing in the Borough Gardens at 2.30pm. If you are thinking about George Formby, don't! Their music is completely different to what you might expect!



And Monday will see the annual Music Day in Maumbury Rings, which grows in popularity from year to year, from 1.30pm to 10pm. Artists appearing this year (in alphabetical order) are Bag of Rats, The BB Hall Band, the Ben Waters Band, Crying Out Loud, Girl Toyz and Lewis & The Sound of the Suburbs.

All the events are free - all in all, a whole host of good reasons to be in Dorchester that weekend!

Have a look at the back page to see what else is happening.



Some of the free events happening in 2011

Keep me - you might need me!

Saturday 2 July - The BB Hall Band - 11am - South Street

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

Friday 8 July & Sunday 9 July - Italian Street Market - South Street

Saturday 9 July - Rory Ellis & Alex Roberts - 11am - South Street

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

Sunday 10 July - The New Hardy Players present *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* - 6.30pm - Borough Gardens

Saturday 16 July - Lil Dreads & R Central - 11am - South Street

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

Thursday 21 July - Sunday 24 July - Tunisian Street Market - South Street

Saturday 23 July - Andy Grant Trio - 11am - South Street

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 - 2pm - Borough Gardens

Wednesday 27 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 - Tim Graham - 11am - South Street

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

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

Saturday 6 August - Geoff Miller Band - 11am - South Street

Sunday 7 August - Fluke - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens

Saturday 13 August - Tia Roos & Barney - 11am - South Street

Saturday 13 August - Durnovaria Silver Band - 2pm - Borough Gardens

Sunday 14 August - The Crack - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens

Saturday 20 August - Elephant Talk - 11am - South Street

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

Friday 26 August - Sunday 28 August - French Street Market - South Street

Saturday 27 August - The Million Dollar Bash - 11am - South Street

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

Saturday 27 August - JiggeryPipery - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens

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

Sunday 28 August - The Anything Goes Orchestra - 2.30pm - Borough Gardens

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 Sound of the Suburbs

Saturday 3 September - Steve Banks & Phil Clouts Jazz - 11am - South Street

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

Tess is new Mayor

Councillor Tess James took over as Town Mayor from Councillor Leslie Phillips MBE at the annual Mayor Making ceremony in the Corn Exchange on 23 May.

Tess has been on the Council since 2007, was re-elected in May, and represents South Ward. She lives on Monmouth Road with her husband Roland Tarr and her chickens.

An active Quaker, before she retired Tess was Children's Therapy Manager at Dorset County Hospital. She has a particular interest in musical activities and twinning and is looking forward to meeting people from Dorchester's three twin towns, Bayeux in France, Lübbecke in Germany and Holbæk in Denmark during her year of office.

Tess will support as many local charities and organisations as she can during the year but has singled out Mediation Dorset, Footprints and Dorset Nightstop for her particular focus.

