

DORCHESTER NEWS

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Mayor Janet Hewitt with husband David and grandson Warwick

NEW MAYOR FOR THE TOWN

In May Councillor Janet Hewitt was elected Mayor of Dorchester.

Janet has lived in Dorchester since 1963 and was first elected to the Council in 2015. Known by many for her passion for teaching swimming, she now also teaches lifesaving and first aid.

Janet will be supported by Husband, David and her grandson Warwick Dabbs as Mayor's Consorts and also Councillor Gareth Jones as Deputy Mayor.

Her chosen charities for her Mayoral year are Wessex Life Saving, Cancer Research, Research into Parkinson's Disease, and support to Ukrainian families living in our Town.

If you have an event and would like Janet to attend, please download a mayoral engagement form from our website.

You can also watch a film of the Mayor Making ceremony – the link is on the front page of the Council's website.

STEVE NEWMAN THE NEW TOWN CLERK

Steve Newman has been appointed as the Council's new Town Clerk taking over from Adrian Stuart who served in the role for the past nine years. Steve was appointed following a rigorous recruitment process and has already started in the job.

Steve brings a wealth of experience to the post having been the town's Deputy Town Clerk for some years and before that having worked at Bournemouth Borough Council and Dorset County Council.

Asked about his appointment Steve commented 'I am honoured to be given this opportunity to support the Council in serving the residents of Dorchester. I am excited to be working with a team of Councillors and officers who are dedicated to making the town the best it can be.'

The Town Clerk is the Council's 'Proper Officer' and is responsible for strategic management and development, liaison with other authorities, Council meetings and Policy Committee.



Town Clerk Steve Newman

TOWN EVENTS - THIS SUMMER

Wednesday 27th July – Love Parks
11am, Borough Gardens

Saturday 30th July - May Day Trade Union Confederation
10.30am, Borough Gardens

Sunday 31st July – Home of the Hillforts and Henges
10am, Maumbury Rings

Sunday 31st July – DJ Hurricane T, Drumming + Live Music
12 noon, Borough Gardens

Saturday 6th August – Laura Sharley
2pm, Borough Gardens

Sunday 7th August – Tony Lowe
2pm, Borough Gardens

Saturday 13th August – Library Gets Lively
11am, Borough Gardens

Saturday 13th August – Damaris Fowler
2pm, Borough Gardens

Sunday 14th August - Watkins & Swarbrick Band
2pm, Borough Gardens

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th August –
Bounce Around
TBC, The Great Field

Wednesday 17th August -
Family Art and Activities Houseworks Dorset CIC
8am, Borough Gardens

Saturday 20th August – Cider Festival
3pm, Borough Gardens

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st August – Vegan Market
10am, Maumbury Rings

Sunday 21st August – Tony Lowe
2pm Borough Gardens

Saturday 27th August – Open Air Cinema
From 2pm, Maumbury Rings

Monday 29th August – Anonymous Festival
11am, Borough Gardens

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September – Tony Lowe
2pm, Borough Gardens

Saturday 10th September –
DJ Hurricane T + Stickleback Jack
12 noon, Borough Gardens

Stay up to date via: discoverdorchester.co.uk

DORCHESTER'S SUMMER OF SUNFLOWERS

Dorchester is being taken over by beautiful bright sunflowers this summer to raise money for Dorset County Hospital's Kingfisher Children's Unit and Cherkasy Hospital in Ukraine.

Visitors and residents are invited to come to the town centre to see the sunflower sculptures suspended across South Street, and view the spectacular sunflower themed shop windows across the town. Then, in August, there will then be a scenic walking route leading you out to Maiden Castle Farm's Dorset Sunflower Trail! This amazing spectacle is back again this summer.

We are funding the town centre sunflower sculptures and organising the sunflower shop window display competition. We hope that the sunflowers will add a welcoming vibrancy to the town this summer and put smiles on everyone's faces.



Summer of sunflowers logo

TOUR OF BRITAIN

Dorset is hosting a stage in the prestigious Tour of Britain this September and the riders will be passing through Dorchester during the race stage on Saturday 10th September.

There will be rolling road closures where the traffic will be stopped briefly while the bikes travel through the town.

This is a great opportunity to show off our wonderful town to an audience of over 30 million people worldwide who watch the race on TV each year. We look forward to seeing lots of Dorchester residents lining the route to cheer on the cyclists.

Keep up to date with what's on in the town: listen to your volunteer run, not for profit, community radio station from Dorchester, covering central-southern Dorset.

Online at Keep106.com



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BANK HOLIDAY OPEN AIR CINEMA



This August bank holiday we are holding some FREE community events!

If you love open-air cinema, then join us on Saturday the 27th of August at Maumbury Rings. We will be showing not one, but two films - both will be family friendly but our first film will be chosen particularly with younger children in mind. On the day, get there early (from around 2pm) to find a good spot. You are welcome to bring a blanket or chair as well as your own food - or enjoy the delicious movie snacks, hot food and non-alcoholic drinks that will be available on-site. The exact event times are to be announced soon - keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details. Check out our second FREE bank holiday event below!

ANONYMOUS FESTIVAL IS BACK!

Anonymous will be celebrating its 12th anniversary! Join us on the bank holiday Monday, 29th August between 11am - 5pm at the Borough Gardens. If you are looking for something to do that is FREE on the bank holiday Monday, then why not come along? This is a fun family event showcasing some amazing young local musicians.

Our fantastic artists will be performing in many different styles and genres, with music to suit all tastes. There will be lots of other things to explore and take part in as well including games, activities, crafts, and workshops. We will also have range of yummy food and drinks sellers joining us too! We are really grateful to our partners and funders who have helped to make the event happen. Thank you to ANTIX Music Network, Air 107.2, Dorset Council and The National Lottery Fund. Also be sure to stay up to date via our socials...

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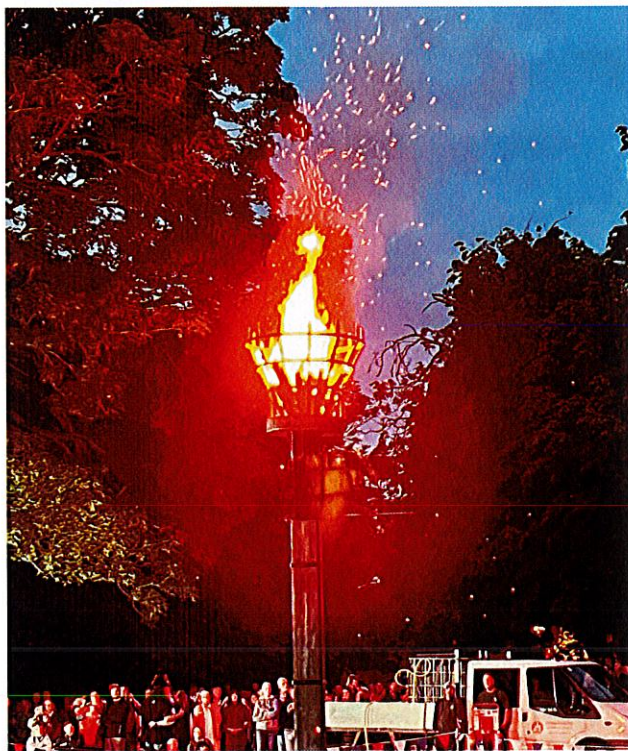
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PLATINUM JUBILEE WEEKEND

Dorchester certainly knows how to celebrate a Jubilee! The family jubilee event held in the Borough Gardens was hugely popular with children and families enjoying a raft of free activities from crown crafting to Punch and Judy. Later that same day a good crowd gathered at Salisbury Fields to light the town's beacon.

On the Saturday the giant screen was in the Gardens with an afternoon of royal programming prior to the main event which was the live broadcast of the Platinum Party at the Palace - the weather just about held with the thunder and lightning coming in just half an hour after the concert finished.

Sunday saw a raft of street parties taking place around the town - it was a fantastic weekend and a jubilee not to be forgotten.



Beacon lighting at Salisbury Fields. Photo credit Sarah Stockham

COUNCILLOR CONTACTS

Phone and e-mail contact details for Ward councillors for the Town Council and the Dorset Council are available on our website, www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk




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THE GAP PROJECT

It's been a very exciting start to 2022 for The GAP Project. They officially achieved charity status earlier in the year, enabling the project to be completely independent, with all monies raised used by the project for the benefit of Dorchester and the surrounding areas. The project's main objective is to relieve the needs of those suffering from stress, anxiety and mental health conditions by offering support through holistic, ecotherapy garden based and horticultural activities. They are currently preparing for their move to Red Cow Farm at Lubbecke Way, getting the land ready and talking to other local charities and organisations about collaboration.

The project when completed will have a shared area of raised beds, herb gardens and a polytunnel with a wheelchair friendly path to provide access so as to be as inclusive as possible, along with ten separate garden plots.

They will be looking for volunteers and funding for specific areas of the gardens. Please get in touch with Claire Meyer if you can help on 07880803366.

 [thegapprojectcharity](https://www.facebook.com/thegapprojectcharity)



Planting at Red Cow Farm

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS UPDATE

The refurbishments and climate mitigation works are nearing completion, the biomass boiler is in place and solar panels due to be installed in August, significantly reducing the buildings hefty carbon footprint. The Council is applying to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for a loan up to a maximum of £700,000 to complete this £1.6 million project. The loan will be financed with funds previously earmarked for the development with no increase in the precept as a result. Dorchester Arts has taken over the running of the building, for details on future shows and room hire visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk



SUMMER OF FUN @ DORCHESTER ARTS

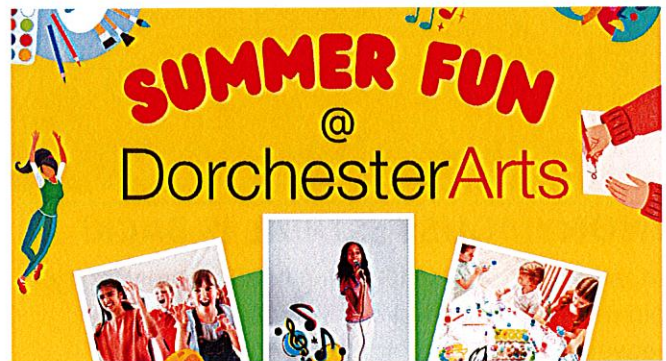
Join Dorchester Arts between the 25th – 29th July, 9am – 3pm each day at the Corn Exchange.

A fun action-filled week packed full of music, drama, dance and creative workshops for 8-18 year olds.

Book for individual workshops or come and join us all week. Please see website,

www.dorchesterarts.org.uk for more details.

Children and young people with a Summer in Dorset code are able to book on to the workshops for FREE and this includes a hot meal. You will be contacted after booking for your unique passcode to be provided.



Summer Fun at Dorchester Arts

UPDATE YOUR CEMETERIES INFORMATION

Do you own an Exclusive Right of Burial at one of the Council's Cemeteries?

If you do it is important that we have your up to date contact details in case we need to speak with you about your grave.

If your details have changed since the purchase or transfer of the ERB please let us know so that we may update our records. Please send your revised details to admin@dorchester-tc.gov.uk

MAUMBURY RINGS SUMMER THEATRE - DORCHESTER ARTS

Friday 29th July 7pm - Wuthering Heights
Performed by Sisata

Sunday 7th August 5pm - The Three Musketeers
Performed by Boxtree Productions

Saturday 13th August 6pm - Awful Auntie
Performed by Heartbreak Productions

Friday 26th August 5pm - Wind in the Willows
Performed by Calf2Cow Theatre

To book:

Visit www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or phone 01305 266926