# **Dulverton Voice**

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### Welcome to issue 41

Welcome to issue 41 a whole range of items, plus more about the WALL, it is getting silly but not as difficult as St LAURENCE Church Reading who have had to wait 30 years! - Enjoy the issue

# Thankyou

People ask why live in Dulverton? well let me tell you why. It has been a difficult few weeks for a number of families.

The help they have recived has been wonderful, and I would like to pass on my thanks

As many may know that I have been and still are in hospital, I was moved to Willton as Wendy was admitted to Musgrove. With the next day being our 49th wedding anniversary. As luck had it, I was sent to Musgrove for tests on the day and they arranged for us to have a 10 minute party and we hope you enjoy the photo. From the Voice point of view our thanks go to Claire and Chris (Nelder) for all their work to get last months issue out.



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## **Our Medical Centre**

Much news from our centre, Dr Will Morgen has joined the practice, he is GP Registrar and will be with the practice for year.

From this month they will have a full complement of GP partners, for the first time in a few years.

The Partners are Dr Andrea Trill - Dr Pete Byass - Dr Kelsey Boddington and the Practice Manager Mrs Kathryn Kyle.

Now they are back to full strength they are going on the fund raising trail. This time by undertaking/taking part in the Mission **Unbreakable** in aid of the North Devon Hospice who are running this event.

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### **Great comedy in Dulverton**

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and that's what we had when From Here to Absurdity performed their show in August in the Town Hall to a packed and very appreciative audience. There aren't many live comedy sketch shows around - these days most comedians are of the stand up style, so this provided us with references including several post-Brexit ones,





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# Shortand Sweet

Sorry – We promised you part 2 of the Dulverton Schools story but we will have to wait till October.



Last month we met Christine Nelder – it is sad to report that she is unwell and in hospital - we wish her a full recovery.

Family and Toddlers WILL continue starting on Tuesday 13th September, 10am to noon at the Congregational Hall, unfortunatly Wendy will not be down for a while but the team will be as before.



**1 Church Lane** we wish the new owner, who we have been told is from Spain an enjoyable time in Dulverton

Dog Poo Whilst things are much improved there are reports that the problem has got worse in Jury Road – please keep your eyes open and report offenders - to do so use the post box on the chemists wall.

Sorry I forgot – Do you remember Tegan? She was the young lady who's chicken laid a mini egg and the story was taken from the Voice by a number of regional and one national paper.

Well it seems not only does she keep chickens, but has part of the garden to grow vegtables and she grew them - winning 8 firsts at the **Junior Produce Show!** 

It was a great show which showed just how many future gardiners we have and many people to help and support them.

Goodbye – to Noel Sexton of Webbers who is leaving us for new challenges and we wish him well, and welcome back Napoleon Wilcox who will oversee the office.

The bad and the downright ugly! A disapointment after last months issue, no one came forward to identify the guy breaking into someones home.

We are lucky to live in a low crime area so lets keep it that way with "the Town" all working together. Calling all Quizzers - Dulverton by Starlight is the last major "Town" event left now (as the others are not running) and it is expensive to run so even it you are not a Quizzer why not make a team and have FUN as well helping Starlight - Wednesday 23rd November in the Town hall - details on the posters inTown.

Keith Ross – Our thoughts go to him and we wish him a speedy recovery following breaking his collar bone when he came off his cycle.

To The Knit and Natter Group at the Library a BIG sorry we got their dates wrong. It meets at the Library at 2pm on the last Friday of the month – why not pop in - its FUN for all.







The toiletless town... What a bad name for our town, there have been time after time problems with our "Superloos" and it is the goodwill of traders, cafes, pubs and the people of the Town, who helped many a visitor.

### However the latest problems takes the cake

6 loos and only one working, so what is the answer? Yes you are right! Go and get a roll of fencing and bulid a fence to close off the 5 not working!

Now this comes on top of the true story, the 3 old ladies stuck in the Lavatory and the Hairdresser!

Armed only with screwdriver - he released them to continue on their day out.

Something has to be done but what?

The loos are provided by West Somerset Council

This a serious problem and need to be sorted QUICKLY

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# THE WALL

We have been promised details of when the work will start for 5 years or more! This time we had it cracked... the tenders would be opened at the Council meeting... and away we go

Yes readers another fairy tale.

After following the letter of the law, 3 months waiting, newspaper ads - THE LOT.

Only one wished to quote and only for the original plan, which had been on the table years ago.

So Nick, our Council Chairman, mailed the Chancellor to report what had happened and received what could be read as an unkind reply.

Having followed this "project" for almost 5 years I know that Dulverton Town Council have followed the correct rules for such councils.

SO WE ARE STILL AWAITING THE REPAIR SO WE CAN USE THIS PATH

So much for the loss of the path, what about the COST? Over £6,000 to date and the quote is £51,000, over £60,000 YES £60,000 our money £40 for every man woman and child.





St Laurence Church wall will finally be repaired after around 30 years of being held up by scaffolding.

The church has had scaffolding on it since the 1980s, but Reading Borough Council has now given permission for parts of the wall to be demolished and rebuilt

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# D - Day = Decision Day for West Somerset Council (WSC) is 7th September 2016.

On that day in a few weeks time a Full council meets with councillors being asked to support the recommendation of the Leader of WSC Councils to dissolve its self. This is known as option 2.

This follows last month's similar decision by Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC). If WSC votes to follow the same path the two councils will stand down and a new authority will be formed out of the ashes in time for the next election. All existing assets come under the new council's control.

WSC current financial problems have not been helped by:

- 1. The forced repayment of Hinkley Point business rates (nearly £2M) conveniently it was forgotten that WSC never received them in the first place but still had to find the repayment.
- 2. By being discriminated against by being a rural area through an unfair rating scheme where rural areas get some 45% (£131) less per person compared to urban areas.

WSC over the last few years has been "SOLD DOWN THE RIVER" by central government and this was confirmed earlier this year when WSC leaders met Local Government Minister Marcus Jones and asked for help with their financial difficulties and paid for the privilege, to be told in person to go away! – WSC problems were not their concern.

The alternatives are bleak – no services springs to mind, which way will the vote go, Option1, 2 or 3, only time will tell and 7th September is just around the corner.



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### The Launch - Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation Trust

Has any one seen where we put the paddles?

On 24th August 2016 the Trustees & Patron, The Rt Hon, The Lord Dulverton were gathered at Dulverton Weir head to launch the Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation Trust (DW&LCT).

This became registered as a Charitable Trust in 2016 and is an accumulation of the efforts of local people and wider interest groups who have been working to save Dulverton's medieval weir and leat from collapse with an aim to restore them to good condition and conserve them for future generations. See more - http://dulvertonweir.org.uk/



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# Launch of The **Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation** Trust

At the time of going to press, preparations are well advanced for the launch of The **Dulverton Weir & Leat Conservation Trust** (DWLCT).



















# Dulventon & District Flowen and Produce Show

There was a very full Town Hall on Saturday, August 20th, as vegetables, flowers, home produce and crafts were on show. Lovingly prepared onions, carrots, beans and so on gave the judge some difficult choices. High standards of baking, preserving and brewing were evident again in the Home Produce sections and in the Flower classes entries had defied the early poor weather to provide some stunning results.

Crafts and Photography entries were judged as excellent, with some interesting new classes. As always, the refreshment corner, with tea and home made cake did a roaring trade and the popular auction and raffle made for a most enjoyable afternoon, ending with the prize giving with Chris Nelder presenting the cups.







# Meet Jane Brimblecombe Brimblecombe

What gives you most satisfaction in your working life My lovely shop and finding new things to interest my customers

What challenges do you face Competing with the internet companies

If you had a magic wand.... This is where I should say world peace and a cure for cancer however long legs and a small fortune would be nice.

What three things do you need to be a success Vision, commitment, belief.

What changes would you like to see in the next five years For all the commercial premises in Dulverton to be prospering.

Who inspires you Jo Malone, Nicky Kinnaird and Liberty

**How do you generate new ideas** Be open to current trends

If you had a chance to start over what would you do differently Work harder, spend less

If you were to give someone starting a business advice what would it be If it were a retail business, have enough capital to start you off, plan for mistakes, be creative.

What makes you happy My life in Dulverton If you were an animal, what animal would you like to be An owl

What do you do to relax I could say yoga, sudoku or playing bridge but I really like going to the pub with my friends

Do you have hobbies Bridge, cooking,

How do you manage your time By pacing myself

Is there anywhere on the planet you would like to go Bhutan

What 4 persons alive or dead, would you invite to dinner Bette Midler, David Sedaris and any of my friends



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**Every Monday** Linda London Move, Tone & Go 7pm. Middle school

Every Tuesday & Thursday-Tennis 6.30pm & Every Saturday 2.30pm

at the Sports Club -Coaching Mondays Juniors 6pm Adults 7pm cost £2

Zumba Dance – 5.30pm – Town Hall **Every Monday** Every Tuesday -Squash Club Night 6/9pm - Sportsfield Every Tuesday -Family and Toddler Group 10am to Noon -

Congregational Hall during term time

Every Tuesday -Dulverton Dance - Town Hall 10.45am

Netball Training - 6.30pm at the Middle School -Every Thursday -1st Tuesday -Carers Support Meeting - 2.30/4pm - Medical centre

Mothers Union 10am service in Church 1st Wednesday of the month

10.30 coffee in the Lion.

Last Wednesday of the Month

Every Thursday. Every Thursday.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month Last Thursday of the month

Last Friday

1st Friday of the month

2nd Friday of the month Last Friday of the month

U3A 10.15am Community Centre (not Aug & Dec) Linda London Tone & Groan 6pm. Middle school Linda London Step & Sweat 7.15pm, Middle School Friends of Dulverton Library -meet in the library at 2.00pm

Somerset age at the library 10am to noon

Knit and Natter Group - 2.00pm in the library

Dulverton Library Book Group meet in the library at 2pm Dulverton Library Crafting Group meet in the library at 2pm

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**Murder at the Ball –** A Murder Mystery evening – 17th Septenber - 7pm

in the Town Hall – Tickets from the Post Office  $(323\ 474)$  - £10

Dress for the occasion - if you wish

**Made in Minehead –** they enter their 53rd season with 2 concerts at the Minehead Methodist Church on 7th October and 18th November

Details from The Regal Theatre – 01643 706 430

**U3A** – 28th September – 1015 for 1030am – a talk a Fishers Mead Centre

**Dulverton Characters by Paul Haslam** 

**Dulverton Group Exmoor Society** at the Congregation Hall on 22nd September at 7.30pm.

A talk by Rob WILSON- NORTH
The Mining and Mystery of ring Wheal Eliza

#### **Dulverton Films - in the Town Hall**

**Tickets** from the Post Office (323 474) or janross2003@yahoo.co.uk

Friday 9th September – **Youth 15** – (cert 15)
Friday 23rd September – **Sunset Song** – (cert 15)

Bar opens 7pm Film at 730m

### **Dulverton Action Group**

Litter-Picking – 10.30am meet at the Heritage Centre

All weeklies - help to keep Dulverton looking great

#### Vintage Film Club

14th September 3pm at Fishers Mead

**Meet me in St Louis –** Starring July Garland – 1944

**Messy Church** back the last Saturday of September – watch out of details (324 395)



### Our New Councellor - Malcolm Neale

I came to live near Dulverton from Hampshire four years ago to where I'd previously had a hairdressing business and also the honour of being part of Petersfield Council for a number of years.

Having realised there was a need for a barbershop in Dulverton it seems the ideal place to have a business and a way of becoming part of a community in such a lovely town.

It wasn't long before the opportunity arose not only to be part of the community but to help preserve, enhance and give something more to the town by becoming a town councillor.

Hopefully with my skills in business I look forward not only being a voice for traders but also to be forward thinking giving Dulverton and its town people a helping hand.



# Our New Councellor - Ian Fleming

Ian Fleming who has lived in Dulverton for sixteen years with his wife and two sons, re-joined the Dulverton Town Council in February this year having previously served for four years between 2008 and 2012. He is the Chair of The Town Management Committee and serves on two other council committees.





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### **Dulverton Sports!**



Dulverton Tennis Club clinched the Division 3 championship of the West Somerset League with a 9-0 win against Minehead c.

In front of a large crowd that witnessed some excellent competitive tennis Dulverton achieved their ninth win with only one defeat.

Superbly captained by Harry Harrison Dulverton finally achieved there promotion target after a close play off defeat to Wellington last year.

Stephen Ridler



Photo from left to right: Alison Morrisssey, Steve Ridler, Susie & Ben Wessely & Harry Harrison.
Thanks also to Jane Hall, Ali, Chloe Puttock & Jamie

# **Dulverton Sports Field**

The Sports Field in Millham Lane is, we think, one of those special places when you look at the surrounding scenery. It is home to the well supported Tennis Club, Squash Club, Football Club and Cricket Club. There is a purpose built Pavilion, which is also used for meetings and functions. We are lucky to have such good facilities for sport in our town.

So how is it owned and managed? The whole area is owned by the Town Council, but day to day management is the responsibility of the Sports Field Management Committee, consisting of members of the Football, Cricket, Tennis, Squash and Sports and Social Clubs. The maintenance of most of the grounds is undertaken by the Town Council, who organise, for example, regular mowing of the cricket outfield and football pitch. The Town Council has bought, this year, a dedicated mower for that purpose, and already the outfield is showing considerable improvement.

However, when it comes to the cricket square (where the individual wickets for matches are prepared), maintenance and turf management falls to the cricket club. They have a specialised cylinder mower for the fine mowing required, and other kit (motorised roller, scarifier, rakes etc) to help. But it relies entirely on a few volunteers, co-ordinated by the cricket club, to undertake the mowing, rolling, hole-filling, raking, marking and other jobs necessary to produce match-ready wickets.

The Cricket Club would like to have a few more volunteers to keep the cricket square and match wickets to the standard needed. Do you, or someone you know, have an interest in turf management? And/or could you spare some time to help with the various jobs? If you think you might be interested, please contact Rob Dubery, Christine Dubery (323474) or Ken Warren (324411). We'd be very pleased to hear from you.

Ken Warren, Chairman, Dulverton Cricket Club.







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Project	324169	Women's Institute	323142
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