

Welcome to issue 24

Welcome to issue 24, a lot in this issue – Our Schools, we hope our front page clarifies the current position, still problems re the road surface see page 3 and many interesting and good news stories. We hope you enjoy the issue.



for the IEB and will be able to give you more information after the Easter break. They will ensure that when it is in place the IEB will establish effective mechanisms for engaging with the parent/carer and the community.

In the meantime, and in the absence of a Governing Body, senior Officers of the County Council will be working with the Headteacher of the Federation to ensure that it continues to run effectively until the IEB is in place. Until then all decisions that would otherwise have been taken by the Governing Body will be taken by Local Authority Officers in consultation with the Headteacher of the Federation.

If you have any questions about this then please speak to the Headteacher in the first instance. They will be arranging a meeting for parent/ carers early in the summer term to discuss this and any other matters they wish to raise.

The news release correctly states, a new West Somerset Academies Trust received the seal of approval by the Regional Commissioner for Schools, Sir David Carter on the 17th March. This approval paves the way, subject to Governing Body approval, for the 3 schools of Dulverton Middle, All Saints CofE and Exford CofE First Schools to become academies and join Minehead Middle School in a multi-academy trust, which could be in place by September 2015.

We understand the new Interim Executive Board will be looking at 4 main items - The Education of the Children – The Community – 2 or 3 Tier – The West Somerset Academies Trust.

*To read the entire letter - <http://www.dulvertontowncouncil.co.uk/index.php?2013-12-14-11-12-10>

Last week saw more news when a joint news release was sent out by The Diocese of Bath & Wells and the next day Somerset County Council sent a letter* to all parents/carers, about the future of the Exmoor Federation made up of Dulverton Middle School, All Saints First School and Exford.

The Governing Body has decided to stand down with immediate effect to allow the Local Authority to appoint an Interim Executive Board (IEB) to take over the strategic management of the Federation.

The County Council letter states that they are in the process of contacting prospective members

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The staff at our bank took it in turns to ride an exercise bike all day in aid of Comic Relief and managed 120 kilometres and raising exactly £261, giving away a few cakes on the way.

Thank you to Mark and Debbie Wright for lending them the bike and to all who donated the money

Sara ran her first Half Marathon in Bideford, on the Sunday before, and finished in 2 hours and 12mins. Must be mad but well done.

Bogtastic

Four Exmoor community groups have received donations totalling £1000 thanks to the Bogtastic Festival held at Simonsbath.

Our Dulverton & District Young People's Project was one of the recipients. Jude Atkins, the Project leader, highlighted how the projects

young people "had learnt so much as well as having a lot of fun!" Bogtastic is always a real hit with the group."

This year's event is on Wednesday 29 July, visit the National Park's website, <http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/visiting/events> for details or contact David 322 164 to be involved

Planning

Marsh Hall - 4 Town Marsh –Proposed new bathroom window

3 Amory Road – Proposed extension to the house – Resubmission of lapsed approval

No Road Closures notified

Jury Road and the B3223 Higher Coombe

A spokesman for Somerset County Council said: "We have previously acknowledged problems with the resurfacing at these locations and will be carrying out inspections on site in April. Following that, our contractor will return in the summer to make any necessary repairs at no cost to the taxpayer. We apologise for the delay, but unfortunately work cannot take place in winter as surface dressing is weather dependent and can only be carried out in dry and warm conditions."

This statement raises a number of questions, after the inspection, such as why did it happen, if residents and/or business want to make a claim, to whom do they address the claim and finally the question that has been ask for months about the dust - was it safe?

Also the problems were raised within days of the work being completed why was action not taken at once?

For the record only a week or so ago an older lady said she was worried about walking down the road because she was slipping on the stone (We know the sweeper is being used) but there are still a lot of stones

The mild winter has helped, if we had more cold weather or snow there would be further problems.

Our photo taken last Saturday 28th clearly shows the stone on the path and the damaged surface.



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ORIGINAL MILL GEAR CASTING PATTERNS FOUND

Dr Matt Edgeworth from Leicester University visited Dulverton to see the Leat and Weir watermill landscape; this led to the discovery of the original mill wheel casting patterns.

Dr. Edgeworth explained. "The patterns would have been pressed into sand to make moulds into which molten cast iron was poured to make gearwheels attached to the waterwheel." "When the casting was finished the patterns would have been put somewhere safe so that they could be used again to make spare parts if required. In this case they were put in the roof space at the laundry where they were found them some 200 or 300 years later.

Clearly Dulverton was a major industrial town for a significant period of time before its renaissance as a sporting/tourist town in the later 1800's."

The Dulverton watermill landscape will feature in an academic paper to be published in Indianapolis in the USA later this year. Dr Edgeworth and Dulverton Leat and Weir Group will shortly be collaborating on an academic article to be published in 'British Archaeology'.

Dulverton Laundry Owner Sue Pugsley commented "Some of my staff told me that they had seen some old looking cog wheels in the roof space, but I had never been up there to look. We were all thrilled when Dr. Edgeworth and members of the Dulverton Leat and Weir Group lowered the patterns down into the factory through an access hatch. It's a real piece of Dulverton history."



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100 Years 1914

A letter dated October 15th from Dr. G. F. Sydenham the school correspondent was read, stating "that gardening was on the school curriculum and the Headmaster was in charge".

Ed's note: The school referred to was "Top School" the only Church school at the time and gardening is still on the school curriculum.

50 Years 1968

A letter was read from the Telephone Manager, Taunton, regarding the difficulty experienced by the elderly in using the kiosks in Dulverton because of long calls made by young people.

The letter stated that during the next year, the Subscriber Trunk Dialling facilities were to be provided at Dulverton, and all local calls were to be timed. It was hoped that this system would deter the youngsters from long distance calls.

Ed's note: Young people then still needed the long personal calls that they make on their mobiles today. Not forgetting that those young people then are 60/70 today! And the oldies like me were not allowed to use the telephone as a youngster that is if you were lucky enough to live in a house with a telephone

25 Years 1985

A member informed the Council, that the Time Switch mechanism controlling the street lights at the bottom of High Street had been behaving in a very erratic manner. The Clerk to inform the Somerset County Council.

Ed's note: We all know that 25 years on, they still behave badly, not only in High Street, but in other parts of Town as well.

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Dulverton by Starlight 2015

At the meeting to review the 2014 Starlight it was agreed to hold Starlight this year on Sunday 6th December

A number of positives came out of the well-attended meeting, most of the committee will continue for another year and there will be at least one new face. A small surplus was made giving with the funds carried forward, a float of almost £3000. It was felt that there were slightly less visitors to last year's event.

They started a review of where things will take place and have booked the upstairs of the Town Hall.

What was really good about the meeting was the enthusiasm of the group and the ideas put forward for the future.



Watch the top local players

The Tiverton snooker league are playing their counterparts from Minehead at our snooker club on **Friday 10th April at 7pm**, there will be some of the best players in the area in the teams so we should see some first class snooker.

The Club which has two excellent tables, are laying on a free buffet and their bar will be open, entry is free.

The club which started in 1902 has just gained 5 new members and would welcome more, this special evening will let you see just what is on offer.

Our picture show the club secretary at play.

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Short and Sweet

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 **Dulverton Duck 2015. Following the article last month the ducks are flying off the shelves and The Thrift Shop has sold over 200 so far! And all for a good cause and still some for sale – Well Done**

 **The Heritage Centre Quiz –** Thank you to all who participated and helped to make the success of the evening in the Town Hall last month. The Heritage Centre raised £700 and they hope those who attended enjoyed the event.

 **Beacon bus 398** Tiverton to Minehead via Bampton & Dulverton

Beacon buses have confirmed that they will not be re-applying for their licence to operate this route. They will cease as from 18th April.

Good news Devon County Council has tenders out for this route. They also say that the new operator,

whoever they are, will have one week's handover thereby allowing no break in service provision.

 **The Exmoor Pony Centre -** Easter Open Day is on **Sunday 5th April** from 11:00 till 3:00 with an Easter Egg Hunt, meet the ponies, refreshments, crafts and for over 4's, pony rides. Please look at their website www.exmoorponycentre.org.uk for further details about future events and more about the work they do to preserve and promote these wonderful ponies.

 **Wimbledon -** Living History day - **Saturday 11th April** - Bow making, archery, bush craft, pre-roman re-enactment society (Dumnonika). Please call 37460 to book and for further details.

 **Secret Gardens of Dulverton –** It is confirmed that it will take place this year on **Sunday 21st June** – there is still room for a couple more gardens, so if you want to be part of this exciting event contact Christine at the Post Office.

 **We have been asked to say Thank You - to Betty & Chris Nelder,** hard work they put in to the beds & boxes adjacent to the Heritage Centre which makes this approach to Dulverton so attractive.

 **Shop Changes -** you cannot fail to notice the Butchers Shop make over and The Pink Rooster has taken on the Wardrobe, opening up the wall between the two shops. We wish them both well with the changes.

 **Dog "Poo" –** There has been an improvement but we are getting report of "poo" not being picked up in Millhams Lane, please don't let the Town down please clean it up. Remember you can report offenders, cards in the Post Office.

 **Avon & Somerset Police -** We are reminded to hide valuables left in cars as criminals have been identified watching motorists at several beauty spots in the area.



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Go West Young Man Go West

Bruce Heywood tells the story of a young man who went to play rugby in Dublin

Part 2

You no doubt remember from last month that Neil Chanter met his future wife and followed her to the USA where they married.

Two daughters named Emme and Lottie followed, which maintained the Chanter/Dulverton link. His great grandfather William (Bill) Chanter was the blacksmith whose forge was where the Health and Beauty shop is now. Bill's two youngest spinster sisters Emily and Lottie lived next door in Forge Cottage. Another sister Lily married G.B.Fisher,

builder and Neil's grandfather was Alec Chanter, chauffeur to Miss Biddy Abbott of the Cottage, Dulverton.

In November 2014 **Neil and Christina** moved into a lovely new home and pride of place is the picture well known in the Devon and Somerset Staghound circles '**September Evening, Badgeworth Water**'. Just above the bottom of the picture the water mark from the 1952 floods is still visible; the picture had hung in Dolly Chanter's front room at King's Corner.

Post Script:

Neil is not the first Heywood descendant to live in Missouri. His grandmother Dolly Chanter's, nee Heywood and her uncle Lawrence Heywood from Great Nurcott Farm, Winsford, emigrated to the USA in 1907. He married Annie Stephens from Luckyard Farm, Exton and for around nine years during the Great Depression ran a general store, in a 'one horse town' called Montevallo.

(Our photo shows Neil & Christina with the girls, Bruce and his son)

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Dulverton Independent (Congregational Church)

Along Chapel Street and just around the corner sits the Church. The Church has been there for over 180 years and is grade II listed. While it gives an imposing impression on the outside, it holds a few surprises within.

Every Sunday morning a small group of people regularly gather for worship in a comfortably appointed hall. This service is fairly informal but traditional and non-conformist in style, open to all and visitors often comment on the warm and friendly welcome they experience.

During the week a number of organisations, including a Family and Toddler group, The Dulverton Group of the Exmoor Society and The Voices of Exmoor make good use of the excellent facilities available. They are trying to make sure the main sanctuary is open every day for visitors and those who might wish to spend time in quiet contemplation and prayer.

The Church is one of the few remaining non-conformist places of worship still functioning on Exmoor and has strong, historical links with Sir George Williams, founder of the YMCA.

Many living in the town have had strong connections with the Church as there was once a thriving Sunday school. The old attendance registers include many local family names.

There is a looming problem; the roof is now in dire need of attention. While much has been done to keep the building in good order, lack of funds is the reason the project has not been tackled yet.

The fear is that without urgent remedial work the whole fabric of the building will begin to deteriorate rapidly within the next 5 to 10 years.



Consequently attempts are being made to raise the Towns awareness of this significant town resource, also trying to obtain grant aid from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Fund.

Recently the people of the Church have been endeavouring to work out how best to make use of all the Church buildings. They sense they need to make it more of a community asset

The Church is part of Dulverton's heritage and should somehow be more integrated into the

community. They have a few ideas but, before they can really move forward, the roof and other building works need to be done urgently.

For this reason, they feel that they need to make known what the problems are and ask for help.

If you are at all interested or concerned about the future of this significant building. **Please contact Charles Stone (323 943) or Basil Saunders (323 744)**

Our photo tries to show some of the damage to the roof which will cost around £70,000

The Election Thursday the 7th May

In addition to the National Election there are elections for Our Town Council (10 members) and West Somerset District Council, Dulverton & District ward (2 members).

Details re nominations and the election timetable are on the Town Council notice boards.

Please note the final date for Postal Vote changes is the 21st April



The 'Camel's Hump' is Challenging

The first full weekend of March saw the first ever Canoe Slalom competition held on the Barle in Dulverton, with 40 competitors. This competition had twenty gates and was aimed at people relatively new to slalom. Ages ranged from 10 to 77, there were many thrills and some spills during the practice day on Saturday, but immediate help was available from safety boaters and thrown lines.

The stretch of water used is known as the 'Camel's Hump', it is fast and channelled with



rocks and eddies, making it a challenging experience for relative beginners and is the river behind the Caravan site and National Park offices.

The event run by Bideford Canoe Club with expert help from other clubs from Frome, Stroud and Taunton was a great success not only for the participants and their families but also for the locals who went to watch. It is not often that I get phoned up and told to get down here now, it's great to watch, as it happened I had just got home from taking photos (ours shows the last gate)

The Event Organiser, Nick Tipper, said, 'This was our first ever slalom competition and we are indebted to the enthusiasm and efforts of our club members and friends in making it all happen. The pay back has been seeing the fantastic excitement among young people in achieving more than they thought possible'.

On the Sunday our Deputy Mayor, Judy Earnest, presented the prizes of engraved glasses, saying, she was delighted to welcome everyone to this excellent event and hoped to see them back in the future.

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Matthew Meets...

Carole King

How long have you lived in Dulverton? 13 years and **where were you born?** London, but I was an 'Essex Girl' until I moved here.

Where did you go to school? I went to a convent, and then an all-girls private school, which was a bit like St. Trinians. **Did you enjoy school?** Not really, I was a bit frightened of the nuns. I was a bit of a dreamer, so the rest of school passed me by.

Did you enjoy growing up? Yes, I did. I was a tomboy, and when I wasn't making dens in the woods with my friend, I was helping out at the local stables.

What was your favourite memory when growing up? I have always loved animals and had lots of them, but my passion was always horses. I remember coming home from school and my father had decorated my bedroom with horse wallpaper - I was thrilled. My friends had pop groups on their walls, but I preferred horses.

Favourite subjects at school? I loved art classes. I always had a vivid imagination, so I was actually quite good. I also enjoyed English Literature and Medieval History. My favourite was Religious Knowledge, which was just as well when I was at the convent! And **least favourite subject** basically all of the rest. Maths, Science, Latin - I was just not interested.

What was your best sporting attribute when growing up? I wasn't very sporty, but I liked rounder's and was good at the high jump.

Favourite book? And Why? Lord of the Rings. I love anything to do with witches, wizards and elves. These books are fascinating with a language all of their own. I never tire of the work of Charles Dickens, and I often re-read my favourites. **Favourite movie?** Fiddler on the Roof. It is a mixture of love, hate, comedy, song, persecution, religious commitment and a fierce loyalty which still prevails in Jewish families today.

Favourite sport? It has got to be show jumping. A friend of mine was an international

show jumper, so I often went with her to shows and quickly became hooked! The strength and precision of those Grand Prix horses is amazing. **Favourite colour?** I am always drawn to pink.

What jobs had you done in your career? I went to art school, but then went to work abroad for a large travel company which I loved as I am a sun worshipper! I spent a couple of years with an airline, and finally went into fashion, opening my own designer store, which I had for about 20 years.

Do you have a hobby that you enjoy? I collect taxidermy, so my house is a bit like a museum, I also love falconry and used to fly my own birds. The owls I have now are just pets.

One interesting fact about yourself? I am in the process of putting together notes to write a book based on the adventures I have had with animals and humans!

Who is your inspiration and why? Woman like Jo Malone, who started making candles in her kitchen, and Chrissie Rucker, owner of the 'White Company' who couldn't find white towels or bed linen so started selling her own. You have to admire their courage and determination to start with nothing and turn into an international multi million pound business

One thing you think would improve Dulverton? I would alter the restricted parking to 2 hours, and in a perfect world, have free car parks. I can never underestimate the importance of getting people to come to Dulverton. No visitors means loss of trade, shops closing, and an empty high street like so many others in England

If you have someone you would like us to feature in "Mathew Meets" please lets us know. (page 3 for contact details)and we will see if they are willing.



Dulverton's Hotels and Inns

Both Past and Present (Part 3 the Pubs)

Not another Pub article I hear you say, well this one is really an extension to the article a couple of months back. As you know we are always asking if you know more that might be of interest to our readers, this time more information came to hand ,really interesting!

Before we embark on further pub knowledge, I would like to point out that in last month's article I wrote "The Lion has traditionally hosted the Boxing Day hunt meet for many years, a great attraction for visitors". It apparently implied that the Lion Hotel continues to do so, this was not the intention, as it was merely stating that it had done so in the past. My apologies to those who spotted the slight inaccuracy.

Adrian Tierney- Jones our local, well known journalist, also a beer aficionado, came up with some additional info.

Francis Govier was the owner and occupier of a brew house behind the **Rock Inn in 1839**. Another brewer mentioned in 1839, occupied premises behind the Lion Hotel, as was **Charles Pearse who occupied the New Inn and the Malthouse now the Car Park**.

Of course I forgot to mention the Lion Tap in my last writings, in the past, famous for its strong cider.

Another local inhabitant, Dave Stanbury gave me more information regarding a pub or brew house

named the **Wren**, situated in times gone by in a row of cottages which would have been as a continuation of the row in Church Lane stretching to High Street. When these were demolished Wreneaton took its name from the Wren



And amazingly enough a completely new pub name has emerged also from Dave Stanbury, who pointed out the marks showing, a square and a compass chiselled out in the keystone of an entrance to a cottage opposite their electrical shop. Thus it could be

construed that here was a place of liquor named "**Square and Compass**" which is not an unusual name for a drinking establishment in earlier times. Could it be that more research is required for this remarkable discovery?

And yet another one! I am informed by **David Radley**. A property known as **Norfolk House** in the narrows of Northmoor Road, was a drinking establishment in the early part of the 1800s called the **Norfolk Inn**

In those times the cottage next door by the name of Quicks belonged to the Norfolk Inn and was possibly the Bar area with the living accommodation in the actual house. **CN**

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Last Thursday of the month

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Conservation group – Wimbleball 9.45am info371116

Dulverton Dance – Town Hall 10.45am

Colts Cricket practice – 6.30pm - Sports Field

Cricket Practice 6.30pm - Sportsfield

Netball Training - 6.30pm at the Middle School –
re-starts 10th July

Carers Support Meeting - 3/5 pm - Medical centre

Mothers Union 2.30pm at Hanover

U3A 10.15am Community Centre(not Aug & Dec)

Somerset age at the library 10am to noon

Knit and Natter Group – 1.45pm in the library

1st/8th & 9th April Players – see what's on

4th - WI Centenary Coffee Morning – Town Hall 10.30am

5th to 11th - Art Exhibition – see what's on

5th Pony Day – see short & Sweet

6th - Dulverton Group – Exmoor Society - outing – see what's on

8th - Hanover Vintage Films - 3 pm at Hanover Court see what's on

10th – Snooker - see article

10th Film Club – Town Hall 7.30 – see what's on

11th Wimbleball - Living History day – see what's on

13th - Town Council Meeting - 7.30pm- Town Hall

15th/18th Dulverton Players Habeas Corpus – see article

15th - Gardening Club visit – see what's on

19th -: Dulverton Action Group - 10.30 am by the Heritage Centre:- Litter picking

23rd - Gardening Club - see what's on-

24th - Film Club – Town Hall 7.30 – see what to do

25th --- Men's Breakfast – 8am Copper Kettle – 324 395 to book

25th - Messy Church - 3 to 5pm-- - All Saints Church

Please email your events to dulvertonvoice@btinternet.com or phone 324395

April – What to do?

Hanover Vintage Films - Wed 8th April - 3 pm at Hanover Court: "In Which We Serve" starring Noel Coward, John Mills & Celia Johnson
Please Note: Hanover Vintage Films is moving to Fishers Mead Community Centre from May onwards!

Dulverton Players - Calling all Parents –There will be three drama workshops for children and young people, ages roughly 7-17 (but they like to be flexible where possible). (Children under 15 to be accompanied by a responsible adult who should remain in the building - or join in).

Art Exhibition - 5th - 11th April. At the Heritage Centre Gallery. Featuring works by Claire Savill, Roger Hammond and John Bye. Water colour, acrylic, oils, pastel, pen and ink"- open 10am to 4pm

The Dulverton Players' The Town Hall - Wednesday 15th– Saturday 18thApril at 7.30pm- the bar opens 7pm

Their next production "Habeas Corpus" by Alan Bennett, this hilarious comedy a study of middle-aged, middle-class sexual angst, or a thinking man's "Carry on Doctor?" Is it a contemplative meditation on life and death, or a broad farce? It is in fact all this and more!

Alan Bennett's outrageous comedy of indiscretion is set in suburban Hove in the early 1960's. Arthur Wicksteed is a general practitioner with a roving eye and roving hands. Suddenly the past and present begin to crowd in on his life until, as his cleaning lady Mrs Swabb puts it, "The air is black with the wings of chickens coming home to roost." However, as Arthur says himself, "He who lust lasts, lasts longest."

The play will be directed by Charlie Blanning and produced by Christine Dubery with an excellent local cast.

The Film Club - Friday April 10th "LAD – A YORKSHIRE STORY" and Friday April 24th "MR TURNER" both Cert 12A, bar opens at 7pm and films at 7.30pm

Tickets –Dulverton Films members £3, non-members £4.50, students, accompanied by an adult, £2.50. (Tickets may be available on the door - £4). Book in advance at Dulverton Post Office (Tel: 01398 323474) or email janaross2003@yahoo.co.uk

Gardening Club – Wednesday 15th Visit to Castle Hill Filleigh and **Thursday 23rd** Roses for the Garden and to Show a talk by Roy Halsey 7pm Town Hall – details 323 474

Family and Toddlers Group – restarts in the Congregational Hall on **Tuesday 14th April** at 10am following the Easter break



Advance tickets are available by email from duberyc@aol.com or at Post Office323474. Tickets tend to sell out very quickly so **early booking is advised to secure your seat**. There may be some tickets available on the door but this cannot be guaranteed!

If you like to know more about the talented local company visit www.dulvertonplayers.co.uk

Dulverton Sports!



Netball – On Monday 23rd February, Dulverton took on 3rd placed Cullompton. These games have always proved close in the past and this game turned out to be no different. Dulverton made a brilliant start and were up by four goals at the end of the first quarter. The game went on with both teams taking and losing the lead until Dulverton scored to level the game with only a few seconds left on the clock. With Cullompton having the centre pass, the whole Dulverton team put on some great defence to stop Cullompton getting the ball into their shooters. The whistle went with the score at 40-40! This was a great result for Dulverton and the player's player went to GA Julia Slade and the umpire's player to GS Kayleigh Cleave.

Dulverton took on bottom team Jets on the 9th March but the Dulverton ladies knew that Jets had been improving and it wouldn't be an easy game. Dulverton started much the better team and led by 10 after the first quarter. As expected Jets fought back to bring the score back to within 5 goals after the third quarter. However the damage had been done at the beginning of the game and Dulverton won 39-34 with player's player going to GK Nessie Watson and umpire's player to GD Lindsay Smith.

A much harder test faced Dulverton the following week playing West Exe Lynx - the much improved team directly below them in the league. The game was very close for the first half with no more than 3 goals in it but in the third quarter, Dulverton had to make some changes due to injuries and Lynx came out firing on all cylinders and gained a good lead. This was too much for Dulverton to come back from and Lynx ended up winning 53-37 with player's player going to GS Kayleigh Cleave and GD Nessie Watson.

Dulverton Netball Club also has a team playing in the Spring League in Taunton. The ladies have played their first 3 games and have won one, drawn one and lost one!! There is a short break in that league at the moment but will begin again after Easter!

The club trains on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm at Dulverton Middle School. For more information, call Lindsay Smith on 323 834.



Football – Dulverton Town Football Club travelled to Minehead Reserves for the local derby on Saturday 28th February. With Minehead at the bottom of the table, Dulverton were hoping to get a win on the board. However in a very tight and tense game with two Dulverton players sent off, they had to settle for a 2-2 draw with the goals coming from Toby Cottrell and Lewis Hough.

A tougher test followed with 3rd placed Wembdon visiting Dulverton on 7th March. Wembdon got off to a better start and went in 2-0 up at half time. Dulverton came out fighting

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and got a goal back from Dave Kelland but Wembdon scored to make it 3-1.

On Saturday 14th March, another difficult game saw Dulverton away at 4th placed Morganians. In another very close game, the only goal of the game was scored by Dulverton's Harry Harrison giving Dulverton a much needed win.

Dulverton were at home for their final game of the season against The Gallery who are currently in 2nd place in the league. The first half was really close with both teams playing some good football and it was 1-1 until a free kick was given away on the edge of Dulverton's penalty area just before half time which the Gallery converted. After half time,

The Gallery had the upper hand and Dulverton eventually lost 6-1. The Dulverton goal was scored by Lewis Hough.

For more information about the Football Club, call Carl Hooper on 07866 256769.



Darts – On Friday 20th March, both the semi-finals of the Knockout Cup took place with Dulverton teams competing in both! At the Sportsfield, the Tap bar took on The Royal Oak winning 9-6 and at the Tap Bar, the Sports and Social Club beat Nomads 9-6 as well. This means that a Dulverton team will definitely win this year's knock out cup with the final taking place on 3rd April.

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