



THE GURNARD NEWS

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Your free monthly magazine collated for you by Gurnard church, bringing you news and events from the churches and organisations in and around the Parish of Gurnard.

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A LETTER FROM ALL SAINTS'

Hello my friends,

We live in unprecedented times and as I write this piece for the Newsletter, the Covid-19 virus (or Coronavirus) is having a huge impact upon our lives.

It is in these times of uncertainty that our community spirit, that we value so much, comes into action significantly. The good that is within us all, reaches out to those in need, to those who are vulnerable and to the fearful.

Hope, as I've said before, is a basic human necessity, without it we can quickly lose our purpose in life, with it, anything is possible.

The Easter message is built upon hope, upon rebirth, upon Resurrection and as we come together in solidarity that is what is being shown in great quantities. The promise that things will get better, things will improve and when they do... there's going to be one almighty party! and a stronger, more hopeful community is reborn.

So Easter is all about hope, rebirth, Resurrection and celebration. Easter is about celebrating all that we are and recognising the good that is in us and where that good comes from. It has often been said that without Easter, Christmas would be worthless. Although we enjoy the love that is shared at Christmas with all of the giving and receiving of gifts and cards and in sharing time together, it is the hope of the Easter Story that we all need in these dark days.

If the Covid-19 virus brings out the worst in us, the actions that we take in responding to the virus will bring out the best. The way scientists focus on developing vaccines to combat the virus, and the way our amazing medical teams put themselves in harm's way to tend to us in our time of need. The way we all take responsibility for not only our own health but the health and well-being of others. It is then that I see God at work, that I see God reaching out and tending to us. The good that lies within us all is a sign of God.

Within this Newsletter there are four tear out slips that may be used to offer your neighbour some assistance. You may have already offered help, you may be just waiting to see if you can. With any help offered though it is vital that your own situation and health comes first.

You might be just too busy to help and that is OK, you might have your own health conditions that prevent you from offering help and that is fine too, but if you can offer help, do. Tear out the slip from the Newsletter, fill in your details and post it through the door of someone who might be self-isolating and help to bring home the message of hope, of solidarity, of community and of mutual human love for others.

The Easter message with all of the hope it affords us, is something to reflect upon, something that can offer us peace. In a chaotic and confusing world, it is a stable, comforting foundation on which we can build our lives. Whatever challenges come our way through life, God offers the hope and the joy of Resurrection, a new beginning and a new hope for all people.

That sense of hope, that sense of peace and that knowledge of unconditional love is the over-riding message that comes out of the Easter message for me. Although the church is closed to public worship for the time being, it is open for private prayer and reflection between 10 - 5 and for the lighting of a candle to remind us that the message is still relevant to all of humanity and remains the same.

God is with us, in our worry, in our despair and in our hope and resurrection.

My prayer for us all in these difficult days is that the Easter message of hope, love and peace will fill our hearts and we will find the peace of God through the season of Easter. Amen.

With every blessing,
Rev'd Steve



For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact
Rev'd Amanda Collinson 294913

Unfortunately, the concert that was mentioned in
last month's Gurnard News,
due to be given by
The NEWCHURCH MALE VOICE CHOIR
in All Saints' Church, Gurnard
on Saturday April 25th,
has been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.



CHURCH SERVICES FOR ALL SAINTS'

**ALL SERVICES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GURNARD COMMUNITY GROUPS

Please note that, due to the current health situation, the following 3 community groups run by All Saints will be suspended until further notice.

- CIRCLE DANCING
- ELEPHANT CLUB
- COFFEE & CHAT

We will let you know, via the Gurnard News, when we are back!

**COWES METHODIST CHURCH, Birmingham Road,
Cowes**



**ALL SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**



The next Monthly Coffee Morning hosted by the Friends of
Northwood Cemetery on Friday April 3rd
HAS BEEN CANCELLED



**DATE FOR THE DIARY
ALL SAINTS' SUMMER FAIR
SATURDAY 6TH JUNE**

Dear Gurnard, the Summer is fast approaching and the
Church Fair is being prepared.... For a new stall this year
we are looking for **Costume Jewellery**.

Please will you have a look around your houses and homes for those old
earrings and strings of beads you no longer need and let us have them.

Any costume jewellery pieces you can donate will be gratefully received and
can be left at 37 Albert Road, by Saturday 30th May at the latest please.

Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society

MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

HELLO! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is

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I live locally at

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My phone number is

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If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call | <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies |

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.

#ViralKindness

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Isle of Wight Councillors Report from Paul Fuller, Councillor for Cowes West and Gurnard.

Please contact me: By Post to: 45 Oxford Street, Northwood, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 8PT. Telephone: 01983 289595 (24 hours)/ 07 935 090 835 (Mobile & Text); Email: paulfulleriw@gmail.com Please visit my website: paulfullercc.blogspot.com

Please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always happy to meet at a time and place convenient to you. I hold regular surgeries/ drop-in's. No appointment is necessary. This month, these take place:

Surgeries.

10:30-11am, Thursday 2nd April, Gurnard Press, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

4:30-5pm, Tuesday 7th April, Cowes Library, 12-14 Beckford Road, Cowes.

5:30-6pm, Tuesday 7th April, Sports Bar, Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes.

5-6pm, Wednesday 8th April, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

1-1:30pm, Tuesday 14th April, The Woodvale, Princes Esplanade, Gurnard.

3-3:30pm, Wednesday 22nd April, Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfield Avenue, Cowes.

10:30-11am, Thursday 23rd April, Coffee & Chat, All Saints Church, Gurnard.

12-12:30pm, Thursday 30th April, Eegons Cafe, 72 High Street, Cowes.

Baring Road Planning Applications. Ref: 19/01578/FUL and 20/00188/FUL.

I have called-in both parallel applications (the first for 6 dwellings, the second for 4) on fields between Greenacres and the Farm Bungalow.

This is due to the fact that any development will close the green gap between Cowes and Gurnard, is outside the settlement boundary and that development would have an adverse impact upon the landscape characteristics of the Jordan Valley.

Westview Road. Ref: 20/00145/FUL

A further application has been received to create a further 'residential' dwelling on agricultural land west of Rew Street. This application is in the countryside, and although 'prior approval', was given for residential use of a barn nearby, this is a brand new proposal in an area outside the settlement boundary.

Cowes/ Gurnard Car Parking Charges.

To raise more revenue, the IW Council are pursuing proposals to charge for parking on Cowes/ Gurnard Seafront. I am totally opposed to these unpopular proposals, particularly given the cost of maintenance and the impact that this will have upon established and new businesses.

Despite myself and my group putting alternative budget proposals forward, Councillors from the ruling group agreed to forge ahead with the suggestion

In light of their decision, I am advised that the statutory consultation will take place- However timescales has to be agreed.

Floodlighting, 3G Pitch Cowes Enterprise College.

I continue to receive feedback from residents of Ward Avenue and Baring Road over floodlighting, noise and loss of amenity/ privacy.

On this, a meeting has been arranged with Environmental Health for advice. One thing that I have noted is the lack of landscaping and screening which was part of the original approval in 2010. From my perspective, this was a key reason for me not objecting, and I have expressed concerns over this.

Public Spaces Protection Order Consultation.

The IW Council are consulting on the above, following initial concerns over access to dogs. The consultation continues until **15th April 2020** and can be found at:

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Environment-Officers/Public-Spaces-Protection-Order>

Bucklers View Update. Ref: 19/00080/FUL

A meeting between Southern Housing and Bucklers View Residents was intended to take place to address concerns over drainage at the site, as well as a hands up on the proposals to extend. In speaking to Southern Housing, I understand that construction will not commence within six months. Therefore, it seems very unlikely that information sharing/ public meeting will not take place until contractors have been procured and a traffic management is in place in draft form.

A conference call with officers is due to take place with officers early next month.

Gurnard Primary School.

I continue to receive complaints from parents and residents over dangerous parking. As a consequence of the minority of parents who park dangerously, consideration is being given to introducing a no waiting/ no loading restriction removing the 5 minutes grace allowing the collection and pick up children.

In addition, suggestions have been taken on board to make the cycle lane car free.

Last month at a meeting called to discuss options it was agreed to pursue this as well as increasing parking capacity within 5 minutes walk of the school.

Rolls Hill/ Road.

A meeting took place between residents, the Police and Island Roads to discuss concerns over speeding traffic using Rolls Hill and Roads Hill Road.

Following the speed being monitored and in light of average speeds being in excess of 50mph, I am supporting calls for an 'Emergency Speed Limit' being in force during the improvements works at St Mary's junction. On this, I am attempting to arrange a meeting with IW Council Officers, Councillors and residents.

Sail GP.

The first meeting of residents who will be affected by this years Sail GP event met with organisers and Council Officers. Following the first meeting, follow up meetings will take place, whilst updates will take place by email.

It was reported that this year there will be no grandstand, whilst an official ticketed area will be in place opposite the New Holmwood Hotel.

Since the meeting Sail GP have met with Cowes Week Ltd and Island Roads and are working towards a 'cohesive **traffic management plan**', which will be developed ahead of this month's meeting, with an aim to share this in April.

In addition, progress is being made for a park and ride 'Sail Bus'. The feasibility of this is being evaluated.

Place Road.

With houses being built on Place Road, I have been asked for consideration being made to reduce the speed limit to 30mph. On this, before I proceed please let me know your thoughts!

Also within Place Road, I continue to chase up the promised **Pedestrian Refuge** for the Range. I have received confirmation that the **tree** lost in storms on the grass verge opposite Deauville Drive last October will be replaced in the coming weeks.

In addition I'm told that discussions have taken place between the developer of **Meadow View** and residents following boundary hedges being removed. The developer has advised planners that 'boundaries and screening will be improved in the long term'...

Green Garden Waste.

If you have not already added your details to the waiting list for the Green Garden Waste subscription service, and wish to do so, you can sign up to the waiting list here: <https://bit.ly/2QAbOKQ>.

**Situations Vacant**

Volunteers needed to help others with iPads, tablets, Android and iPhones, P. C.'s etc. You don't have to be an expert just a confident user of any or all new technology, to help someone else, on a one to one basis.

Cyber Cafe is open in Gurnard Village Hall (a Wightfibre hotspot) every 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month from 2 - 4pm. It is a 'drop in' so come as often or as little as you can spare.

You will be very welcome and tea/coffee and cake is at 3 pm. Many Thanks.



The Village Hall has the following Regular Groups.
to join a group pop in or contact bookings
carolynsibley@icloud.com

MONDAY

9.30 - 11am Judith Didham Yoga (restart FEB 2020)

1.30 – 3.30 p.m. Art Group (Tony Westmore)

5 - 6 pm Tai Kwando (Pete Scotcher)

7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Cowes Art Group (Ian Dawkins)

TUESDAY

10-12 noon Spinney Quilters (Val Clearey)

(3 times a year from 12 to 3pm Village Lunch. W.I.)

4 - 7.30 -Yoga Elizabeth Bolwell

7.30 – 9.00 p.m. International Dance (Mavis Bownas)

WEDNESDAY

10-12 noon Art Group (Tony Westmore)

1st And 3rd 2 - 4 p.m. Cyber Café

1st 7.30 – 9.30 p.m. Gurnard Cottage Garden Society (Emma Glasbey)

2nd and last 5pm to 8 pm Gurnard Parish Council (Katie Riley)

3rd Gurnard Bay W.I. 6.30 – 9.30 p.m. (Judith Westbrook)

THURSDAY

9.30 - 11 am Judith Didham Yoga

12 - 1.30 Keep Active Exercise Group (Andy Savage)

4th Thursday 2-4pm Creative Writing (Chris Lund)

5 - 6 pm Tae Kwando (Pete Scotcher)

FRIDAY

9.30 - 11 am Parents and Toddlers (Polly Segar)

12 - 1. 30 Yoga (E Bolwell)

2- 4 p.m. Solent Singers (ladies)) Suzanne Longstone)

(every 1st) 7 p.m. Gurnard Film Society (Janet White)

SUNDAY

(every 5th) 4 -5pm Gurnard Gathers. (Rev. S Sutcliffe)

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GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Gurnard Parish Council have chosen to award the Gurnard News Team with the Parish Award this year in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the village. It is a big team of around 30 volunteers from the Editor, to those involved with printing and advertising, folding and making up the magazines, and the 21 volunteers delivering the finished article come rain or shine. A huge thank you from the Parish Council! We were very much hoping to present the Team with their award at the Annual Parish Meeting on 29th April 2020, but it looks very likely that this, as with so many other events planned, might have to be postponed to a later date.

There will be an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council in the next few days (23rd March 2020) to make a decision and put contingency arrangements in place in light of the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 virus. Sadly the CPR training due to be delivered by St John Ambulance has already been postponed and it is likely that the Litter Pick planned for April 4th will also be postponed. Please check the website and noticeboard for updates.

We have a vacancy for a new member to serve on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor please contact the Clerk for further information. Expressions of interest are invited by the end of April to be considered in May.

Natural England have just released their recommendations for the English Coast Path route <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/england-coast-path-on-the-isle-of-wight-comment-on-proposals> and the Parish Council will be formulating any representations they consider relevant about these proposals to the Secretary of State, and residents are invited to do the same, by 13th May 2020.

Prior to a consultation on the IWC's proposed parking charges on the seafront, Gurnard Parish Council have made their objections strongly known to Cllr Ian Ward, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure & Transport, and we would urge as many people as possible to write individual letters of response as soon as the consultation begins.

Councillors have had further site meetings with the builders refurbishing the toilets on Gurnard Green and pleased to report all is going well and on schedule. The new toilets are due to open on Wednesday 8th April.

Councillors have approved a budget to recruit the services of the Conservation

Volunteers' Green Gym who we are hoping will assist Gurnard in Bloom to tidy the flower beds on Worsley Road.

Thank you to residents who have already expressed an interest in Community Speed Watch to tackle speeding on Cockleton Lane. As the scheme requires either the hire or purchase of fairly costly equipment (approximately £3000), it might be that we can join forces with Cowes Town Council, should they decide to put funding towards equipment, and so we await a decision from them.

Lots of issues have been raised by Councillors recently which have been reported to Island Roads including a long stretch of green slime on the pavement on the seafront, slime returning outside of the Woodvale Pub, a shopping trolley dumped full of rubbish below the Green, bins left on pavements, and broken fencing causing obstruction.

Complaints about cars parking too far onto the pavement on Place Road have been carried forward for discussion and action as soon as Councillors have an opportunity to next meet.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS START AT 6PM.

The next full Parish Council meeting will be at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 8th April. Residents are welcome to attend all meetings, which are usually held at the Gurnard Village Hall, Westbrook Lane. Please check the Parish Council

CYBER CAFE

Village Hall every first and third Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 pm. If you would like to get some help or help someone else, to use a PC, a tablet, a smart phone, an iPad, a camera, surf the Internet, send and receive emails, save and print, use social media, Skype, messenger or other wise negotiate the world of technology, please drop in at any session. Between us we can usually solve most problems, or know someone who can! Cost £1 and refreshments too.





GURNARD BAY W.I. MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



The BECKFORD CENTRE in COWES would be pleased to see new faces at
 The Island's Past – Monday 10.00am
 Art for All – Monday 1.30pm and Thursday 1.30pm
 Crafty Cowes – Tuesday 10.00am
 Stitchcraft – Tuesday 2.00pm
 Simply Photography – every other Wednesday 2.00pm
 Discussion Group – Thursday 10.00am

For more information please contact the Centre on 294744 or e-mail
beckfordcentre@outlook.com

Gurnard in Bloom

As Spring approaches, we are working hard to get all planters back to beautiful.

We are always looking for help with watering, deadheading and tidying up so if you can spare just even an hour or so per week to help that would be wonderful. We are especially looking for help from residents who live near any of the planters (for watering). Several residents and the ladies in our lovely florists already help but more help from residents would be much appreciated.

Contact Jennie on 643323

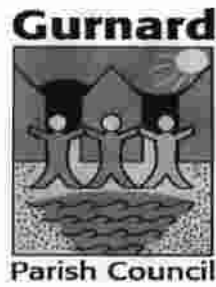
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THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 2020
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Gurnard Film Society

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COWES MEDINA BOWLING CLUB

Invites you to our Open Day on
Sunday 17th May
10 am – 12 noon and 2pm – 4pm

Northwood House Grounds, Northwood Park, Cowes

Come along and "have a go", try your hand at green bowls. It's good for fresh air, exercise and meeting new people, fun and active. All ages and abilities welcome. No previous experience necessary.

Please bring flat smooth soled shoes to wear on the green.

Further information: **Tel: 07340 618998**

Check out our website: www.cowesmedinabowlingclub.com

Gurnard



Parish Council

MAKE A CHANGE, BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Gurnard Parish Council is calling on residents, passionate about their community to join.
Gurnard Parish Council

What do Councillors do?

Councillors are the champions of their community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

Can I stand?

There are only a few rules to stand for co-option. You must be:

- A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union
- 18 years of age or older
- Live within 3 miles of Gurnard

How can I get involved?

Contact the Clerk to Gurnard Parish Council at

gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com to find out more

USEFUL NAMES & TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Age Concern	525282	Health Centre (appointments)	294902
Ambulance (Transport)	825111	Health Centre (general)	295251
Citizens Advice Bureau	0845 1202959	Hospital (St Mary's)	524081
Electricity (Emergencies)	0800 072 7282	Library (24hr renewal line)	822123
Gas (Emergencies)	0800 111999	Police	999
Water (Emergencies)	0845 2720845	Out of Hours GP & Dentist	0840508345
Flood-line (Mon -Fri 8am - 8pm W/ends 10am - 4pm)	0845 9881188		
Local Neighbourhood Watch	Nicki Wood		292690
All Saints' Vicar	Rev'd Amanda Collinson		294913
	Email amandacollinson01@gmail.com		
All Saints' Church Curate	Rev'd Steve Sutcliffe		652506
All Saints' Church, Curate	Rev'd Diana Netherway		298505
All Saints' Churchwardens	Mr Graham Lloyd		299051
	Mrs Sandie Munt		295258
All Saints' Church, Secretary	Mrs Rosemary Butler		200980
All Saints' Church, Treasurer	Mrs Wendy Peskett		292145
All Saints' Church, Organist	Mrs Yvonne Mills		292256
Junior Church (Sunday School)	Rev'd Amanda Collinson		294913
Cowes Methodist Church, Minister	Rev'd David Plumb		884694
Cowes Methodist Church, Contact	Mrs Jean Pullinger		290289
Gurnard Primary School (website)	www.gurnardprimaryschool.co.uk		295713
Gurnard Bay Evening W. I.	Mrs Cynthia Ash		293619
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Gurnard Village Hall Bookings	Mrs Carolyn Sibley		297154
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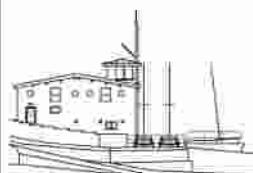
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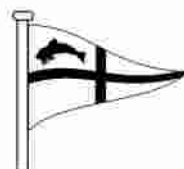
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