



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 THERE

I hope this letter finds you OK? Another month has gone by and still we write to you virtually: whilst it is not the same as holding the magazine in your hand, this is still a small way that we can reach out to all of you within our community – I hope you enjoy it!

Do you remember the film called 'The Story of Dr Dolittle', starring Rex Harrison including that most strange of animals called a Pushmi-Pullyu? Depicted as a two headed llama, with heads at either end of its body, it symbolises things which are conflicting or contradictory.

Well for the past 14 weeks, our entire nation has been in a state of getting and giving a mixture of advice, guidance and notifications which has left most of us feeling that we are being pulled in two different directions. How do we stay safe and yet have access to fresh food, supplies and medicine? How do we keep in contact with others when we have to stay indoors and possibly have not yet mastered new technology? How do we still prioritise the things which up until mid-March seemed so important and yet now are not available to us? How do we keep our mental health buoyant when others around us seem to be crumbling?

The Church here in the UK has come under a lot of scrutiny recently and many opinions have been aired as to what part churches have played in keeping us safe as a nation but also spiritually nourished. As a ministry team, we have been doing our 'job' in a way we have never done before: we have mastered new skills, learning how to YouTube, get the perfect angle for laptops, teach people how to turn their microphones on and lead services whilst helping people access Zoom and other online worship. It has certainly been an interesting ride.....!

But now after three months of lockdown we are slowly and cautiously being given more freedom; we're not out of the woods yet but thankfully there are positive signs that the virus no longer has the hold on the country that it did. As we begin to come out and we're able to do some of the things we took for granted before, and as we begin to socialise more, I think each one of us will discover that the Covid-19 Virus has changed us in some way. Some have tragically lost loved ones through this time, some have lost jobs and incomes, some have been furloughed whilst others have been working harder than ever. Some have lost precious planned events; family parties and celebrations, baptisms and weddings have had to be re-scheduled. End of year proms, exams, holidays and a whole host of other things precious to us have been lost too... and that will have taken its toll on us all.

And as we slowly see restrictions being lifted, new challenges arise and we have to

make decisions as to what is best for our own context and circumstances. Worship has taken place at Gurnard Church for over 125 years and yet we realise that we cannot just reopen our doors for public gatherings and services like we did before we had even heard the word Coronavirus.

So, as we begin to look forward... as we begin to dare to plan and consider what the future will look like let us try and find ways of taking the positive things we've learned and experienced through lockdown forward with us. And I'd like to encourage you to look with me to another promise God has for each one of us. This is what God says in Jeremiah 29:11 to us: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

We have been through an incredibly tough time... we're not quite through it yet but we're getting there ...and wonderfully there is hope and future ahead of us. If you would like a place to pause and reflect, a place to perhaps mourn or to be thankful, then please do come and spend some time in any of our churches. We're now allowed to have people come to the church buildings, (we can't meet for services yet) but individually we can come in to reflect and pray... so you're very welcome to just come and be in that space. We are currently open Tuesday and Friday 11am-1pm. If a church building isn't your thing then let me encourage you to find a special place where you are able to 'pause'.

And if you'd like to talk through any of this stuff with me then please get in touch, I'd love to hear from you. Whichever way, be assured you, our community and the island as a whole remain firmly in my thoughts and prayers.

*Keep well and take care,
Rev Amanda*



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

CHURCH SERVICES FOR ALL SAINTS'

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



I am delighted to announce, that following a recent easing of Government restrictions, we will be opening Gurnard church again for private prayer.

As you are more than aware, Covid-19 is still active and as such we will be taking many practical precautions to reduce the risk of infection and cross-contamination. These will include limiting the hours that the church is open, having the church supervised at all times, significant areas of the church roped off, regular cleaning with anti-bacterial equipment and of course maintaining the social distancing measures throughout.

We will open twice a week –

Tuesday and Friday between the hours of 11am and 1pm.

Depending on the numbers of people who attend these days and times may alter in the future.

With love, thoughts and prayers as we slowly come out of this difficult time.

Amanda Priest in Charge, Gurnard Church

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



**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!

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 * **Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society** *
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 * **MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** *
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Isle of Wight Councillors Report from Paul Fuller, Councillor for Cowes West and Gurnard.

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As the Covid 19 lockdown thaws, surgeries will reconvene from July. For up to details please visit: <https://www.paulfullercc.blogspot.com>

In the meantime telephone surgeries continue from **5-6pm on Mondays** and **9-10am on Thursdays**. I am available at most other times if you need my support.

Monthly Surgeries are generally held on the following cycle:

1st Tuesday: 4:30-5pm, **Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes.**

1st Tuesday: 5:30-6pm, **Sports Bar, Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road Cowes.**

1st Friday: 11-11:30am, **Gurnard Press, Worsley Road, Gurnard.**

2nd Wednesday: 11:45-12:15pm or 6-6:30pm, **The Woodvale, Princes Esplanade, Gurnard.**

3rd or 4th Wednesday: 3-3:30pm, **Cowes Enterprise College, Crossfield Avenue, Cowes.**

3rd or 4th Friday: 12:30-1:30pm, **Little Gloster, Marsh Road, Gurnard.**

4th Thursday: 10:30-11am, **Coffee & Chat Morning, All Saints Church, Tuttons Hill, Gurnard.**

4th or 5th Thursday: 12-12:30pm, **Eegon's Cafe, 72 High Street, Cowes.**

Last Wednesday: 6-6:30pm, **The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.**

Coronavirus Updates.

These can be found at: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Public-Health-Coronavirus-COVID-19/Advice1>

(local) and <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> (national).

Gurnard Green and Gurnard Beach.

In recent weeks a number of 'volunteers' have continued to tidy up both the beach and Gurnard Green of litter. Although, I recognise this is much appreciated by residents this can be dangerous.

If visiting the Green or the beach, please ensure rubbish is left inside a bin or taken home, as waste left outside bins can and are frequently scattered by badgers and foxes who visit at night.

A major issue again this year is use of **disposable barbecues**. Although use is restricted at the Green and on the beach, I still receive numerous complaints each

year of harm caused by barbecues when discarded

In the meantime, I have requested that the beach, the Green and litter is monitored. I have also asked for the police to step up patrols following incidents which have impacted upon residents living nearby.

Jet Ski's

The use of jet ski's have been reported to the Marine Police, who I pleased to report have continued to monitor their use in waters frequented by bathers. Please note a local bye-law exists prohibiting 'Personal Watercraft' being used faster than 8 knots and in depths of less than 2 metres.

Planning Applications.

Applications are pending approval for a holiday home at Shore Path and residential use of a barn located off Westview Road, which was previously accepted under a Prior Approval application.

At **Shore Path**, following historical issues, I requested safeguards to protect the integrity of the sea wall.

At **Westview Road** following feedback, conditions were requested and accepted by planners restricting future permitted development rights. In addition, I have requested further conditions safeguarding visual impact, light spillage and requesting landscaping to support wildlife and the natural environment.

Bucklers View.

Southern Housing are still considering ongoing issues concerning drainage. From their perspective they are seeking to find a solution that will be the least disruptive to residents before extending the complex next year.

Cowes/ Northwood Place Plan.

Work has commenced on a Place Plan to regenerate Cowes and Northwood. Local Council's, Cowes Business Association and the IW Council need help with essential information. For details please visit: https://arc-consulting.co.uk/cn-place-plan/?fbclid=IwAR0woh-ZETcyU_d4kz995WL6EqPv7JL_0fBK1xTDuUS50ox6cBNj5meJgjA

Free School meals during the Covid-19 outbreak- Do you qualify?

Families whose income stopped or reduced during the Covid-19 outbreak may qualify for school meals. For details please visit: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/iwforms/form.aspx?k=freesm>

Environmental Issues.

Noisy Tools.

Panel Beating, Angle Grinders, Electric Saws and general car fumbling are more popular than ever. If you're planning a big job that will be noisy please let your neighbours know in advance.

Barking Dogs.

Each year, I receive many calls concerning barking dogs. If you are away from your pets for long periods, please consider your pets and neighbours who can find this distressing.

Garden Bonfires.

I continue to receive complaints concerning bonfires. If you have a bonfire, please ensure this is supervised with caution taken to ensure those living within dips and valleys nearby are not affected.

Fireworks.

I received a call concerning Clapping for Carers, and a resident celebrating their appreciation by lighting a firework each week. Although this was not unlawful the individual stopped when they found out the distress this caused to the callers pet. If you choose to light fireworks please let nearby residents know!

Cowes Events.

As mentioned last month, organisers of the **SailGP 2020** postponed this event to next year, as has the **Cowes Torquay Cowes Powerboat Race** which takes place late August. In the meantime, **Cowes Week** is still intending to go ahead. *If* Cowes Week 2020 does go ahead, with social distancing rules it is likely to be on a much smaller scale. Because the event very much depends upon advice from Government, an update will be made in July.

Highways Issues.

Ward Estate Wall.

A resident contacted me about concerns they had concerning the condition of the Ward Estate Wall, which runs alongside the northern section of Park Road and eastern and southern section of Baring Road. Of particular concern is the section between the Roundhouse and the Community Club. I have forwarded comments to Island Roads who are liaising with Building Control on the structural integrity of this section.

Overgrown Hedges.

Overgrown hedges at the following locations:

Baring Road (between junction with Woodvale Road and opposite junction with Crossfield Avenue.)

Tuttons Hill (northern section), **Crossfield Avenue** (hedge bordering Cowes Enterprise College),

Place Road (between Broadfields Avenue and the southern junction of Place Side)

Worsley Road. Winding Way.

Also:

With the lockdown easing, requests for larger buses were requested for residents wishing to go to and from Freshwater. In addition, extra services on the Community Bus and Service 1 from Cowes to Newport were requested.

On this Southern Vectis has been very receptive and helpful. Thank You!
A big thank you to volunteers and residents who helped fund and repair the Mornington Wood pond.

The Police ask residents to ensure homes, cars and sheds are locked and kept secure following opportunistic walk in burglaries that occur this time of year. A request has been made by Plaza to sell ice creams on the seafront between Cowes and Gurnard.

I received a warning from dog walkers of snakes frequenting the Gurnard to Thorness Coastal Path. They are more afraid of humans than we are of them!



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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		
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All Saints' Church, Organist	Mrs Yvonne Mills		292256
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Gurnard Primary School (website)	www.gurnardprimaryschool.co.uk		295713
Gurnard Bay Evening W. I.	Mrs Cynthia Ash		293619
Cyber Cafe	Mrs Carolyn Sibley		297154
Gurnard Village Hall Bookings	Mrs Carolyn Sibley		297154
Gurnard Village Hall Assoc. Chairman	Mrs Carolyn Sibley		297154
Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society	Mrs Emma Glasbey		293130
Gurnard in Bloom	Jennie Lewis		643323
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The Village Hall has the following Regular Groups.
to join a group pop in or contact bookings
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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)

The Village Hall may be hired subject to Terms and Conditions
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Gurnard Film Society



FILMS CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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My name is David Mortimer and I live in Whitwell, Isle of Wight.

I have been metal detecting with kind permission here on the Island since 2006, searching Farmland and land in private ownership, such as Manors sites and other old properties with land of More than an Acre in size. Along the way my wife and I have been fortunate enough to find coins and artefacts from the Bronze Age to the modern day, including some items of value and others that have been declared Treasure.



I am writing this now in the hope that a Farmer/Landowner in your area may be willing to allow my wife and I to search their land with our metal detectors. We are not members of a Club. We have insurance coverage. We are willing to pay £5 each for the privilege of searching the land that may be offered for us to detect upon. We also have a good reputation.

For references please contact Mrs. Underwood of Plaish Farm, Bowcombe; Mr. John Wannop of Waytes Court Farm, Brighstone; and Mr. Frank Basford, Isle of Wight Finds Officer for the Portable Antiquities Scheme.



All finds will be shown and anything of value will be brought to the attention of the Farmer/Landowner. We usually agree to a 50/50 division of finds made or payment of half the relevant value of the items found, of course other arrangements can be made such as a donation of the find/finds to the Islands museum. Anything that may be deemed of interest to Mr. Basford will be recorded by him on the Portable Antiquities Scheme Database of Finds, which lists ancient artefacts and coins found in the whole of Great Britain. An Agreement Form can be provided if the Farmer/Landowner wishes to have everything in writing. we prefer to do things this way in any event.



The agreement we have with some (not all) Farmers/Landowners is that they would pay us half the relevant value of any finds of consequence that they wish to keep, and then they also get to keep the rest of the finds that are made on their property because I believe that they should stay in their ownership as a collection.

If you have not considered having someone conduct a search of your land and/or property, please contact me if you wish to do so and we can discuss this matter further.

My email address is: davidjohnmort@gmail.com





**GURNARD BAY W.I.
MEETINGS CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**



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.

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Our menu is about seasonality and great taste, with meals produced on the premises using as much local and seasonal produce as possible. Our talented Head Chef James Wooler builds his menus to include carefully sourced ingredients from Isle of Wight suppliers, his Chefs specials will change daily dependant on availability.

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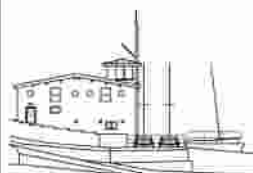
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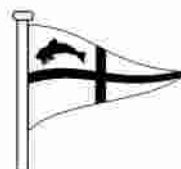
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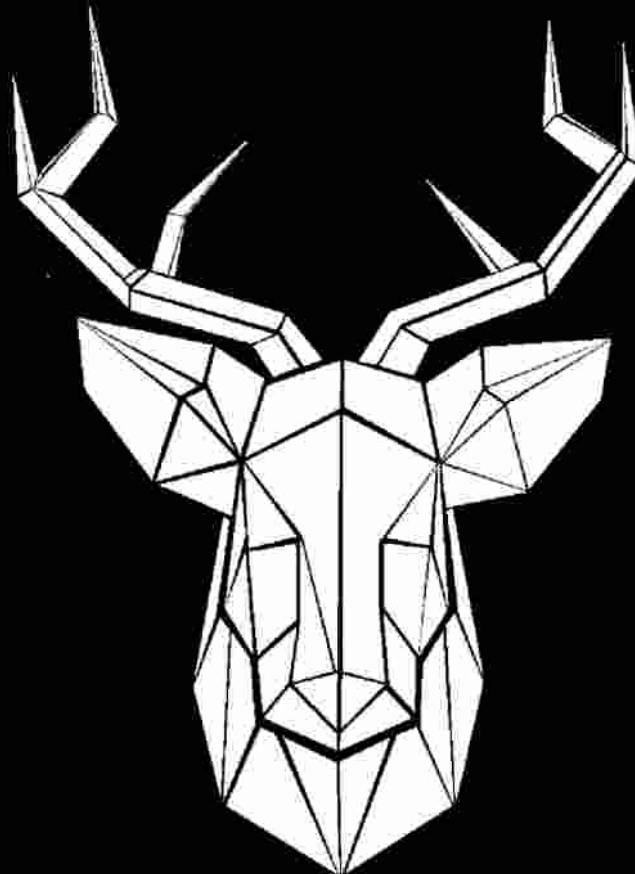
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