



# 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'

*Good morning.*

The Island's motto is *All this beauty is of God*. The Bible tells us a lot about creation, and in Jesus, God reveals himself and his love to us, so that we, and the rest of his creation may eventually be as he intends us to be. The parables of Jesus use the everyday flowers, fields, birds, other animals and seasons to tell his listeners "The Kingdom of God is like this." St John starts his gospel echoing the "In the beginning," of Genesis, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us, is the Word spoken over the deep and darkness, who called all things into being and declared them to be very good.

In *Revelation*, Jesus says, "Behold, I make all things new, I am the Alpha and the Omega." In the description of the new creation, images from *Genesis* are taken up and restored; the Tree of Life whose leaves are for "the healing of the nations," the Rivers of the waters of life, the fact that the City has no need of lamp or sun because the Lord God is its light. God's creation will be as he intends.

Our Creator wants us be at one with the rest of creation but all too often we see the natural world as something to be exploited, forgetting that we are part of God's creation. Like all living creatures we are given life as a gift. We are made in the image and likeness of God, and this implies that we are co-creators, to tend and provide for and sustain creation. Churches sometimes fail to uphold this vital part of the Gospel. It was not always like this.

St Gregory the Great, writing in the 11<sup>th</sup> century, tells us that we contain "something of the angels, something of the birds, something of the flowers, something of the stones."

We are stewards of God's creation. Medieval Benedictine monks had a sustainable forestry policy, trees felled had to be replaced, not simply because the forest was an economic resource, but because they had a sense of their rootedness in the earth. The eastern churches have always had a regard for creation in their theology and worship. The theology and prayer of the celtic church is grounded in the land, sea and sky of which we are a part. We are to be at one not only with our creator, but also with the rest of his creation.

To think that humans are superior to and of more value before God than the rest of Creation is a false distinction and to misunderstand the truth of the scriptures and what Christian writers have said over the centuries. We can give meaning, as Genesis tells us, to all we perceive, and should see ourselves as the responsible partner in the ongoing work of creation and redemption. Creatures belong with us in the same family of God. Our neglect and misuse of creation is a betrayal of God's Creative Plan, and of ourselves. Acknowledging God as our creator, we do well to remember those words from Genesis:

"And God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good."

*Rev. David Heatley*

**CHURCH SERVICES FOR ALL SAINTS'**



**September 2022**

**4<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am All Age worship (a non-Communion service)

**11<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Holy Communion

**14<sup>th</sup> Midweek Service**

10.30am Holy Communion

**18<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer  
(a non-Communion service)

**25<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

9.30am Celtic Communion

**28<sup>th</sup> Midweek Service**

10.30am Holy Communion

**Junior Church meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month! Newcomers are very welcome.**

We remain live streaming via our YouTube channel -

**Northwood, Gurnard and Cowes St Faiths parishes.** Once the services are over, they are all uploaded for you to watch whenever you are available. The link is as follows:

**[www.youtube.com/channel/UCpp6tQjtlusmJ10XEetGQgg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpp6tQjtlusmJ10XEetGQgg)**



For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact  
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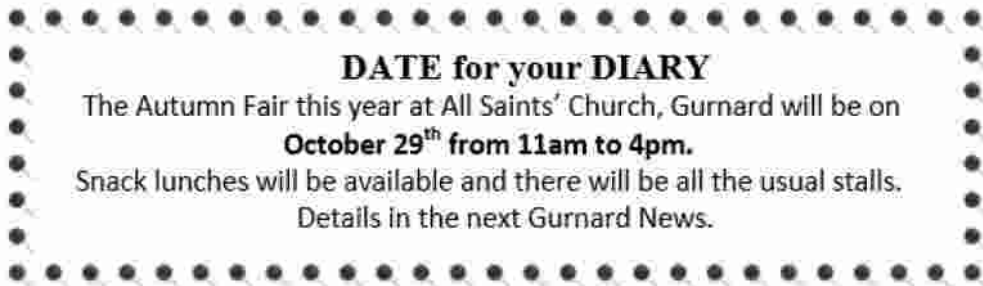
## **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH GURNARD**

**Coffee and Chat**  
in Church will be on  
**Thursday, September 22nd**  
from **10am till 11.30am.**  
All welcome (and bring a friend?)

### **RECYCLING EMPTY PILL PACKETS**

#### **Great News**

You can now pop into the church and drop off any of  
those packets with the silver foil



### **DATE for your DIARY**

The Autumn Fair this year at All Saints' Church, Gurnard will be on  
**October 29<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm.**  
Snack lunches will be available and there will be all the usual stalls.  
Details in the next Gurnard News.

### **SCRABBLE**



Come along and join our friendly group for a game of  
Scrabble. We meet every Monday 2.00pm till 4.00pm All  
Saints' Garden Room. We charge £1.00 to cover costs and  
refreshments.

Any queries phone Susan Walmsley 298132

## THE ELEPHANT CLUB



Next meetings are on:

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

2:00 – 4:00pm

in

The Garden Room, All Saints' Church, Gurnard

The Elephant Club is a free monthly meeting providing a gentle, friendly group activity that helps you exercise your memory muscles

Tea and Refreshments are included

Just come along and have some fun!

For information call Mandy on

07812 131359

## CIRCLE DANCING



All Saints Monthly Circle Dancing Sessions

The next two meetings will be on:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

2.15 – 3.45 pm

**(there will be no Circle Dancing in September)**

Gurnard Village Hall, Worsley Road

These sessions are gentle, supported, exercises in simple dance format, currently seated.

As part of our ELEPHANT CLUB programme, the Circle Dancing sessions offer the same warm welcome and friendly encouragement to all our memory-challenged guests, and their carers.

No special clothing, equipment or ability is required.

Free tea and refreshments are provided

For information, please contact Mandy on

07812 131359



## **Coffee Morning**

In aid of Church Funds

**On Saturday 24th September 2022 from 10.00am to 12noon**

In St John the Baptist Church Chawton Lane Northwood

Stalls – Cakes – Raffle – Bring & Buy

All Welcome

## **Northwood Church Christmas craft evenings**

Our very popular Christmas craft evenings will be commencing in September with an array of projects. Numbers are limited so if you are interested, please call Pat on 01983 526385 to book your place. Price includes Refreshments and cake.

Wednesday 21st September - 7.30pm - Needle felted pictures - £15

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm – Fabric Christmas Bauble (no sew) - £15

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – 7.30pm – personalised felt Christmas stocking - £15

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 7.30pm – Fresh foliage door wreath - £15

## **Community – Coffee, Craft and Cake**

You'll find a warm, friendly welcome at our Coffee, Craft and Cake gathering.

**Every First Thursday of the month**

**10am-12pm Northwood Scout Hut**

Bring your own projects to finish. Share hints, tips and ideas amongst friends.

Craft Magazine swap available too!

Free entry and refreshments

In association with Northwood Church

## **NORTHWOOD CHURCH**

### **COMMUNITY COFFEE AND CHAT**

**Every Second Thursday in the month**

**Northwood Scout Hut 2pm- 4pm**

Why not come and join us for a **free** cuppa and bring a friend

You will be most welcome

# Gurnard Film Society



## BELFAST

**Friday 9th September 7.30 pm**


**2021 UK Coming of Age Drama**  
*In (mostly) black and white*

Belfast-born director **Kenneth Branagh**'s film is a warm and imaginative treatment of his community in a time and place usually presented as unrelentingly grim: Belfast during The Troubles. With a fine script and outstanding performances.

**BOOKING IS ADVISED.** Phone, text or email – see below.

Cert.15 1 hrs 38 mins Admission £5.00 (sorry, cash only)

Gurnard Village Hall, Westbrook Lane (off Worsley Road), Gurnard PO31 0P31 8EU

Tel 240615 Text 07801 532482 E Mail: [gurnardfilmsociety@gmail.com](mailto:gurnardfilmsociety@gmail.com) or 





Gurnard Village Hall continues to thrive as a hub of activity for the local community. As well as the numerous regular user groups, the hall is frequently booked for private parties and other events including the welcome return of 2 weekends of Open Studios Art Exhibitions. The garden has shrubs and trees, seating and picnic tables and is very well maintained. Visitors frequently comment very positively on how smart, clean and well maintained the hall is. The Notice Board on Worsley Road/ Westbrook Lane gives a list of the hall users and upcoming events. Despite the difficult times, the fees of £12/hour for regular or £15/hour for single bookings have not been increased. If you wish to make a booking, please contact Liz Bail [gvhabookings@outlook.com](mailto:gvhabookings@outlook.com)

The kitchen has been cleared and provides a wide range of crockery, glasses, cutlery and utensils for hall users and a new water heater. A full Health and Safety Review has been carried out and all recommendations are being implemented.

The Village Hall Association is currently supporting the Chrysalis charity ([chrysalisuganda.org](http://chrysalisuganda.org)) started in 2007 by an IoW woman. Supported by the Methodist minister in Arreton, who personally transports lightly worn old and new bras to Ugandan women to enable them to set up businesses, and support the health and well-being of girls and women. A woman is less likely to be raped if she is wearing a bra. The Hall is open on a Tuesday morning for donations.

The book table has been reintroduced and provides a variety of donated books and magazines for visitors, for a donation. The book stock has been refreshed and can now take further donations.

During the August closure, the hall has been cleaned, minor repairs undertaken to windows and floor and improvements made. These include better access for the disabled with the addition of a handrail to the external steps and smoother access to the building and garden for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

Future plans include the provision of a fridge, the hanging of a new tapestry, made by the Spinney Quilters to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and an eco/recycling event for the local community to promote understanding. The hall re-opens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

With many thanks to all our hall users and visitors for your support.

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## GURNARD VILLAGE HALL

May22

For enquiries about individual activities, contact the relevant leader.  
For hall bookings or enquiries contact [gvhabookings@outlook.com](mailto:gvhabookings@outlook.com)

<b>MONDAY</b>		
09.30 - 11.00	YOGA	Judith Didham. 716144 or 07748 977634
13.30 - 15.30	ART GROUP	Tony Westmore 295550
17.00 - 18.00	TAE KWAN-DO	Pete Scotcher 07791 068079
19.00 - 21.00	COWES ART GROUP	Ian Dawkins <i>fully subscribed</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
10.00 - 12.00	SPINNEY QUILTERS	Val Cleary <i>Currently fully subscribed</i>
17.45 - 19.15	YOGA	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
19.30 - 21.30	INTERNATIONAL DANCE	Mavis Bownas 291134
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
10.00 - 12.00	ART GROUP	Tony Westmore 295550
19.30 - 21.30	GURNARD COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed	Emma Glasbey 293130
14.00 - 16.00	CYBER CAFÉ 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Paul Clark 07961 030068
18.15 - 22.00	GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL 2 <sup>nd</sup> & last Wed.	Katie Riley 07305 013718
18.30 - 21.30	GURNARD BAY W.I. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	Judith Westbrook 295690
12.00 - 15.00	3 X yearly W.I. VILLAGE LUNCH 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	June Butchers (294366)
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
09.30 - 11.00	YOGA	Judith Didham 716144 or 07748 977634
12.00 - 13.00	KEEP ACTIVE Exercise Group	Andrew Savage 810932 or 07779 616189
14.15 - 15.45	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday CIRCLE DANCING The Elephant Club	Mandy Miller 07812 131359
14.00 - 16.00	CREATIVE WRITING 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Chris Lund (07480 521200)
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
09.30 - 11.00	PARENT & TODDLER GROUP	Polly Segar Sally France  'Gurnard Parent and Toddler Group'
12.00 - 13.30	YOGA	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
14.00 - 16.00	SOLENT SINGERS Ladies Choir	Suzanne Longstone 290225
19.30	GURNARD FILM SOCIETY 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday	Janet White 240615

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### **COWES HERITAGE AND COMMUNITY GROUP BECKFORD CENTRE**

Monday 10-12. Our Island History

Thursday 10-12 Current Affairs

Thursday 1.30-3.30 Art for All

More groups being planned.

\* £2 per session

\* £10 annual subscription (due from your third visit please)

Call 244180 or email [Beckford.centre@chcg.com](mailto:Beckford.centre@chcg.com)

## 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	293341
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
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All Saints' Church, Curate	Rev'd Diana Netherway		298505
All Saints' Churchwarden	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
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Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society	Mrs Emma Glasbey		293130
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## **Report from Paul Fuller, Independent Isle of Wight Councillor for Cowes West & Gurnard.**

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Please visit my website: paulfullercc.blogspot.com**

### **Surgeries.**

10:30-11am; Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Gurnard Press, Worsley Road, Gurnard.  
6-6:30pm; Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road,  
Cowes.+  
5:30-6pm. Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.+  
10:30-11am, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Coffee & Chat, All Saints Church, Tuttons  
Hill, Gurnard.  
5:30-6pm. Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard  
11:30-12pm, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Eegons, 85 High Street, Cowes.

### **Jury Service +**

From 5<sup>th</sup> September I've been selected for Jury Service, and for two weeks from this date my availability will be restricted. If you need me during this time, please text or leave a message on my voicemail, and I will respond once free.

### **Helicopters.**

Last month, low flying helicopters were reported to the Civil Aviation Authority. Since then, the issue seems resolved. Visit: <https://www.caa.co.uk/our-work/about-us/contact-us/> for details.

### **Parkhurst Forest: Poison Warning!**

Calls have been received concerning walked in Parkhurst Forest being poisoned. This follows incidents a couple of years ago, where a number of dogs fell ill, following being walked from Marks Corner. Please be on your guard! The police has been notified. In the meantime, all instances should be reported direct to the police, and please let me know if you or somebody that you know experienced similar instances.

### **Local Listings: Heritage Assets.**

I am seeking to update our local list of heritage assets important to our community. If there are assets you consider should be recognised that isn't, please let me know! The current Local List can be found here:

<https://www.iow.gov.uk/azservices/documents/1322-Local%20List%20Database%2020220211.pdf>

### **Local Planning Matters:**

- Officers visited a chalk based track to the south of **Cockleton Farm**. To note, this track led to a brick works, and has been upgraded to give access to a land-locked piece of agricultural land.
- Planning Enforcement support was requested over concerns raised over the location of mobile homes at **Sunnycott Caravan Park** which are for sale. In response, licensing and planning advise it is 'not be expedient to take action' whilst units are for sale.

- A resident has contacted me with concerns over **water resilience and conservation**, and the inability of water companies to build reservoirs. This is a matter I've taken up with the Council's Environment & Sustainability Forum.
- The latest proposal to develop north of **Gurnard Farm** was refused by the Planning Inspector.

#### **Tayla Wright.**

I met with the family of dancer, Tayla, who tragically passed away last year and would have celebrated her 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 10<sup>th</sup> September. This meeting followed feedback about discarded cellophane and plastics being left adjoining Tayla's Bench, adjacent to the Beach Huts on Gurnard Seafront.

To celebrate Tayla's life her family has set up a Go Fund Me site to support those affected. For details visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-taylas-family-give-her-the-best-send-off> In the meantime, Tayla's Family continues to monitor Tayla's bench.

#### **Jet Ski's.**

The anti-social use of jet-ski's at Gurnard was reported to the Marine Police, who continue to monitor waters frequented by bathers. Please note a bye-law exists which prohibits all 'personal watercraft' being used faster than 8 knots and in depths of less than 2 metres.

Please report incidents to: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

#### **Freedom of Information Requests.**

I have no issue sharing aspects of my work and dealings that I have. Unless confidential (and would not be disclosable under FOI requests), I will always be open and transparent and happy to share information to anybody that makes a request directly to me.

#### **Speedwatch**

More volunteers are needed to join Cowes Speedwatch. Please let me know if you are interested? Last month volunteers were asked to monitor traffic speeds in Tuttons Hill. I understand that following the survey a large number of residents were witnessed speeding on this location.

#### **Energy Price Increases.**

For up to date support visit: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/> and <http://www.uswitch.com/> Tel: 0800 688 8557. Alternatively, talk to the Footprint Trust on 01983 822282 or email: [info@footprint-trust.co.uk](mailto:info@footprint-trust.co.uk).

#### **Heavy Goods Vehicles.**

I spoke to Reynolds and Read following complaints of HGV's using Church Road. Again following these the practice stopped. A big thank you to the team at Reynolds and Read for their support!

#### **Barbecues.**

The IW Council are supporting calls for disposable barbecues to be discarded sensibly. If disposable barbecues can be avoided all together this would be brilliant! Please ensure debris is safely disposed of. Incidents have occurred where abandoned barbecues has caused fires to surrounding countryside as well as plastic litter bins. There have also been incidents where barbecues have scorched ground where they are been lit, whilst on beaches barbecues has caused burns when trodden on. In response to the regularity of incidents requests have been made to formally ban



disposable barbecues.

**No Cold Calling Stickers.**

There are currently No Cold Calling stickers that I have left in Cowes Library. In addition, following a resident's complaint, I have also left copies of Southern Vectis' bus timetable in the library.

**Highways and Environmental Issues Issues.**

- I have requested a replacement of the lost lifebelt from Princes Esplanade, Gurnard.
- Following complaints from residents, Queens Road planting took place.
- I continue to receive complaints over vehicles using the Green, Crossfield Avenue as a Car Park.
- I am supporting disabled residents requiring enhanced support accessing rubbish tips.
- The seawall and pavement opposite the New Holmwood Hotel is due to be repaired by 28<sup>th</sup> August.
- I have requested the repainting of faded double yellow lines in Shore Road.
- I am supporting residents in Shore Path in receiving Grant Funding to repair the sea wall.
- Last month a burst water main in Northwood Recreation Ground was fixed. I am working with Cllr John Nicholson to see repairs made good to the access road to Northwood Cricket Club.
- Complaints were received concerning where Marsh Road meets Rew Street. Unless parking problems are resolved, it may be necessary to request double yellow lines to allow high sided vehicles to pass.
- A request has been made to remove a concrete block which miraculously appeared on Gurnard Beach.
- I continue to receive feedback on overgrown hedges. Please continue to let me know of problem areas.

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**[isleofwightliteraryfestival.com](http://isleofwightliteraryfestival.com)**

**Northwood House, Cowes**

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## **FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS AT COWES LIBRARY**

### **Mondays**

Weekly Rhyme Time for babies & toddlers 11.00am - 11.30am. A fun session of songs and rhymes! It's free and there is no need to book.

Cowes Library Games Club for Adults every first and third Monday of the month 10.00am - 12.00pm. Play an assortment of games or cards with a friendly group. It's free so just pop along.

Volunteer with Mountbatten monthly pop-in 2.30 - 4.00pm held on the first Monday of the month.

RSC Employability Isle of Wight. Do you live in West Cowes area? Do you need some support getting into work or finding training? Drop-in sessions at Cowes Library on the last Monday of the month 1.30 - 4.00pm. Have a chat about getting some free 1 to 1 support or call on [01794522106](tel:01794522106).

Monday 19 September Digital Support Workshop with AgeUK Isle of Wight 10.00am - 12.00pm. IT Jargon. Find out what digital terms mean, from anti-virus to Zoom and everything in-between. Session is gently paced. Booking essential. Call [01983 525282](tel:01983525282) or email [digital@ageukiw.org.uk](mailto:digital@ageukiw.org.uk)

### **Wednesdays**

Philo Cafe 7 September. Philosophical discussion group held on the 1st Wednesday of the month 7.00 - 9.00pm.

Wednesday 28 September

A further talk by Archaeologist Dr Ruth Waller 7pm. Learn about our Iron Age and Roman Island and some of the recent archaeological discoveries that tell us more about life on the IOW 2000 years ago. This is a free event, but booking is advisable by contacting Cowes Library on 01983 293341 or email: [coweslibrary@iow.gov.uk](mailto:coweslibrary@iow.gov.uk) Refreshments will be available.

### **Fridays**

Cowes Library Drop-in Café every 2nd Friday of the month 10.30am - 12.00pm. Enjoy some tea/coffee and cake and a friendly chat, or even whilst browsing books. Board games and colouring materials will be available to those who wish to use them. It's free and all are welcome.

### **Saturdays**

Children's Games Club: First Saturday of the month 10.30am - 12.00pm

Lego Club: Last Saturday of the month 10.00am - 12.00pm

Junior Colouring Club: Third Saturday of the month with colouring, drawing and being creative. All materials provided.

With all children's activities, children need to be accompanied by an adult throughout.



**COWES CONCERT BAND**  
 are delighted to be playing  
**AN AUTUMN CONCERT**  
 in **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**  
 on Monday September 26th at 7.45pm  
 Interval refreshments Raffle  
 Retiring collection in aid of  
 Church and Band funds



**The Friends of Northwood Cemetery**  
 are hosting their regular monthly Coffee Morning  
 in the West Chapel at Northwood Cemetery  
**between 10.30am and 12.30pm. On Friday September 2nd**  
 This month's theme will be Produce Sale and Food Related Tombola  
 All are welcome, refreshments are free but donations are appreciated

Any queries to Tony Butt on 295807.



## **Gurnard Parish Council Report July/August 2022**

The meeting held on July 13<sup>th</sup> will hopefully have been the last GPC meeting until September. Some business in July had to be deferred until September as the agenda was very full. If you have concerns about being forgotten because your query was not addressed at this meeting, don't be! Our wonderful clerk will remind us about items that require, or have been promised, a review.

### **Amenity Planting**

Island Roads were asked to cut back the larger beds along Worsley Road for safety reasons. Self-seeded ash and bay are a problem and will need further intervention but the ground is too hard to do any further work on the beds yet.

### **Appeal for building north of Gurnard Farm**

The planning appeal for the site north of Gurnard Farm ( on Lower Church Road) has been turned down. This is a hugely important decision as, if it had been approved, the Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan would have been completely undermined. It is thanks to our GNP that the Luck Valley is protected and this part of Gurnard is left unspoilt.

### **Autumn Walking Festival**

This festival will take place in October between Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Beach Digger**

Several concerned residents contacted councillors or the clerk about the big digger on the 'Secret' beach in an area where slipper clay makes the beach particularly unstable. The Chair, in his IW Councillor report, stated that photographs were taken before Storm Eunice struck and once damage to the seawall has been repaired, the beach should be restored to its original state and boulders replaced both on the beach and in front of the sea wall. Checks that all required permissions had been obtained were made. If residents and property owners could give the Chair or PC clerk advance notice of such works being under-taken, it would save many other locals concern.

### **Beach Working Party and Southern Water.**

There was plenty of discussion about the focus of the Beach Working Group. A recent RNLI Report raised several beach safety concerns but IWC needs to respond first as the report was commissioned by them. However, Personal Water Craft (PWC) particularly jet skis and windsurf foils in the swimming area, are causing concern to locals. If you believe there have been breaches of the relevant byelaw such concerns should be reported to Hampshire Constabulary, whose Marine Police Unit patrols and enforces this.

Their contact details are: <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> Also anyone reporting an incident is asked to copy Lee Matthews [lee.matthews@iow.gov.uk](mailto:lee.matthews@iow.gov.uk) and Tash Dix [natasha.dix@iow.gov.uk](mailto:natasha.dix@iow.gov.uk) into correspondence, as they are now the principal officers at the Isle of Wight Council that deal with these issues. Please also cc GPC clerk at [gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com) to make your concerns known to the parish council. The area covered by byelaws under *section 76 of the Public Health Act 1961 for the prevention of danger, obstruction or annoyance to persons bathing in the sea or using this area extends from the "easternmost point of Gurnard Green to Hamstead Ledge from the high water mark to 200m out to sea* so all of Gurnard main beach and the 'Secret' beach is covered by this byelaw.

Two councillors have recently attended a workshop with Southern Water. The need to look at water quality and the reduction of pollution from the two combined sewer overflows (CSOs) on our beaches is obviously very important to many residents so water quality will be the Beach Working Group's immediate focus. Councillors are looking into conducting tests on water quality to enhance the work of the Environment Agency. We look forward to inviting members of the public to be involved with this group as soon as we are able to make constructive use of your valuable time. If you have an interest, please do share your name and contact details plus any particular area of concern or expertise, by emailing Cllr Franklin on [Mark.Franklin@gurnardpc.co.uk](mailto:Mark.Franklin@gurnardpc.co.uk) , ideally before the GPC meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Water is a concern in other ways too. The climate crisis is beginning to bite: extreme heat was experienced across the UK in July, a heatwave in August, this season without rain is the longest since 1976. The hosepipe ban introduced on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August will last into September and possibly beyond as the rivers Test and Itchen will need to recover before the ban is lifted. We can help ourselves by using water as sensibly as possible and using some of the habits our grandparents and parents used to employ: have a bucket beside the sink for used dishwater and syphon off bath water for watering your garden, use a bucket and sponge if you have to wash the car.

An additional concern is that rain, when it comes may be torrential and it will just run off parched earth and cause more problems. It is run-off which can results in more discharges from CSOs. Southern Water's Pathfinder scheme is promising that free water butts will be provided, hopefully in the Spring, but if you can manage to fit a water butt somewhere on your gutter system then please do consider this as soon as possible, and take up Southern Water's offer later! Contrary to some beliefs there is no restriction to water butts on your property and DEFRA and the Environment Agency recommend their installation in gardens.

### **Defibrillators in the Village**

There are three defibrillators in the village, at the Woodvale, in the Village Hall and beside Gurnard Press. The one at Gurnard Press has a damaged housing and it might be better to find an alternative site for this defibrillator. This will be an agenda item in September.

### **Environment**

There were many reports about the Environment for councillors to consider with one asking, *'What can local councils do to help create a sustainable environment?'* A report back from a Southern Water Workshop highlighted the forecast that by 2040 South East England (which includes the IOW) will be facing a one billion litre per day shortfall in water. GPC's Environment Policy is due for review in September and that is important as this aspect of council responsibility is growing fast.

**The LCWIP** was formally adopted along with a request that future transport planning should give more priority to the mobility impaired.

### **Old School Meadow**

In this dry weather it is vital that all users of the OSM take notice of the NO FIRES order. It would be sensible to avoid smoking there too; one spark or carelessly discarded cigarette could cause a conflagration. Please be aware!

There are one or two dog owners who are not picking up after their dogs when visiting the OSM. It is an offense to fail to clean up after your dog. There are bins for disposal of poo bags at the vehicle entrance gate and the bottom of Hilton Road. Please will all dog owners be vigilant and if necessary remind visiting dog owners that Cllr Bustin kindly ensures emergency bags are available from the box at the vehicle entrance gate. In this public space, it is not good enough to kick excrement to the edges of the meadow or fail to remove it.

On a more happy note, a fruit tree specialist has been asked to provide a quotation for managing the community orchard. There are no plums this year and it was probably badgers and foxes which benefitted most from the cherries but there are some apples and blackberries available for residents to pick. Please take fruit carefully: some of the trees are old and fragile.

### **Spencer's Copse**

Work on trees and other aspects of the wood has put the copse out of access at times over the Summer. This was advertised. GPC will try to keep you fully informed if future work requires closure.

### **Toilets on the Green**

The public toilets, management, cleaning and maintenance, are a major item of expenditure for GPC as the council pays for the toilets to be cleaned twice a day over the Summer. The council does its best to ensure these important amenities are kept

to a high standard and it is a cause of real concern when these standards fall: sometimes a closure is due a fault on a system or a power cut but sometimes it is vandalism. Blocking the doors open with a stone or trying to force locks can result in the toilets not being available when they are needed. If you do find the toilets in an unacceptable condition there is a 24 hour helpline number displayed on the notices at the toilet block.

#### **Tour of Britain**

The Tour route extends through quite a lot of the village so residents will have the chance to enjoy a major sporting event on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please look out for how you can get involved in a land art competition if the idea proves viable. Check for posters on the GPC notice board and social media and community groups may get involved. Meanwhile look out your bunting!

#### **Contact us.**

The next full Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 14th 2022**, the agenda is published on the GPC website at least four working days beforehand. Members of the public are always welcome to attend. If there is anything you feel the Parish Council could help with, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs. Katie Riley, telephone 07305013718 or email: [gurnard-parishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:gurnard-parishcouncil@gmail.com) or the Chair, Cllr Paul Fuller, at [paul.fuller@gurnardpc.co.uk](mailto:paul.fuller@gurnardpc.co.uk)

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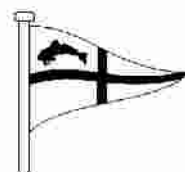
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