

THE GURNARD NEWS

DECEMBER 2022/JANUARY 2023



FROM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD TO THE SMALLEST
TWINKLING STAR, MAY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD ILLUMINATE
YOUR JOURNEY THIS CHRISTMAS AND THE COMING YEAR.

BLESSINGS TO YOU ALL THIS CHRISTMAS!

With love, All Saints church

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 remember chatting with some friends late this Summer and them mentioning the 'C' word......yes Christmas!!!!

Never wanting to hear these words until after Remembrance Sunday, I shushed them. 'Don't worry,' they said 'after the last two years, this is going to be a normal Christmas!' Oh how wrong they were.

We will hear the first Christmas Day speech from our new King but more significantly with prices shooting up over the autumn, our own Christmas may not be what we thought it would be.

There may be fewer presents around the tree; there may be less food on the table; we may be wearing more jumpers and thick clothes to keep warm. We may be able to see our loved ones and travel anywhere, but I don't think we can call it a normal Christmas can we? But then what is a normal Christmas? When I was a young girl, it was presents after breakfast (and cleaning our teeth and getting dressed obviously!!!!) now its presents after lunch as I have the Christmas Day services to take. We used to share a Quality Street tin together and the toffees were always the ones left, now you can buy a tin of only purple sweets (which are the BEST!). My home town had New Year Day charity swims, we seem to have Boxing Day ones here on the island. What hasn't changed is the competition as to who can keep their Cracker paper hat on for as long as possible and the desire to win whatever boardgame we have got out!

As a Mum, wife and daughter I worry about Christmas: what presents to get the boys, making sure they have a great time, trying to ensure we see all family and friends over the festive period. As a priest I worry about Christmas: wanting to get Jesus's message of love to as many people as I can in as many varied ways I am able. As a member of a great community, I worry about those who will have no shelter, no food, no visitors, no hope this Christmas. And I am sure many of you are the same.....but then we can end up worrying so much that we forget to enjoy the season!

If we get down to the nitty gritty of what we REALLY NEED as opposed to want, I think it would be a much easier list. I always tell wedding couples to have 3 non-negotiables each for their special day, anything else on top of that is a bonus....it worked for me and many couples have said they really benefitted from doing this. So with that in mind, I asked my husband and boys to give me three things they couldn't do without for Christmas: surprisingly there were a number of duplicates, here is what they said – a Christmas tree, a few presents (quite restrained for 10 and 12 year old boys!), some fun and the family all being together.

I am quite shocked but delighted to hear these....So I am going to focus on these things this year, breathe and then concentrate on actually enjoying the season. And maybe you want to do the same with your close family – before buying them a bunch of 'stuff' this Christmas ask them what they really need: it could be help with a utility bill or a car payment, maybe it could be a child-free night and could use

a free babysitter, maybe they need a night off cooking and could use a homemade meal or maybe they just need a cup of coffee and someone to listen.

Because Christmas is about a tenderness for the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future. It is the time when we think of others but also most significantly when we celebrate the greatest gift we have ever been given by God when he sent his son Jesus to earth as a vulnerable little baby. He was born into a poor family. He was born in an occupied land. His wider family were not there to celebrate with his parents. His family needed the kindness of an Innkeeper to find shelter. Jesus endured many of the problems a large number of us are facing on a day to day basis, from our own community to the wider world. It may have been over 2000 years ago but the pressures and problems remain the same

Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of USA once said "Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas." Basically concentrate on **Being Present** and not giving presents!

I pray this month that every cup you have, physical or spiritual, may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path you tread this Christmas time may lead to peace.

With blessings to you and your loved ones this Christmas,

Rev Amanda

GURNARD'S CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2022

Our services continue to be live streamed, so you can watch from your home – either on the day or later in the week. Our YouTube channel



is called Northwood, Gurnard and Cowes St Faiths parishes. The link is as follows: www.youtube.com/channel/ UCpp6tQjtlusmJ10XEetGQqg

- 4th 9.30am Our service of light with Christingles!

 5.30pm Our Community Christingle Service come along and have some fun making Christingles!
- 10th 10.00am Thanksgiving Service for people who have lost loved ones
- 11th 9.30am Holy Communion
- 14th 10.30am Midweek Holy Communion
- 18th 9.30am Service of the Word 6.00pm Our Carol Concert
- 24th 4.00pm Our Crib Service Come dressed as your favourite Christmas character and be prepared to get involved...
 - 9.30pm Midnight in Bethlehem
- 25th 10.00am Family Christmas Communion
- 28th 10.30am Midweek Holy Communion

CHURCH SERVICES FOR ALL SAINTS'



January 2023

- 1st 2nd Sunday of Christmas 9.30am Informal Communion service
- 8th Epiphany 9.30am Holy Communion
- 11th Midweek service 10.30am Holy Communion (said)
- 15th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany 9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer
- 22nd 3rd Sunday of Epiphany 9.30am Celtic Communion
- 25th Midweek service 10.30am Holy Communion (said)
- 29th Candlemas 9.30am Café Church

Junior Church meets in term time on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month! Newcomers are very welcome.



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



RECYCLING EMPTY PILL PACKETS

Great News

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

Back again!

The Cowes Concert Band A Concert of Festive Music



All Saints' Church Gurnard Monday 5th December at 7.45pm

Refreshments and Raffle.

Admission is free but a collection will be taken in aid of the church and the Band.



GURNARD BAY WI MEETING

So, we thought it would be a good idea to all make a Gingerbread House for our Christmas Craft Activity this year. Well, we thought it



would be a good idea. And actually, it was? 23 ladies armed with icing tubes, various nozzles, sweets and the ingredients to make up a rather lovely gingerbread house. We concentrated, laughed, cursed (!) giggled, constructed, moaned and had a thoroughly good time. The end result was a gingerbread village adorned with snow, gingerbread men (and ladies) jewels, wreaths, icicles and cleverly piped features.

Our Book Club choice this month is 'Hamnet' by Maggie O'Farrell, we will be meeting at The Woodvale before Christmas for our discussion and lunch.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GURNARD

are delighted to announce a Return Visit by the
Simon Langton School Chamber Choir
who are on tour on the Island
for a Concert
of secular and sacred music to include
Christmas treats for Advent
on Friday December 2nd at 7pm.

Interval refreshments.

Retiring Collection

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GURNARD VILLAGE HALL

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For enquiries about individual activities, contact the relevant leader. For hall bookings or enquiries contact gyhabookings@outlook.com

MONDAY		
09.30 - 11.00	YOGA	Judith Didnam, 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	lan Dawkins, fully subscribed
TUESDAY		
10.00 - 12.00	SPINNEY QUILTERS	Vali Cleary Currently fully subscribed
17.45 - 19.15	YOGA	Elizabeth Bolweii 07817 050893
19.30 - 21.30	INTERNATIONAL DANCE	Mavis Bownas 291134
WEDNESDA	Ÿ	
10.00 -1 2.00	ART GROUP	Tony Westmore 295550
14.00 -16.00	CYBER CAFÉ 2 rd & 4 th Wed	Paul Clark 07961 030068
18.15 - 22.00	GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL 2 nd & last Wed.	Katie Riley 07305 013718
18.30 - 21.30	GURNARD BAY W.I. 3rl Wed	Judith Westbrook 295690
12.00 -15.00	3 X yearly W.I. VILLAGE LUNCH 4th Wed	June Butchers 294366
THURSDAY		-
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
17.45 - 18.45	PILATES	Nicota 07834 178154
14.15 - 15.45	CIRCLE DANCING The Elephant Club 1# Thursday	Mandy Miller 07812 131359
14.00 - 16.00	CREATIVE WRITING 4th Thursday	Chris Lund 07480 521200
FRIDAY		
09:30 - 11:00	PARENT & TODDLER GROUP	Polly Segat Sally France Gumans 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	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

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Age Concern	525282 Health Centre (appointments)	294902			
Ambulance (Transport)	825111 Health Centre (general)	295251			
	15 1202959 Hospital (St Mary's)	524081			
	00 072 7282 Library	293341			
Gas (Emergencies) 08	800 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, Secretary	Mrs Rosemary Butler	200980			
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All Saints' Church, Organist	292256				
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Gurnard Primary School (website) www.gurnardprimaryschool.co.uk		295713			
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SURGERIES

10:30-11am, Thursday 1st December, Gurnard Press, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

4:30-5pm, Monday 5th December, Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes.

5:30-6pm; Wednesday 14th December, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

5:30-6pm, Tuesday 3rd January, Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes. (To Be Confirmed)

10:30-11am, Thursday 5⁵⁸ January, Gurnard Press, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

4:30-5pm, Monday 9th January, Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes.

5:30-6pm, Wednesday 11th January, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard

11:30-12pm, Thursday 17th January, Eegons, 85 High Street, Cowes

5:30-6pm, Wednesday 25th January, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

10:30-11am, Thursday 26th January, Coffee & Chat, All Saints Church, Tuttons Hill, Gurnard.

11:30-12pm, Thursday 26th January, Eegons, 85 High Street, Cowes.

Planning Applications.

If you are intending to submit a Planning Application, please talk first to your neighbours beforehand. Understanding the views of those affected can be so important when processing applications. In my time as Councillor, I know of many instances where an early discussion with neighbours could have resolved issues, saved money, time and upset to all parties involved.

Somerton Farm, Newport Road, Northwood. (Ref: 22/01720/OUT)

A major planning application has been submitted to develop adjoining Somerton Farm in Northwood. The proposal is for 163 dwellings with employment use. For details please visit: https://publicaccess.iow.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage

Gurnard Pines Eco Chalets.

Proposals for Eco-chalets at Gurnard Pines, are due to go out for consultation. In recent months in preparation for the new application there has continued to be work behind the scenes with dangerous trees and brambles being treated. In addition, Ecology Reports have been completed and there has been liaison with tree and environment officers.

Phone Messages!

In the last month, I've received a number of answerphone messages. If you leave a message, please let me know your telephone number! If you forget to let me know who you are, or how I make contact I cannot report back directly!

Parking.

Parental parking in the Crossfield Estate and Baring Road continues to be an issue. Parking Enforcement will take place outside schools during the winter period. In the meantime, I am in contact with Headteachers on concerns being raised. I've also received complaints of collisions to parked vehicles in Worsley Road.

Please note driving away from a traffic incident and not leaving details is illegal under section 170 of the Road Traffic Act.

Cost Of Living Support.

A few months ago, I requested that the fW Council pools national and local information available to support residents through the Cost of Living crisis. This information has been gathered and can be found at: https://beta.low.gov.uk/keep-the-island-safe/cost-of-living/

Because this information is not accessible to those 'not online', I am collating details for a paper version, to feature telephone numbers! In the meantime, if you're struggling please let me know, and with some of the contacts that I have built up over time and I can do my very best to support residents.

Cowes Floating Bridge.

An agreement was met by mediators on behalf of all parties regarding the Floating Bridge.

As a consequence, it was agreed by all parties in coming to an out of court settlement on the proviso terms remain confidential. Although I'm not entirely happy with this outcome, this has meant that the matter is resolved and avoids taking this through the high court with a high risk of adding time and costs.

Local Shops.

I've been asked to support local shopping and encouraging people to shop local and try to avoid the internet for this year's Festive shopping. Please note once lost, businesses can be lost forever!

I understand that the Café at Gurnard Pines is to reopen in November!

Beach Safety.

I attended the protest staged due to concerns on bathing water quality at Gurnard Beach. In response, the Parish Council's Beach Working Party is seeking to address concerns and priorities in the pending Beach Action Plan for Gurnard. Following its second meeting, members of the Group will meet again in December. Please let me know if you can contribute support!

Energy Price Increases.

For up to date support visit: https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/ and http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/ and https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/ and https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/</

English Coastal Path.

The IW section of the Coastal Path lengths 2-10 has been supported by the Secretary of State and is currently with the Planning Inspectorate who act as arbiters on issues raised. To note, the trail tends to follow the course of the current Coastal Path, whilst avoiding road walking. In addition the Path will follow the Estuary of the River Medina. In the meantime, negotiations continue on length 1 between East Cowes and Wootton.

Also this month.

- Following the resignation of neighbouring Councillor Steve Hastings, I continue to be approached by residents of Thorness, Porchfield and Calbourne to resolve issues. A bye-election for Steve's replacement took place on 24th November
- At the Solent Forum a presentation was given on Invasive Species that enter
 the Solent from cargo vessels and leisure craft entering ports and marinas. It
 was reported that around 10% of invasive species entering the Solent can
 cause problems. Most notable 'characters' are the Asian Date Mussel and
 Sea Squirts. For details visit: https://www.apemltd.com/service/invasive-non-native-species-inns/
- Last month, I reported on the mystery of the concrete blocks at Gurnard Seafront. Following this, Council Officers confirmed that the blocks exposure was as a consequence of beach levels falling. Since then locals reported that the blocks were remnants of replacement groynes created to replace Victorian sea defences. At the Solent Forum it was reported that the former defences were much better and robust than those created after the war.
- A very big thank you to all who attended this year's Remembrance Services.
 As an aside, following questions as to why the Gurnard Service differs from
 elsewhere, this apparently was due to the late Jenny Thomas as Guide
 Leader years ago requesting an afternoon service, as she took children horse
 riding in the morning. Whether this is true or not, I am unsure- but
 nevertheless it is a lovely rural story of a lady many residents have fond
 memories of.

Wishing everybody a very Happy Christmas and Fantastic New Year. Yours. Paul.



FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES & EVENTS AT COWES LIBRARY

Mondays

Weekly Rhyme Time for babies & toddlers 11.00 -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 board 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.

Monday 12 December Age UK Isle of Wight Workshop 10.00am -12.00pm. Scam Awareness. Find out how to stay safe online. Discussion will be led by Sally Ash from IWASP. Booking essential. Call 01983 301693 or email: digital@ageukiw.org.uk

Wednesdays

Philo Café 7 December 4 January Philosophical discussion group held on the 1st Wednesday of the month 7.00 - 9.00pm. No need to book, just go along.

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. You don't have to be a library member to come along. 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.

Vectis Historical and Heritage Wargaming Group meet monthly on Saturdays at Cowes Library usually between 10.00am and 4.00pm with a break for lunch. Anyone interested in historical wargaming is welcome to enquire about current arrangements and future events. Any level of interest or experience welcome. Contact Cowes Library on 01983 293341 or email Will Bossman at: wdbossman@gmail.com

Christmas Book Sale, including DVDs & CDs from Saturday 10 December 10.00am - 4.30pm and throughout rest of December during normal opening hours. All at bargain prices. Book donations welcome.



The Friends of Northwood Cemetery

are hosting their regular monthly Coffee Morning in the West Chapel at Northwood Cemetery on Friday 2nd December there will be a Christmas Tombola, and on Friday January 6th there will be a Bring and Buy both between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

All are welcome, refreshments are free but donations are appreciated.

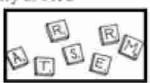
Any queries to Tony Butt on 295807

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 £1.50 to cover costs and refreshments.

Any queries phone Susan Walmsley 298132





Gurnard Parish Council Report

Parish Precept Consultation - what is this all about?

Parishes charge a parish precept to fund the parish council and activities they undertake on behalf of the local community. Each parish council must forecast how much money they are going to

need in the following financial year. This is then divided by the number of properties in the parish in the same way as your IWC council tax is calculated. Gurnard Parish council are currently setting the budget for 2023-2024; we are intending to keep the precept at the same level as last year and have drafted the budget accordingly. It is your money that we are spending locally for the community and so we would like your view on our current proposals. It is really important that as many <u>Gurnard residents</u> (the people who pay the precept!) as possible, respond to the consultation as councillors need to know they are making appropriate decisions on how to spend public money. To encourage a high response a digital version will be available as well as the paper one inserted in the Gurnard News. You only need to complete one or the other! Boxes for returning consultations forms will be put out in central places in the village e.g. Village Hall and village shop etc. They will be collected prior to counting which will take place before the first GPC meeting in January 2023. https://forms.gle/fE23wdu58zXbt9zp8

Water Pollution

Dangers inherent in our coastal waters being polluted from Combined Sewer Overflow discharges (there are two CSOs in Gurnard) is being recognised on a national scale and many Gurnard residents stepped up with a well-supported demonstration on the beach against 'poo pollution' in October. The event was supported by parish councillors who took the opportunity to consult on the Welcome Back Fund seafront benches.

Village Litter Pick

On the last Saturday of half term a well-attended litter pick tidied up the village. I'm sure Plaza Ices sponsorship (vouchers were given out to all attending 'wombles') had absolutely nothing to do with the great turnout of 40 people!! Well done and thanks to all our fantastic volunteers and to Plaza Ices for their support.

Safety Measures for School Children

Concerns have been raised about the safety of children going to and from Gurnard Primary School and the Police, Island Roads, IWC and Gurnard Primary School are all involved in considering how to proceed. Island Roads have advised that the speed limit on Baring Road is being considered within an Island wide speed limit review, and a decision on potential changes will be made in April 2023. The Police are soon to have a small but dedicated unit on the Island concentrating on 'Roads Policing'; they are gearing up their neighbourhood teams to manage specific locations of concern such as the top of Woodvale Road at peak times.

This is an issue which will have further consideration and which features as an item in the 'Precept Consultation'. Please take the opportunity to have your say!

Cost of Living Crisis

Those who are worried about the rising cost of living and keeping homes warm have not been forgotten but we are aware that, as a council, we do not always know who needs help or would welcome it. We are in the process of compiling a list of 'warm spaces' which can be accessed in the village. This ranges from the Church's Coffee and Chat to GVH Cyber Cafe, the Portland's Friendship Afternoon tea with chair yoga to Circle Dancing with The Elephant Club. Some of the events we are listing require a small charge or have a suggested donation but all provide opportunities to meet new friends, support and a hot drink with something to eat. If you have difficulty getting to village events which you would like to attend this is another point to make on the 'your comments' section of the consultation.

Councillors have been researching the concept of a community pantry but it is not a practical idea for Gurnard. Concerns have been expressed about the village shop and councillors are aware of how important a local shop is for many people. Hopefully supply problems which have led to empty shelves for some time have been overcome and improvements should soon be obvious. Let's make sure we don't lose the shop.

ADVANCE WARNING

On Wednesday, January 18th 2023, Green Gym volunteers will be in the village between 10am and 1pm to help Gurnard in Bloom with maintenance of the planting along Worsley Road. This may impact on parking along Worsley Road. Please put this date in your diary if you regularly use a parking space outside Buckler's View or near planting in Worsley Road. This work will take place unless there is extreme weather which would make driving dangerous.

Contact Us

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held in the village half at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 14th December 2022. There is always an opportunity at the start of the meeting for members of the public to make comments and ask questions. 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: gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com



CIRCLE DANCING



All Saints Monthly Circle Dancing Sessions The next three meetings will be on:

Thursday 1st December 2022

Thursday 5th January 2023 and

Thursday 2nd February 2023

2.15 - 3.45 pm

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

THE ELEPHANT CLUB



Next three meetings are on:

Thursday 15th December 2022 Thursday 19th January 2023 and Thursday 16th February 2023

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

Gurnard Film Society 🍱





UNE VIE DE CHAT Friday 2nd December 7.30 pm

Christmas Special with mulled wine and mince pies.

2010 French Crime Animation

(In French with English subtitles)

Nico the cat, who leads a double life as cat burglar's assistant, has to save his owner from the clutches of a gang of criminals.

Directors: Alain Gagnoli, Jean-Loup Felicioli

BOOKING IS ADVISED. Phone, text or email - see below.

Cert.PG 1 hrs 10 mins Admission £5.00 (sorry, cash only)
Gurnard Village Hall, Westbrook Lane (off Worsley Road), Gurnard PO31 PO31 BEU

Tel 240615 Text 07801 532482 E Mail: gurnardfilmsociety@gmail.com or

Gurnard Film Society



Programme January to March 2023

Screenings are monthly in Gumard Village Half, with 1 extra in Jenuary and none in August.

Doors open 7.00 pm, film starts 7.30. Admission 65.00. gumardfilmsociety@gmail.com Tel: 240615

Where possible, English subtitles are enabled for all films.



OPERATION MINCEMEAT

Friday 6th January

2021

Spy Drama

UK

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Director: Mario Camus



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Friday 3rd
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In Black and White

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Director: Billy Wilder

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