



# THE GURNARD NEWS

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be done in LOVE.....

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## A LETTER FROM ALL SAINTS'

### HELLO THERE!

February is the month of love or so the shops will tell you! Amidst the Easter Eggs (don't get me started) there is a significant increase of hearts, teddy bears, 'Love is' paraphernalia.....you know what I mean! I will be honest, my practical self always tells my husband not to buy me flowers until the 16<sup>th</sup> as they will be half the price (I know I am so romantic!!!). But I find it so frustrating that our consumer society bombards us with images of the sort of people it says we should be: February we have to be romantic, March we have to be chocoholics.....all the way to the summer when we have to be bikini ready!!!

Furthermore advertisements then tell us that this car or that perfume or these clothes or that plastic surgery will deliver fulfilment. They work just enough to get us hooked. We keep buying the products. We crave the lifestyle that the advertisements offer and believe it is the way to happiness. But this behaviour often ends in disappointment. These clothes, this car, this body are not good enough. We long to be someone else: someone rich, someone thinner or more beautiful; someone successful! It gets to a point that we may love someone in our life, but NOT LOVE OURSELVES!!!!

The Christian faith says that human beings are made in the image of a creative and loving God. We are all precious and beautiful in God's eyes. We don't need to try to find happiness by trying to become someone else – we are already enough! And the way we can start trying to be our

true selves is by not setting unrealistic expectations, which we then subsequently fail to achieve!

How many of you still do New Year Resolutions? How many of you have kept them all January? The thing is I don't think I know anyone who properly sits down and says 'Right what would be a realistic goal to achieve by the end of this year, what shall I aim for as my resolution this year?', we just do kneejerk reactions to an overeating Christmas, a very unfit end of previous year, severe migraines from drinking too much coffee or simply feeling stuck in a rut within your life.

But think about it - Do you ever make serious decisions on a whim? I know I certainly don't – I wrestled for a good few months as to where to buy my first house; I discussed with my teachers for a long while as to what I should study at University; James and I explored the idea of coming over to the island to live and work for a good amount of time. You should never 'shoot from the hip' as the saying goes, but instead always consider, reflect, plan, discuss plans for our family and our futures. And I think if we properly did this, we would never set ourselves unachievable expectations.

Back when I was growing up achievement, although desirable, was not considered particularly important. Many people from my very ordinary background didn't go onto college. Even fewer went to university. And it wasn't thought a big deal, because it was recognised that not everyone could be outstanding or high achieving. But things have changed in the world of societal expectation. The myth

seems to have arisen that individual striving and effort will always get you what you want – money, status or a satisfying career.....and this has resulted in unnecessary stress on the individual. Because when we believe we have 'failed', we beat ourselves up and instantly think we are less of a person. But I want to tell you this - your family and your true friends will still love you and stand by you in good times and bad, so love yourself – warts and all!

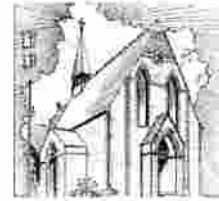
Lets stop this crazy train now and be honest and realistic with one another. Success should be redefined as achieving what you feel capable of, not what someone on TikTok or another social media platform says you should do and also what lies within the realm of possibility – not what society tells you that you must achieve in order to conform to a fantasy that, for most, only exists in glossy magazines and university prospectuses.

Anne Hathaway summed it up perfectly when she said 'I gave up my struggle with perfection a long time ago. That is a concept I don't find very interesting anymore. Everyone just wants to look good in the photographs. I think that is where some of the pressure comes from. Be happy. Be yourself, the day is about a lot more'

So go easy on those crazy expectations this year, focus on WHO not WHAT is important in your lives and as St Catherine of Siena once said- 'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'

*I wish you all a realistic and successful month!*

*Rev Amanda*

**CHURCH SERVICES FOR ALL SAINTS'****February 2023****1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday**

10.30am Holy Communion (a short 'said' service)

**5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

9.30am All Age worship

**12<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

9.30am Holy Communion

**15<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

10.30am Holy Communion (a short 'said' service)

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer

**26<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9.30am Celtic Communion

**Our Junior Church continues to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.**

If you would rather watch a service from your home, please do look on our YouTube channel - **Northwood, Gurnard and Cowes St Faiths parishes**. We live stream every Sunday but all our services remain on there should you wish to 'Catch up'! The link is as follows: [www.youtube.com/channel/UCpp6tQjtlusmJ10XEetGQgg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpp6tQjtlusmJ10XEetGQgg)

**Item for Gurnard News:****Would you like to take part in All Saints' Church Hymn Lottery?**

It costs £1 per week and you can choose your hymn from a list of 100. We ask that you pay for 5 consecutive weeks (to ease administration). The winning hymn number will be drawn out each Sunday morning. The winner will receive half of the money in the kitty that week, with the other half going to the church.

**Interested? Please contact Rosemary Butler on 01983 200980 so that she can allocate you a hymn number.**

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH**  
**GURNARD**  
**Coffee and Chat**  
 in Church will be on  
**Thursday February 23rd**  
 from **10am till 11.30am.**  
 All welcome (and bring a friend?)



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

## CIRCLE DANCING



All Saints Monthly Circle Dancing Sessions

The next three meetings will be on:

Thursday 2nd February 2023

Thursday 2nd March 2023 and

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 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.

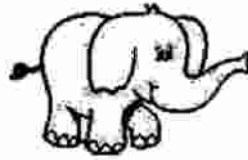
No special clothing, equipment or ability is required.

Free tea and refreshments are provided

For information, please contact Mandy on

07812 131359

## THE ELEPHANT CLUB



Next three meetings are on:

Thursday 16th February 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023 and

Thursday 20th April 2023

2:00 – 4:00pm

in

The Garden Room, All Saints' Church, Gurnard

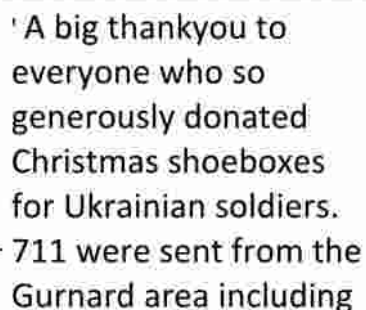
The Elephant Club is a free monthly meeting  
providing a gentle, friendly group activity that helps  
you exercise your memory muscles

Tea and Refreshments are included

Just come along and have some fun!

For information call Mandy on

07812 131359



11 specifically for lady soldiers. £2013 towards fares & fuel was donated on the boxes. And thanks also to the amazing lady who organised the collection point & oversaw all that needed to be done for the successful outcome. We pray for the restoration of peace in Ukraine in 2023. Thankyou again."

## GURNARD VILLAGE HALL

Jan23

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	<b>YOGA</b>	Judith Digham 716144 or 07748 977634
13.30 - 15.30	<b>ART GROUP</b>	Tony Westmore 295550
17.00 - 18.00	<b>TAE KWAN-DO</b>	Pete Scotcher 07791 068079
19.00 - 21.00	<b>COWES ART GROUP</b>	Ian Dawkins <i>Fully subscribed</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
10.00 - 12.00	<b>SPINNEY QUILTERS</b>	Val Cleary. <i>Fully subscribed</i>
12.30 - 13.30	<b>BALANCE AND GLO</b> movement for babies & parents	Evelyn Hichens evelyn@balanceandglo.com
17.45 - 19.15	<b>YOGA</b>	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
19.30 - 21.30	<b>INTERNATIONAL DANCE</b>	Mavis Bowyer 291134
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
10.00 - 12.00	<b>ART GROUP</b>	Tony Westmore 295550
14.00 - 16.00	<b>CYBER CAFE</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Paul Clark 07961 030068
18.15 - 22.00	<b>GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed.	Katie Riley 07305 013718
18.30 - 21.30	<b>GURNARD BAY W.I.</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 3 X yearly	Judith Westbrook 295690
12.00 - 15.00	<b>W.I. VILLAGE LUNCH</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	June Butchers 294366
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
09.30 - 11.00	<b>YOGA</b>	Judith Digham 716144 or 07748 977634
12.00 - 13.00	<b>KEEP ACTIVE</b> Exercise Group	Andrew Savage 810932 or 07779 616189
17.45 - 18.45	<b>PILATES</b>	Nicola 07834 178154
14.15 - 15.45	<b>CIRCLE DANCING</b> The Elephant Club 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	Mandy Miller 07812 131359
14.00 - 16.00	<b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Chris Lund 07480 521200
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
09.30 - 11.00	<b>PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP</b>	 'Gurnard Parent and Toddler Group' vanessalouisesuttleworth@yahoo.com
12.00 - 13.30	<b>YOGA</b>	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
14.00 - 16.00	<b>SOLENT SINGERS</b> Ladies Choir	Suzanne Longstone 290225
19.30	<b>GURNARD FILM SOCIETY</b> 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
All Saints' Vicar	Rev'd Amanda Collinson		294913
	Email amandacollinson01@gmail.com		
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
Gurnard Primary School (website)	www.gurnardprimaryschool.co.uk		295713
Gurnard Bay Evening W. I.	Mrs Judith Westbrook		295690
Gurnard Village Cottage Garden Society	Mrs Emma Glasbey		293130
Gurnard in Bloom	Jennie Lewis		643323
Gurnard Sailing Club Membership Secretary, Claire Bradley			07771 546146
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Please visit my website: paulfullercc.blogspot.com**

**.Surgeries.**

10:30-11am, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Eegon's, 85 High Street, Cowes.  
4:30-5pm, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Cowes Library, Beckford Road, Cowes.  
11:30-12:15pm, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, The Pavilion, Gurnard Pines, Gurnard.  
11:15-11:45am, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, The Woodvale, Princes Esplanade, Gurnard.  
(TBC)  
5:30-6pm, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.  
5:30-6pm, Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.  
10:30-11am, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Coffee & Chat, All Saints Church, Tutttons Hill,  
Gurnard.  
11:30-12pm, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Eegon's, 85 High Street, Cowes.

**Missing Post Box: Cockleton Lane.**

This month, I was hoping to have news on what has happened to the Post Box which has been taken from the top of the road, leading to Gurnard Pines at the junction with Cockleton Lane. Despite policy suggesting post boxes cannot be removed without good reason (and consultation), emails and calls to the Royal Mail, I am none the wiser. Please let me know if you are aware of what has happened?

**Precept Consultation, Gurnard Parish Council.**

Thank you to all 90+ residents who fed back their views of parish priorities in the recent consultation in advance of the Council setting its precept for residents. In response to the engagement, most residents seemed in general support of priorities. Fuller details will be shared once the feedback has been digested.

**Waste and Recycling.**

Last month a resident left a marine flare out for 'recycling'. The consequences of doing this could of course have been catastrophic. If you have dangerous items which need disposal of, please contact the IW Council's Waste Team on 01983 823777.

**Island Planning Strategy.**

Because of suggested changes being made by Government regarding Planning Policy, the IPS's progress has again been paused, given the fact Government is consulting on national policy. For details, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy>

**Pavement Parking.**

I have received a number of complaints concerning off-road parking on front drive ways, where access to footways is impassable because of the size of vehicles. To note, jurisdiction for enforcement remains with the police. Please, if this applies to you ensure your vehicle/s are parked safely and pavements outside your home remain accessible to pedestrians, push chairs and wheelchairs.

**Cowes Town Central Post Office.**

I have been in liaison with Island Roads and the IW Council concerning a complaint made regarding access to the Post Office in Cowes High Street. I have emphasised the overwhelming importance of this service and have requested that a resolution is found, given the post office and its position in the town.

**Memorial Benches.**

A request was received regarding adoption of Memorial Benches. Until now this tends to be discouraged due to complaints regularly received regarding ongoing maintenance and issues relating to the sensitivity of Family Members and benches public use.

**Cowes Golf Club.**

A very big thank you to Cowes Golf Club who are working with their members following complaints by Baring Road residents made regarding access and distance to toilet facilities.

**Rew Street Pond.**

Many thanks to the local resident who continues to look after Rew Street pond. I am currently in dialogue with Island Roads over the drainage issues in Rew Street and have requested that drains, ditches and gullies are annually kept clear. This follows instances of black ice during the cold spell in December.

**Southern Vectis: £2 Fare Cap**

Following feedback from passengers, Go Ahead who own Southern Vectis has agreed to the £2 single fare price cap. This provides where previously the minimum fare on the Isle of Wight was £2.50.

The scheme runs through to 31<sup>st</sup> March, and it is worth noting that if you do .

transfer buses, you are required to pay the maximum of £2 for each leg of your journey

### **Hedgehogs!**

Typically hedgehogs hibernate from late December until March. If you accidentally disturb a hibernation nest, cover it back over with a thick layer of dry leaves, leaving water nearby, so if the hedgehog does wake up he can easily find something to eat before returning to hibernation.

### **Benefits and Government Support.**

#### **Check if you can claim extra benefits from the government.**

Please make sure you are claiming all government support you can. It's worth checking even if you are already getting benefits like Universal Credit or Pension Credit.

- Contact **Citizens Advice IW** Tel: **0800 144 88 48** or visit Isle Help Advice Centre, County Hall, Newport.
- You may be able to get Pension Credit if you have an income of less than £182.60 or £278.70 per week
- **The Warm Home Discount** scheme provides a discount of £150 off electricity bills for low-income households this winter. Households will receive the discount automatically. For details call: 0800 107 8002.
- Details about government support with the cost of living at: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>. Rather unhelpfully there is no telephone number...

#### **Check if you can claim extra benefits from a local Isle of Wight scheme.**

- If you are eligible, you can apply for **Housing Benefit** or **Council Tax** reduction. Tel: **01983 823950**.
- If you are struggling to pay your council tax or received a reminder notice or summons call **01983 823901**.
- If you are struggling because your Housing Benefit or Universal Credit housing costs do not cover your full rent, you may be eligible for a **Discretionary Housing Payment**. For details call **01983 821000**
- If you are struggling to pay your council tax because of financial hardship, you may be eligible for a **hardship fund payment**. For details call **01983 821000**.



## **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.

### **Tuesdays**

Tuesday Chess at Cowes Library is starting on 7th February 2 - 4pm. For all ages, if you are interested in playing or want to learn, contact Cowes Library for more information on 01983 293341 or just come along. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Wednesdays**

Philo Café 1st February. 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.

Adult Community Learning Drop-ins at Cowes Library 3rd February 10.00am - 12.00pm. The Isle of Wight Council has been allocated funding over the next three years for **Multiply**, a government initiative to improve adult math skills. Multiply will help adults who do not have maths GCSE at grade C, understand and use maths in daily life, at home and in work. Providing free courses that are flexibly delivered around people's lives, whether at their workplace, in the evening, online, intensive or through personalised support. You can find out more about courses available at [www.iow.gov.uk/ACLCourses](http://www.iow.gov.uk/ACLCourses) or contact Adult Community Learning on 01983 817280 or email [multiply@iow.gov.uk](mailto:multiply@iow.gov.uk).

### **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. The next meeting is on 28th January. Any level of interest or experience welcome.

Models are provided and it's free to attend. Recommended age 16+. Anyone interested in historical wargaming is welcome. Contact Cowes Library on 01983 293341 or email Will Bossman at: [wdbossman@gmail.com](mailto:wdbossman@gmail.com) for more information.

## Gurnard Film Society



### LOS SANTOS INOCENTES

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 7.30 pm**

**1984 Spanish Drama**

(In Spanish with English Subtitles)

Set in 1960s rural Spain, this is a moving story of class divisions and exploitation on a large farm estate. A profound depiction of a place and time.

*Director: Mario Camus*

**Cert.PG 1 hrs 47 mins Admission £5.00 (sorry, cash only)**

**Gurnard Village Hall, Westbrook Lane (off Worsley Road), Gurnard**

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

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



## **Gurnard Parish Council Report January 2023**



Councillors have requested that this report be shorter. Please remember that minutes of meetings and agendas are published on the website as are various reports such as an RNLI report on beach safety, so please do refer to the website (or GPC noticeboard on Worsley Road) for more extended information.

### **Precept Consultation**

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the 93 respondents who contributed to the consultation and also to the Gurnard News team, who made it possible to distribute the questionnaires. Councillors were pleased that there was general acceptance of the priority areas given in the consultation, this means the precept can be kept at last year's level. There were interesting comments raised, particularly about parking in Worsley Road, and these will be discussed in detail at a later meeting; possibly after a survey on traffic in Church Road has been completed.

About 10 people expressed interest in an Environmental group which is great, perhaps the group can build on the work done by Green Gym volunteers on the Worsley Road beds as a starting point. Jennie Lewis and Cllr Penny Acton will be in touch.

### **Planning**

Planning applications raised questions about what sort of properties do we need/want in the village, the problems of too many cars and the need for more awareness of environmental issues. The later includes potential increase in run-off with each non-permeable surface built (roofs and drives) which has an impact on the sewer system.

### **Southern Water (SW) Free Water Butts**

SW will be contacting households eligible for a free Smart Water Butt over the next couple of months. A list of roads is shown on a poster in the village hall and the GPC noticeboard. SW are holding a 'drop-in' session at the village hall on 1<sup>st</sup> February from 4-7pm. A councillor who is a member of the Beach Safety Working Group will be available at this meeting to make a note of any concerns parishioners may have about Gurnard Beach and front; concerns will be reported to the working party.

### **Disabled Access to Beach Huts**

A design for handrails aimed at improving safety on the steps leading to the beach hut platforms has been accepted by IWC.

### **A new clerk for GPC**

Councillors are very sad to be saying 'goodbye' to our wonderful clerk but wish her well for the future. We hope Katie's replacement will be in place very soon, any

parishioner with queries or concerns should continue to make contact with the council, via the clerk as normal.

#### **Contact Us**

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held in the village hall at 6.30 pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023. 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 Parish Council: telephone 07305013718 or email: [gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com)

## **GRANTS & DONATIONS 2023**

### **Gurnard**



### **Parish Council**

#### **APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A PARISH GRANT ARE INVITED FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Application forms can be downloaded from the Parish Council website <https://www.gurnardpc.co.uk/grants/>

Please ensure that all applications are accompanied by a current set of the most recent accounts.

Please send your completed application by post or email to:

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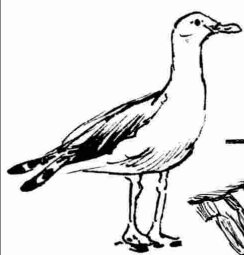
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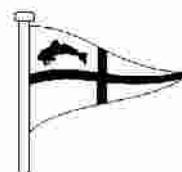
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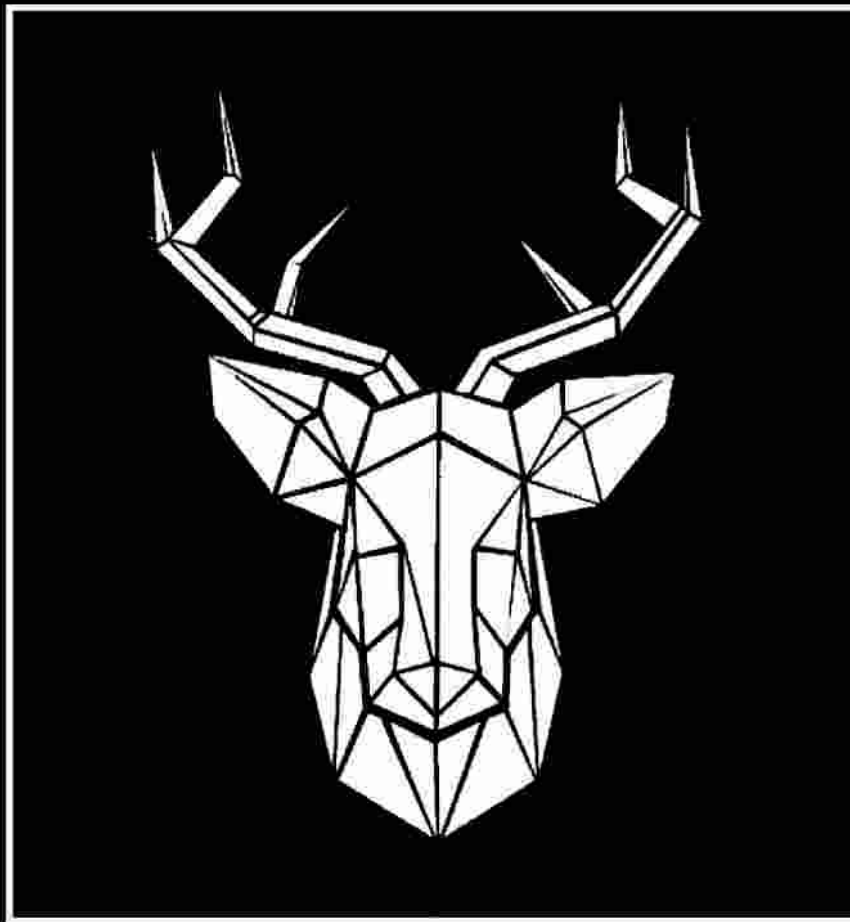
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