



# THE GURNARD NEWS

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## **A LETTER FROM ALL SAINTS'**

### **HELLO THERE!**

So, I am writing this lead article just days after celebrating Jesus Christ as King on Palm Sunday.....and you are reading this days before we officially have a new King with Charles's coronation taking place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of this month.

2000 years or so ago they had palm leaves, a donkey and shouts of hosanna.... this month it will bunting, a golden coach and fine horses and military bands. In fact, the only similarity between the two events will be the huge crowds watching!

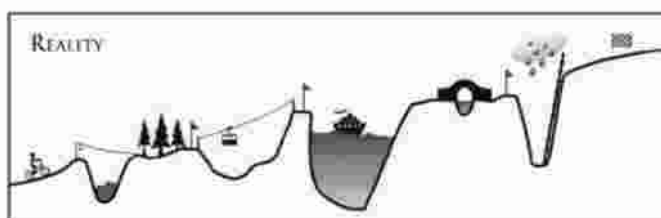
It has been reported that this Coronation will be not as grand as Queen Elizabeth's coronation back in 1953. Charles was the first heir to witness his mother being crowned Queen. There will be more firsts this time, when there will not only be Charles' sons watching him but also his grandchildren: two heirs in waiting watching the great events unfolding before their very eyes.

It is said the ceremony will reflect the monarch's role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry. Did King Charles ever imagine what his Coronation would be like? Has it changed over the 70 years since he watched his mother being crowned at the tender age of 4? Have you ever had an event that you were looking forward to, but in the end something changed?

That was certainly what Jesus' disciples experienced all those years ago: they were expecting Him to be a great King who would free them from the oppressive Romans but only days after his triumphant entry into Jerusalem He died on a cross. .... something they would have thought impossible.

Expectations. They are strange things. They are normally based on logic, reason, tradition, experience etc and yet so often our expectations do not materialise. My expectations when I was young was that I would get married early 20s, have a few children and do a normal job. The only one of those that has happened was the few (two) children!

I was talking to my two boys only a while ago about expectations and how they were to be ambitious but also realistic having neither picked up an instrument to date in their lives (of 13 and 11 years), they are unlikely going to



become members of the British Symphony orchestra, but they can certainly become lovers of music! One of them came back a few days later with this picture to the left and said,

'Hmmm reality is not great is it – look at this!'

Whilst I have certainly had my fair share of experiences like that picture, we must remember that there are also the opposite scenarios – really not wanting to attend an event, but then ending up having a great time; dreading a blood test (because my veins always collapse and it normally takes 4+ attempts!) but getting an awesome phlebotomist who does it first time; unexpectedly finding some of your favourite wrapped sweets at the bottom of a bag or in a pocket!!

As the saying goes there are swings and roundabouts, ups and downs! But more significantly, it isn't what you do to not reach your expectations, it is **how you deal with what happens.**

Hopefully King Charles will not waste time reflecting on how he could have been a better King if he was 20 years younger, but he will use his reign in the best possible way – for our country and the commonwealth, but also for his family's sake. That will be my prayer for him as he officially starts his reign.

And looking back at Jesus' disciples all those years ago, they didn't dwell on what could have been had Jesus not died on the cross. Instead, with the power of the Holy Spirit, they went across land and sea proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah.....and thanks to them, I now write to you as your local priest.

So, this month, be bold, be adventurous, set yourself some goals – most significantly be brave enough to live the life of your dreams according to your vision and purpose instead of the expectations and opinions of others.

Some of you may not be feeling so bold to dream dreams, well I say to you simply - learn to love without any conditions, help without any expectations and to live without any regrets. If you do that, you will have a very blessed life.

***Wishing you all a wonderful  
celebratory month!  
Rev Amanda***



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**RECYCLING EMPTY PILL PACKETS**

**Great News**

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

## **All Saints' Church Services May 2023**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Midweek Service**  
10.30am Holy Communion

**7<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
9.30am All Age Worship

**14<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
9.30am Holy Communion

**17<sup>th</sup> Midweek Service**  
10.30am Holy Communion

**21<sup>st</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
9.30am Celtic Morning Prayer  
(a non-Communion service)

**28<sup>th</sup> Pentecost**  
9.30am Celtic Communion

**31<sup>st</sup> Midweek Service**  
10.30am Holy Communion

**Junior Church continues to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of the month! Newcomers are always 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)**



*A date for your diary .....*  
**SOLENT SINGERS' 2023 SUMMER CONCERT**  
**FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**7PM at**  
**GURNARD VILLAGE HALL**  
*We would love to see you!*

***Our Music Director Suzanne Longstone will be retiring at the end of the  
 summer and we are looking for someone to take her place so that the  
 Solent Singers can continue.***



**The Friends of Northwood Cemetery**  
are hosting their regular monthly Coffee Morning  
in the West Chapel at Northwood Cemetery  
on **FRIDAY May 5th** between **10.30am and 12.30pm.**

**The morning will incorporate a Spring Tombola**  
All are welcome,  
refreshments are free but donations are appreciated.  
Any queries to Tony Butt on 295807



### **GURNARD BAY WI MEETING**



At our latest meeting we tried felting. For those of you not in the know, it involved stabbing pieces of wool onto other pieces of wool with the intention of, A - creating an object and B - not needing too many Band Aids. We managed to produce numerous cats, dogs, rabbits and bee hives which were a joy to behold and even better we only used a few Band Aids. A thoroughly enjoyable, fun and only slightly dangerous evening!

Book Club : The Angels Game by Carlos Ruiz Zafon. A truly Shakespearian, Dickensian, Faustian novel of grand proportions, focused on a young man called David who lived in Barcelona during the 1920's and 1930's. Only one person enjoyed the book, everyone else agreed that it was too 'epic,' too tragic and too long (672 pages,) we all agreed that the writing and description was beautiful though.





# **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GURNARD**



## **TABLE TOP SALE**

**Saturday May 20th, 11am to 2 pm.**

**Bric-A-Brac, Cakes, Plants, Raffle.**

**Light lunches (filled rolls),**

**Teas and coffees.**

**All welcome.**

### **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)**

## GURNARD VILLAGE HALL

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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 Didham. 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 <a href="mailto:evelyn@balanceandglo.com">evelyn@balanceandglo.com</a>
17.45 - 19.15	<b>YOGA</b>	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
19.30 - 21.30	<b>INTERNATIONAL DANCE</b>	Mavis Bownas 291134
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
10.00 - 12.00	<b>ART GROUP</b>	Tony Westmore 295550
12.00 - 15.00	3 X yearly <b>W.I. VILLAGE LUNCH</b> 4th Wednes.	June Butchers 294366
14.00 - 16.00	<b>CYBER CAFE</b> 2nd & 4th Wednesday	Paul Clark 07961 030068
16.30 - 17.45	<b>QIGONG</b>	Lisa Roberts 07590681585
18.15 - 22.00	<b>GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL</b> 2nd & last Wednesday	Katie Riley 07305 013718
18.30 - 21.30	<b>GURNARD BAY W.I.</b> 3rd Wednesday	Judith Westbrook 295690
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
09.30 - 11.00	<b>YOGA</b>	Judith Didham 716144 or 07748 977634
12.00 - 13.00	<b>KEEP ACTIVE</b> Exercise Group	Andrew Savage 810932 or 07779 616189
14.00 - 16.00	<b>CREATIVE WRITING</b> 4th Thursday	Chris Lund 07480 521200
14.15 - 15.45	<b>CIRCLE DANCING</b> The Elephant Club 1st Thursday	Mandy Miller 07812 131359
17.45 - 18.45	<b>PILATES</b>	Nicola 07834 178154
19.15 - 20.45	<b>YOGA</b> 1st Thursday	Elizabeth Bolwell 07817 050893
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
09.30 - 11.00	<b>PARENT &amp; TODDLER GROUP</b>	 'Gurnard Parent and Toddler Group' <a href="mailto:vanessalouiseshuttleworth@yahoo.com">vanessalouiseshuttleworth@yahoo.com</a>
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>FILM SOCIETY</b> 1st Friday	Janet White 240615

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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		
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**Surgeries.**

5:30-6pm, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Isle of Wight Community Club, Park Road, Cowes.

3-3:30pm, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Northwood Village Hall, Newport Road, Northwood.

5:30-6pm, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

10:30-11am, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Benches adj. Watersedge Kiosk, Gurnard.

(Weather Permitting)

11:15-11:45am, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, The Woodvale, Princes Esplanade, Gurnard.

10:30-11am, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Coffee & Chat, All Saints Church, Tuttons Hill, Gurnard.

11:30-12pm, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, Eegons, 85 High Street, Cowes.

5:30-6pm, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, The Portland, Worsley Road, Gurnard.

**Rock Movement, Gurnard Beach.**

Rocks were last month removed without authority on the Secret Beach at Gurnard.

This was reported to the IW Council who took this up with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) who issues licenses for this. I understand the MMO have since liaised with residents

**Garden Waste.**

A number of residents approached me regarding Garden Waste collections. On this, I've chased up several complaints ensuring reminders were properly sent out. In the meantime residents can either return to the waiting list or use an alternative provider, such as Onward Waste (Tel: 01983 63205)

**Southern Water: Water Butts.**

Southern Water has called door to door in eligible roads with their 'slow the flow' Water Butts. If you've not received yours, and a resident of Woodvale Road, Woodvale Close, Shore Road, Solent Lawns, Jordan Close, Gurnard Heights, Baring Road, Solent View Road, Albert Road, Worsley Road, Church Road, Hilton Road and Gurnard Pines please let me know so I can chase.

**Unadopted Roads.**

Letters have been sent to residents of many unmade roads (locally, Hilton Road)

advising householders that road conditions are to be monitored. Although some roads are worse than others, if you receive one and require support please let me know.

#### **IW Councillors Allowances.**

In line with tradition, I voted against proposals to index link with inflation IW Councillor allowances. This year, I was one of 8 Councillors to oppose this.

#### **Annual Report 2022/23.**

Until last year, I hand delivered Annual Reports to every home in Cowes West and Gurnard. However, this year this is not been possible due me getting older and to how long this takes me to deliver. In response, to those interested, my report will be attached to the hard copy of my May newsletter, available from Cowes Library. The report can also be found on my website. Visit: <https://paulfullercc.blogspot.com>

#### **Waste Bins.**

Last month I received feedback regarding residents overfilling some of the bins at Gurnard Green. Please may if a bin/ bins are full either use one nearby that is not full if you cannot take rubbish home. The reason for me asking this is due to badger and foxes emptying full bins before rubbish is collected!

It has also been noted that several waste bins across Cowes and Gurnard are being used to deposit household waste. In response, where this occurs I have requested this is monitored and action taken.

#### **Child Poverty.**

Currently on our Island 34% of children live in poverty. Following last month's motion at Full Council to support action being undertaken to lift children from poverty, I've signed to support the national 'No child left behind' campaign. For further details, please visit: <https://nochildleftbehind.org.uk/>

#### **Second Homes.**

Plans showing intent to increase by 100% Council Tax for second homes was surprisingly rejected by Full Council, if Government legislation is implemented. This, I supported as I received no resident feedback. On this, my priority has always been to support increased discounts to those on low incomes. If legislation does change, I've asked that consultation follows. In the meantime please continue to share your views.

#### **E-Scooters.**

For those who missed it(!) The Department for Transport in its infinite wisdom has agreed to further extend Solent E-Scooter pilots until May 2024.

**Photo ID for voting.**

From 4th May voters in local elections will be required to provide photo ID before voting. This can include passports, driving licences, disabled and 60+ concessionary passes and proof of age ID passes. If you do not hold such verification residents can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. For details visit: <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id?gclsrc=aw.ds>. To note there are no Isle of Wight elections taking place until May 2025.

**Gurnard Parish Council Clerk**

The Parish Council has appointed a new clerk, Richard Shaul. The Council looks forward to working alongside Richard in his role. From my perspective, I have been very grateful to the support provided by Freshwater PC clerk, Heather Rowell who acted as a locum clerk since January.

**Cowes High Street Cycles!**

Following feedback from Cowes Town Council, our PCSO, and support from IW Council Cabinet Member, Cllr. Phil Jordan, I continue to persevere for improved signage to prevent cycles coming into conflict with pedestrians in Cowes High Street and Shooters Hill.

**Pre-Application Planning Forums.**

Following a recent training session, I learnt of Lancaster City Councils Community Engagement Forum, where the planning authority hosts meetings with Parish Councils, Ward Councillors and residents working alongside developers to shape future planning proposals. This is something I support being replicated locally, particularly where contentious applications may be heard. Meetings are minuted and hosted by Planning Officers restoring trust in the planning system.

**Solent Forum: Historic Coastal Landfills.**

The Solent Forum reported concerns on the impact of former landfills upon marine life. Chemicals such as PCB's (polychlorinated byphenyls) banned 30 years ago, are impacting adversely upon fertility. Species affected includes UK killer whales. It was reported also that chemicals in cleaning materials per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS compounds), had widespread concentrations in seawater, which again impacted on maritime food chains.

**Traffic Order Request: Egypt Hill**

Residents have requested double yellow lines following sight lines being obstructed by parked vehicles midway on Egypt Hill. Please let me know your thoughts!

**Fly-tipping, Crossfield Estate**

Dumped charity bags have now been removed. If you see fly-tipping, dog poo, pot-holes, brambles etc. and have a wizzy smart phone, report this to me via the what3words app. This enables me to direct recovery to a precise location.

**NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH****Community – Coffee, Craft and Cake**

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

**Thursday 4th May 10am-12pm Northwood Scout Hut**

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

Or just come for a chat with Coffee or tea and cake

Craft Magazine swap available too!

Free entry and refreshments

In association with Northwood Church

**NORTHWOOD PARISH CHURCH****Plant Sale**

will be held on

**SATURDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

between 10.00am and 12 noon

**Any donations of plants would be gratefully received.**

**please bring at 9.30am on the day**

**Refreshments and many other stalls**

**Books, Jigsaw, Bric-Brac**

**Please look for the Banner at top of Lane**



motor neurone disease  
association

The IOW branch of the MND Association in partnership with Northwood House Charitable Trust held our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Antiques & Collectors fair at Northwood House in Cowes on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We had over 400 people through the

door and most seemed eager to buy as stallholders reported a good trading day. £2103.76 was raised for the IOW branch of the MND Association – this included generous donations from local businesses. This is a fantastic amount that will help to support local people on the island living with MND and their families, so thank you to everyone who came along on the day, your support is so greatly appreciated.



# Gurnard Film Society



## PASSPORT TO PIMLICO

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 8.00 pm

With Coronation Garden Party at 7.00

1949 UK Comedy Drama

A Classic black&white Ealing Comedy. Part of Pimlico is discovered to be the long-lost Duchy of Burgundy and so no longer subject to British Law. With **Stanley Holloway** and **Margaret Rutherford**. *Director: Henry Cornelius*

Cert. U 1 hr 24 mins. Admission £5.00 (sorry, cash only) to include:

Fizz and finger buffet to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III

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

Booking is essential. Phone, text or email – see below.

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



## **Gurnard Parish Council**

### **Annual Parish Meeting (APM)**

The APM, held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, had no guest speaker this year but provided an opportunity to consider feedback on the 2023/24 Precept Consultation which was on display. Parishioners ideas about what they would like considered for next year were, and will continue to be, welcomed. Please contribute ideas you would like to be considered.

### **Beach Safety Working Party (BSWP)**

The BSWP has looked particularly at bathing water quality recently. Southern Water Pathfinder Scheme should be regaining momentum over the next months - with improved communications! There is a form on the GPC website which can be completed to request a water butt, additionally, when engineers call and the householder is out, a card will be left. The SuDS Planters have been planted up and the plants will grow and fill out as the weather warms; if we have another long hot summer they will need watering! Various ways of testing sea water quality on a frequent and regular basis are also under consideration. Concerns raised about the way slipper clay has been exposed by recent works at the western end of the beach have been forwarded to the responsible bodies; responsibility does not lie with GPC but with the Marine Management Organization (MMO) and other organizations. GPC is looking for a positive outcome for all concerned.

### **Celebrating the Coronation**

No suggestions from residents about how to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III have been received and so, especially as our next door neighbour, Cowes, has a big event planned on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, there will be no GPC sponsored event over the coronation weekend. Remember there will be a special film and Garden Party celebration on Friday evening courtesy of Gurnard Film Society, The Portland has a Coronation party with live music on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, The Woodvale has some garden party events on Saturday and has their live music on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be plenty going on.

We are also very pleased that the tree ordered for the Queen's Jubilee last year has finally been planted and is already showing signs of being very pretty. Perhaps caring more for the village environment is the best way to celebrate. We hope Gurnard in Bloom volunteers will be planting up around the village soon.

### **Gurnard Emergency Plan**

It seems appropriate that, as a nationwide test of an emergency warning system is due to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the village Emergency Plan has come up for revision. There are a lot of names and contact details which need to be checked and updated. Please bear with us if you are contacted. Let's hope there is never a need

to invoke the plan but we should be prepared. If you have a trade, skill or a form of transport you think could be of practical support in an emergency and you are prepared to have your name on the village plan please contact the clerk. Contact details are given at the end of this report.

#### **Hilton Road Waste Collection**

A request for clarification on the expected standards of the roadway will be sent to IWC. There was discussion about how casual users of Hilton Road can be encouraged to be more considerate and to keep speeds down in order to reduce damage to the road surface. We don't have any control over rainfall!

#### **Old School Meadow (OSM)**

A working party in OSM in late April will aim to refine and further research some ideas about how to improve this amenity. A local resident is keen to develop a pre-school Forest School in OSM but there are concerns as a main principle of the Forest School is to teach fire safety; sessions finish gathered around a small fire, whenever it is safe and appropriate to do so. Close neighbours of OSM in particular need to be fully consulted about this idea.

Some ideas for developing OSM were expressed in the Precept Consultation and there has been correspondence received. If you have any ideas of changes you would like to see at OSM do, please, continue to contact the council through the clerk and share your thoughts about this important green space. Thank you to all those who make every effort to keep the area a lovely place to visit.

#### **Contact Us**

The next full Parish Council meeting will be in the village hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023. There is always an opportunity at the start of the meeting for members 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, Mr Richard Shaul, telephone 07305013718 or email: gurnardparishcouncil@gmail.com

#### **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.  
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Any queries phone Susan Walmsley 298132

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



### **Mondays**

Weekly Rhyme Time for babies & toddlers 11 - 11.30am. It's free and there is no need to book.

Cowes Library Games Club for Adults every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month 10am - 12pm. Play board games or cards with a friendly group. Refreshments provided. It's free so just pop along.

### **Tuesdays**

Tuesday Chess at Cowes Library 2 - 5pm. For all ages All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Wednesdays**

Philo Café. Philosophical discussion group held on the 1st Wednesday of the month **Please Note: May's meeting has been cancelled, but will resume in June.**

### **Thursdays**

Cowes Library weekly Drawing Group with Bethany Moore 2 - 4pm or 7 - 9pm. Booking essential. If you enjoy drawing or would like to learn email: bethany-mooreart@gmail.com

### **Fridays**

Cowes Library Drop-in Café every 2nd Friday of the month 10am - 12pm. It's free and all are welcome.

A Multiply tutor will be at Cowes Library in May offering free maths workshops for adult learners who want to improve their numeracy skills. 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: [lisa.mcgintry@iow.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.mcgintry@iow.gov.uk) Check with Cowes Library for date of May's visit.

**26th May** Cowes Fringe Festival event at Cowes Library 7 - 8.30pm. The Path to Publication: A Workshop for Budding Writers and Curious Readers with Felicity Fair Thompson, author of Grandpa's Dear Old Girl and Julie Watson, author of Travel Takeaways: Around the World in Forty Tales. The event is free with refreshments provided. Booking is advisable by contacting Cowes Library on 01983 293341 or email: [coweslibrary@iow.gov.uk](mailto:coweslibrary@iow.gov.uk)

### **Saturdays**

Children's Games Club: First Saturday of the month 10.30am - 12pm

Casual Chess for all ages: First Saturday of the month 10am - 2pm

Lego Club: Last Saturday of the month 10am - 12pm

Junior Colouring Club: Third Saturday of the month 2 - 4pm

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

Vectis Historical and Heritage Wargaming Group 20th May 10am to 4pm with a break for lunch. Models are provided and it's free to attend. Recommended age 16+. Contact Cowes Library or email Will Bossman: [wdbossman@gmail.com](mailto:wdbossman@gmail.com)

## 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

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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

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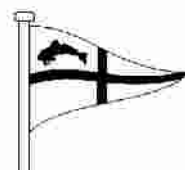
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